



# Charter Oak Connecticut History


## 2004

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

**ROOM FOR RELAXING**

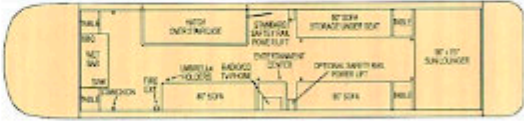
The SkyDeck is perfect for enjoying a morning cup of coffee, an evening sunset, lunch with friends or just about any other recreational activity you can think of. The deck also doubles as additional storage area - something every RVer needs - and is designed for safe, child-friendly use. The coach's interior and exterior are up to the highest Airstream standards: laminate countertops, chrome and brass fixtures, available washer and dryer, 20" JVC TV, phone hook-ups, DVD player with Surround Sound, plenty of storage space, a full basement chassis, and convenient dual fuel-fills.

(Custom paint scheme shown - consult with your dealer for available paint options)




**SKYDECK 390 FLOORPLAN**

**SKYDECK 390 XL**  
upper level



lower level with slide-out



2004 Skydeck Floorplan



## Connecticut Airstream Club

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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

DECEMBER 2003/JANUARY 2004



## THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I guess I am the one in the hot seat now. The Ruttys was last seen walking away with a knowing smile on their faces. Well, there are only 11 months to go and I, too, will know that feeling.

One of the perks of this job is you get your own spot in the Chatter. I know that you all can hardly wait to hear about "us"! I also know that you will miss tales of James and Sam, but I have my "Ted" maybe with just a dash of Lisa and Allison and possibly Leslie. I can only say many, many thanks to Mike, Lianne and the rest of you who put forth great effort on the club's behalf. To quote Russ Melocik, White Mountains Unit, "It was a very good year! The Fun Meter nearly broke from the overload!"

A beautiful Installation Dinner, hosted by Anne and Bob Werth together with Installation ceremony befitting a "Queen" and her Court!!! It was a very proud moment for me and I dare not ask what the rest of you were thinking! I have just figured out a use for the gavel. (just a small hint; Rich Kushman get that camera out of my face!!!)

Ted has just returned from taking the trailer to Jackson Center where it will have the necessary repairs completed. You might ask, "didn't he just do that last year?" You are correct... hopefully this will not be a yearly thing as it is not cheaply done. I am trying to get him to promise not to travel any place that AMICA does not cover.

Our plans (or maybe I should say Ted's plans) are to pick up the trailer in January and head for Key West, then "do" Florida visiting various unsuspecting friends along the way, including Traveler's Rest. We hope to return home in late March in plenty of time for the April Dinner. Our visiting schedule includes almost everyone we've ever known in Florida including some high school friends. Our hope is for good weather, level and large driveways, ample Wal\*Marts, pleasant and convenient military bases..

Thank you all for signing on the dotted line for next year. It was a warm and fuzzy feeling to see a completed and exciting rally/caravan/dinner schedule.

Mike Rutty held his committee meeting for Region One and it was very well attended; and well prepared; perhaps it was the lure and promise of pizza. Prepare yourselves for a spectacular rally. I would like to think that all of the units enjoy the very special kind of group that we Charter Oakers enjoy.

Ted and I have done some preliminary planning with Pat and Larry Lamontagne regarding a combined unit event to be held at International, Lansing, Michigan. Won't you join us?

I really hate to beg so early in the game, but a search is on for someone(s) to do the bulletin board for Lansing. Please feel free to come forward!!!

*Lois*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 1, 2004**

Dinner Meeting  
Sheraton Hartford Hotel  
East Hartford, CT  
Raymond & Cynthia Richard

**March 7, 2004**

Dinner Meeting  
Dakota Restaurant  
Milford, CT  
Michael & Sandy Sasuta

**April 4, 2004**

Dinner Meeting  
Nutmeg Restaurant  
East Windsor, CT  
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera

**April 30-May 2, 2004**

Rally  
"Getting Ready to Rock"  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT  
Mike & Lianne Rutty  
Mark & Annette Wilson



**BIRTHDAYS**

December

James Rutty	12/01
Lynn Perlotto	12/01
Duncan McDougall	12/03
Daphine McDonald	12/12
Dorothy Lowell	12/13
Rene Osterlund	12/15
Carol Potter	12/16
Jeanette O'Donald	12/18
Pat Larson	12/22
Larry Larson	12/27

January

John Fuller	01/03
Rip Nelson	01/05
Jerry Ingallinera	01/16
Howard M. Knight	01/16
Mark Wilson	01/18
Carmella Santos	01/19
Annette Wilson	01/23
Lianne Rutty	01/24
Joseph Tetreault	01/25
Ray Osterlund	01/26
Arlene Sikes	01/28
Rita Tetreault	01/29
Raynold Lemaire	01/30
Linwood Lowell	01/30

February

Susan Newman	02/01
Richard Griffin	02/05
Samuel Rutty	02/05
Sylvia Davis	02/07
Bill Perlotto	02/09
Pat Brosnahan	02/10
David Levinson	02/13
Leila Clark	02/16
Patricia Lines	02/18
Mike Sasuta	02/21
Betty Clark	02/23

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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
Ron & Gail Saverese	12/31

January

Earl & Elaine Duesel	01/01
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera	01/20

February

Dorothy & Linwood Lowell	02/01
Ray & Mary Ellen Moniz	02/03
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**

1977 - 25 foot Airstream Trailer - \$3,000.00 or best offer. Jack Luz; 978-388-4884 or email: jluz@amesbury.net

2000 - 25 foot Airstream Excella Trailer, Excellent condition, twin beds, original spreads and furniture. Janet or Neale Carlson; 603-456-3878

1985 31 foot Airstream Sovereign Trailer, Nonsmoker, double bed; rear bath; fold-out couch-Front, 4-burner stove w/oven, 2 year old carpet, new mattress, new water pump, wheel cover & more. 802-828-5434 Monday-Thursday 6:30 am - 3:00 pm or email: marian@agr.state.vt.us

*Great Lakes  
Great Times  
Great City*



**47th  
International Rally  
WBCCI 2004**

**CHARTER OAK  
THOUGHTS & CARES**

Pat Lamontagne, President of the Cape Cod Unit, brother Jacques Couture died from cancer on Saturday, December 20th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry & Pat.

Please extend your sympathies to them in these difficult times.

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. 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.

**THANKS**

Bob and I want to thank everyone for the love and support that you have given us during the recent passing of my Mom. For her 92 years, she chose and lived a quiet life. She would chuckle with all of our events that meant we went on the road again. She never strayed far from her roots. She was born and raised and died in the same Town of Coventry, CT.

I know that in the valleys is where we experience the pain, but on the peaks we can see clearly and experience the healing qualities of one's faith. If there weren't valleys, the peaks would be commonplace. The hands and hearts of comfort that we have received from the friends in our own Region and beyond are so special. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you. Your love and concerns have touched us.

Blessings.....

*Anne and Bob Werth*

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Russ Melocik, Legislation Chairman for Region One has requested each unit submit information regarding their state's toll charges as well as accessible public dump stations. This is in response to Ray Landsman's request for each region outlined on page 8 of the September, 2003 Blue Beret.

I have made the report and submitted same. For your information the State of Connecticut has no tolls. I have compiled a list of public dump stations. If anyone wants a list of same, please E-Mail me at TedPrice@Cox.Net

*Ted Price,  
Legislative Chairman, COCU*

## MESSAGE FROM THE REGION 1 PRESIDENT... ANNE WERTH

We are at the time of the year that all the installations are completed and congratulations and thank yous are in order. Congratulations to the newly installed teams of officers and thanks to the outgoing officers for the year of dedication. The new teams are ready, willing and able to present great rallies and caravans for the membership to participate in and enjoy. Your unit will be putting forth a lot of effort to present new and interesting rallies for your enjoyment. Step forward and offer to assist the rally hosts. Many hands make for a good time for all. There are several officers who are repeating in their respective offices. We appreciate your dedication and expertise and thank you for stepping to the plate again.

A reminder to the Presidents... It was noted by several of the activity sheets that the Region officers received that the spring and fall business meetings/installations were not duly noted. Please be sure to identify in your registration forms those spring and fall rallies as your business meetings and in the case of the fall rallies your installation as well. It is important to our presidents to have a quorum of members present to conduct the business of your unit.

If you are going to be in the Rayne, Louisiana January 12-16, 2004, stop by the Civic Center where the Mid-Winter IBT will be meeting for the week to conduct the business at hand of our club. You will be sitting in on the Board of Trustees working for WBCCI, and that affects all of us. There is an appropriate article on Page 9 of the November 2003 Blue Beret and a coupon on Page 72. Come and join us!

There are two committees who have been charged to study revamping ideas for our club. One group of Region officers is studying the membership portion of the club. The other committee is studying the Blue Book and all the aspects that entails. The Region Presidents and 1<sup>st</sup> VP's make up these 2 committees. We are awaiting your ideas either in writing or by e-mail so that when Raynold and I meet again with our respective committees in Rayne, LA, we will have some ideas to present from our membership. Just take a minute and let us know how you feel about the direction our WBCCI club should be taking. This will not be a quick fix. It is anticipated that at least 2 years will be needed to come up with some options. It is vital to the preservation of our club that careful consideration is taken.

Your Region 1 Officers wish our friends and their families the special wishes of the upcoming holidays. So, from Anne and Bob, Raynold and Cecile, Bob and Harriett,

Ponder this... "listen with the ear of your heart."



**PRICE'S NEW PARKING SITE IN  
FLORIDA..... IF YOU ARE IN THE  
AREA STOP BY!!!!**

# Charter Oak Connecticut Unit WBCCI 2004 Schedule of Events

## February 1, 2004

Dinner Meeting  
Sheraton Hotel; East Hartford, CT  
Raymond & Cynthia Richard (860) 873-1973

## March 7, 2004

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

## April 4, 2004

Dinner Meeting  
The Nutmeg Restaurant  
East Windsor, CT  
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera (860) 289-9149

## April 30-May 2, 2004

Rally  
"Getting Ready to Rock"  
Spring Business Meeting and  
2004 Region 1 Rally Planning  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT  
Michael & Lianne Rutty (860) 526-8011  
Mark & Annette Wilson (203) 746-9756

## June 4-6, 2004

Rally - TBD  
Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
Ted & Lois Price (860) 529-9393

## June 29, 2004

Region 1 Installation Luncheon  
Lansing Center; Lansing, MI  
Ray Lemaire (860) 376-4678

## June 28 - July 4, 2004

"Great Lakes, Great Times, Great City"  
International Rally  
Lansing, MI

## August 5-8, 2004

Region 1 Rally  
"Rockin' to Woodstock"  
Hosted by: Charter Oak CT Unit  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT  
Michael Rutty (860) 526-8011

## September 3-6, 2004

Haddam Neck Fair Rally  
Labor Day Weekend  
Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
Wayne & Susan Rutty (860) 345-4049

## October 1-3, 2004

Rally  
Laurel Ridge Camping Area  
Otis, MA  
Bob & Anne Werth (860) 875-4129  
Jim & Angela Tauras (860) 872-6234

## October 3-10, 2004

Region 1 - Fall Foliage Caravan  
Niagara & The Lakes Region  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson (203) 746-3506

## November 7, 2004

Installation and Fall Business Meeting  
Manchester Country Club  
Manchester, CT  
Bob & Helen Sandall (860) 649-0480  
Ron & Shirley Edmondson (860) 742-7975

## December 5, 2004

Holiday Party  
Waverly Inn  
Cheshire, CT  
Ray & MaryEllen (860) 621-1536



**CHARTER OAK FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING  
SHERATON HARTFORD HOTEL  
100 EAST RIVER DRIVE, EAST HARTFORD, CT  
February 1, 2004**



Bring your sweetheart and attend the February Dinner Meeting. We will have a full brunch buffet. Happy Hour from 12 noon until 12:45 pm and the buffet will open at 12:45. The menu will be:



Assorted chilled juices  
Fresh baked muffins, Danish, bagels with cream cheese  
Seasonal sliced fresh fruit  
Fluffy scrambled eggs  
Crispy Bacon  
Breakfast potatoes  
Waffles with maple syrup  
Mixed green with two dressings  
Chicken Marsala  
Tortellini Alfredo  
Chef's seasonal vegetable  
Desert Table  
Coffee, tea, and decaf

**DIRECTIONS**

From the East (Manchester, Vernon, Tolland)

Take I-84 West to Exit 54 (left hand exit) "Downtown Hartford"  
Move to the right and take first exit Darlin Street  
Left at end of exit and left at stop sign  
Hotel is on left

From the West (Southington, Waterbury, Danbury)

Take I-84 East to Exit 53 Connecticut Blvd  
Stay to the right off the exit  
Hotel is directly in front of you at the end of the exit

From the North (Bradley Airport, Western Mass)

Take I-91 South to Exit 30 (left hand exit) I-84 East  
Stay in right hand lane and take Exit 53  
Stay to the right off the exit  
Hotel is directly in front of you at the end of the exit

From the South (New Haven, Middletown, I-95)

Take I-91 North to Exit 29  
Stay in right hand lane over the bridge and follow signs for East River Drive  
Continue right through the coverleaf Take Exit 4 East River Drive  
Take a left at bottom of the exit and the hotel is one mile on right.

From Southeaster Connecticut (Niantic, New London)

Take Route 2 West toward Hartford  
Take Exit 4 East River Drive  
Take a left at bottom of the exit and the hotel is one mile on right.



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

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$27 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check enclosed by 1/15/04

Please mail check to: Raymond Richard, P.O. Box 41, Moodus CT 06469

# Region One Rally



**HOSTED BY:  
THE CHARTER OAK CT UNIT  
WBCCI**

**WOODSTOCK FAIRGROUNDS**  
www.woodstockfair.com  
**281 ROUTE 169**  
**WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT 06281**  
**AUGUST 5-8, 2004**

Check the rally website for updates & info:  
www.wbcci1.org/rally1

## Rockin' to Woodstock

The Charter Oak Connecticut Unit invites you to visit "The Quiet Corner" of Connecticut and enjoy breathtaking views at one of the most tranquil country settings for a rally. In the area enjoy over 300 Antique Shops, Flea Markets, Vineyards, Blueberry Picking, Buffalo Farm, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, CT Railroad Museum, The Pink House, Mystic Seaport & Aquarium and Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun Casinos.

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- 3 Nights of Exciting Professional Entertainment
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- Seminars for both Men & Women, Prizes, Games, Craft & Flea Market, Happy Hours,
- Large Youth Program and Great Region 1 Fellowship & Fun as always!!!
- Pets are welcome - Must Remain on Leash at All Times

### Directions - Watch for WBCCI Signs

From I-84 take Exit 73, follow Route 190 East (to Union, CT) to Route 171 & follow to Fairgrounds

From I- 395 take Exit 97. Follow Route 44 West (to Putnam/Woodstock), turn West onto Route 171 & follow to Fairgrounds.

2 Adults in Airstream.....	\$125.00 =	_____
1 Adult in Airstream.....	\$100.00 =	_____
Extra Adults.....	\$25.00 x _____	= _____
Teens - Ages 13-17.....	\$15.00 x _____	= _____
Children - Ages 0-12.....	Free x _____	= _____
Early Parking - Tuesday, August 3th.....	\$12.00=	_____
Early Parking - Wednesday, August 4th.....	\$12.00=	_____
(Note: All Prices are US Funds)	Total Enclosed.....\$	_____

Make Checks Payable to: Charter Oak CT Unit - WBCCI  
Mail to : Sandy Sasuta; 476 Milford Point Road; Milford, CT 06460

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI#: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking: \_\_\_\_\_ Vintage Parking: \_\_\_\_\_ First Region Rally: \_\_\_\_\_





### CHARTER OAK SUNDAY BRUNCH

MARCH 7, 2004, 12:30 pm

DAKOTA RESTAURANT  
Milford, Connecticut

PRICE: \$21.00 per person (includes tax & gratuity)  
\$9.00 for children ages 3 to 10

BUFFET: Omelettes to order, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes,  
Belgian Waffles, Carving Station, Fresh Fruit &  
Salad Bar, Homebaked Breads & Muffins,  
Smoked Fish, Dessert, Juices, Coffee & Tea

Directions: Northbound or Southbound on I95, take Exit  
39B. Continue North on US1 past Westfield/  
Connecticut Post Mall. Dakota will be  
Approx. 1 mile on the right side, across from  
From Huffman Koos (formerly Wayside).

Please call or mail reservations to arrive by Saturday,  
February 28, 2004, with checks payable to:

Sandy Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460  
(203) 878-8070

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$21.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Children @ \$9.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# CHARTER OAK DINNER MEETING SUNDAY, 04/04/04

Come join us for Sunday Brunch, 12:00 Noon at:

The Nutmeg Restaurant  
297 South Main Street (Route 5)  
East Windsor, CT 06088  
860 627-7094

Brunch includes:

Carving Station  
Hickory Smoked Ham      Roast Beef  
Omelet Station (Omelets made to your liking)  
Variety of Luncheon Items  
Fish    Chicken    Pasta    Potatoes    Vegetables  
Pasta Salad    Green Salad  
Variety of Breakfast Items  
French Toast    Waffles    Bacon    Sausage  
Muffins    Bagels    Assorted Pastries  
Assorted Rolls and Breads  
Chef's selection of the finest desserts  
Coffee, Tea and Decaf

Buffet also includes two Champagne, Mimorsa or Bloody Mary

\$25.00 Per person

Please send completed form and check payable to:

Fran Ingallinera  
210 Colby Drive  
East Hartford, CT 06108-1455    By March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_


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**Airstream**



2004

**Rockin' to Woodstock  
 Region One Rally**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**CHARTER OAK**  
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 THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

FEBRUARY 2004



## THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Florida - after picking up our trailer at Jackson Center and enjoying the comforts of the Airstream storage lot, Ted & I moved on to more fertile fields...a few days in Lake Worth with the Goulds (3 horses, 2 cats, a dog & a Parrot).

We de-winterized at Port-O-Call prior to Lake Worth at which time a small problem with installing the water filter netted a flooded kitchen floor.

More "dry" camping in The Everglades- by this time the batteries finally said "enough already" so we now know that dry/primitive camping can mean no TV, dim lights, no water pump, no furnace and a "gaspng" refrigerator together with minimal water. Our trailer turned into a very expensive "tent"; the car - a large generator!

Seb & Juanita Pestretto joined us at Everglades National Park, adding some brightness to our lives. We have cruised the waterways and bonded with various wildlife.

Now in Key West at the Navel Air Station(overflow also means "dry") where we meet Charlie & Jeanne Wilson for dinner.

In spite of all of the above hardships, all is well. Have not had to shovel any snow and we've enjoyed some beautiful days.

I know a little club business. The Pestretto's gave us a Chatter so we feel somewhat connected. A note from the Cromwell Children's home was sent to Bud & Jessie. Thank you for all being so generous, a most worthy cause.

I have a received a notice from International, re: Canavans to Lansing. Any member on a caravan who want to be parked together must be pre-registered. More later. Ted & I plan on leaving for Lansing on June 8th.

About time for us to move onto Naples. Very difficult to find space available. This trip is a learning curve for those of us who think they can just "pull-in, drop anchor, have unlimited resources and a happy camper spouse..... I will not mention any names but try to fill in the blanks \_ \_ \_ !!!

*Lois and good old "What's his name.."*

### 2004 CHARTER OAK CT UNIT DIRECTORIES

Thanks to Rich Kushman for creating another masterpiece for our annual directory. Rich has outdone himself once again. A special thank you to our Treasurer, Sandy Sasuta for all of her expert record keeping of the membership information and editing skills in preparing this years directory.

Would you like additional copies of this years directory for your Airstream, Tow Vehicle or home office? This year we are offering extra copies at a cost of \$6.00 each. This covers the printing and mailing expenses for the club. Please send your request to Sandy Sasuta with payment.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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*Great Lakes  
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**47th  
International Rally  
WBCCI 2004**

**CHARTER OAK  
THOUGHTS & CARES**

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from illnesses or surgeries:

Lee & Claire Bradley are recovering from recent illnesses and are doing better.

Dot Lowell is recovering from hip surgery and is doing well.

Dorothy O'Connor is recovering well from her knee replacement.

John Fuller is recovering from Gall Bladder surgery in Florida.

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.

**FEBRUARY DINNER  
MEETING**

On Sunday, February 1st, twenty-eight COCU members from near and far gathered at the Sheraton Hartford Hotel in East Hartford for the first dinner meeting of 2004. Our hosts, Cynthia and Raymond Richard, had decorated the dining room in a Valentines Day motif. A bulletin board at the door displayed pictures of each person in attendance - a very nice touch.

We were most pleased to welcome our newest members, Robert and Doreen Fuller of Gales Ferry. We were also happy to see Laurie and Peter Soucy again. They had attended their first COCU meeting in December.

The full brunch buffet contained many excellent choices of delicious food and there was something for every taste. The deserts were sinfully good and enjoyed by all.

After the meal, door prizes, containing items crafted by Cynthia Richard, were present to several fortunate members.

Mark Wilson, COCU First Vice-President, stood in for vacationing President Lois. He welcomed everyone and asked for reports on upcoming events.

Many thanks to our hosts for a most pleasant time in a beautiful setting.

*Bob Sandall  
#5593*

**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.

**New Regular Members:**

Robert & Doreen Fuller  
WBCCI# 6465  
103 Military Highway  
Ledyard, CT 06335  
Phone (860) 464-8110  
Email: [dfuller@aol.com](mailto:dfuller@aol.com)  
[Robjfuller@aol.com](mailto:Robjfuller@aol.com)

John Hatch  
WBCCI# 1285  
8 Elberta Avenue  
Trumbull, CT 06611  
Phone (203) 459-8863  
Email: [jahatch1@earthlink.net](mailto:jahatch1@earthlink.net)

**New Affiliate Members:**

Donald & Dolores Perry  
WBCCI # 5031  
4 View Street  
Greenwich, CT 06830-6126  
Phone: (203) 869-1180  
Email: [dondoe071@aol.com](mailto:dondoe071@aol.com)  
CB Handles: Prairie, Peaches

Summer Address:  
June 1- Sept 1  
Minnesota Airstream Park  
8957 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Site A-1  
Clear Lake, MN 55319

Franklin & Jane Sanders  
WBCCI# 1409  
540 North Hollow Road  
Rochester, VT 05767-9461  
Phone: (802) 767-3611  
Email: [franklinsanders@earthlink.net](mailto:franklinsanders@earthlink.net)

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all of the members for your calls, email, cards, thoughts and prayers during the three weeks that Samuel was in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Yale. We were blessed with the excellent care that Samuel received at the Yale Children's Hospital. Sam came home on February 18th and is slowly getting back to himself. His big brother, James is glad to have Sam home and so are Mommy & Daddy!

*Lianne, Michael, James & Samuel Ruddy  
#16264*

*PS - Sorry for the lateness of the Chatter, we are just getting our lives back in order.*

## REGION 1 JANUARY MID-WINTER IBT NEWSLETTER ANNE WERTH, REGION 1 PRESIDENT

The Mid-Winter Board meeting has recently been completed. Region 1 was represented by your Officers.

The Open Forum was well attended and lively discussions ensued on many of the reports and motions. Friday was the IBT Meeting and the following is an accounting of the proceedings:

1. An new/updated reporting form adopted for National and Special Events Rallies.
2. The Golden Anniversary Caravan will be permitted to purchase and fly a special flag commemorative flag during the 2005 Caravan.
3. The Golden Anniversary Caravan leaders received approval to have a dark blue baseball cap with the club logo.
4. The International 1st VP, Jim Haddaway, has been authorized to enter into negotiations for a plaque to be erected marking the historic site of the first meeting and founding of WBCC in 1955. The marker will be erected in Nova Scotia in 2005 at the end if the 50th Anniversary Caravan on August 17, 2005. Mr. Larry Huttle, Chairman of Airstream, has agreed to share the cost with WBCCI on a 50%/50% basis.
5. San Bernadino Unit name change to El Camino Real California Unit was adopted.
6. A Teen Queen motion was adopted to allow them to keep their flag and put the date of their winning on the flag
7. A motion was passed to adopt a new WBCCI Flag with the official logo.
8. A new Memphis Tennessee Unit Flag (Unit 096) was approved.
9. A new North Texas Unit Flag (Unit 099) was approved.
10. A motion was adopted to have Intra-Clubs provide an annual written "state of the intra-club" report to the International Board of Trustees at their last meeting of their fiscal year.

Additionally, reported at the IBT were updates on the two special committees; Membership Initiatives and Organization, Structure and Operation of WBCCI.

A survey is ready for presentation in the February issue of the Blue Beret for our entire membership's response. The committees are emphasizing the need for our membership to take the time to respond to the survey. This is your way to indicate what areas you feel a change is needed. Please make this your priority. The committees continue their work and hope to have a presentation ready for Lansing, Michigan, updating their progress.

The following is a list of recommendations from the Nominating Committee for the 2004-2005 slate of officers.

President, Jim Haddaway

1st VP, Jim Franklin

2nd VP, Don Shafer

3rd VP, Jerry Collins

Secretary, Jean Dusseault

Treasurer, Dick Bartram

Nominating Committee: Daryl Ewles, Vernon Schultz, Bette Webb

The Spring Visitations for Region 1 Officers:

Charter Oak CT Unit: Anne Werth, Raynold Lemaire, Bob Thompson

Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit: Anne Werth, Ray Lemaire, Bob Thompson

White Mountains New Hampshire Unit: Bob & Harriett Thompson

New England Unit: Raynold & Cecile Lemaire

The Web Page for Region 1 will be paid for by your Region Treasury for all participating units.

Changes in the Policies and Procedures for Region 1 will be forthcoming. The changes will be prepared and sent to the Unit Presidents. The changes will then be presented by the unit presidents at their spring business meetings, and each unit will approve/disapprove on the changes. The voting will take place at the Region 1 Rally in August (5-8), 2004, in Woodstock, CT.

Region 1 Rally, "Rockin' to Woodstock" is well under way with Charter Oak Connecticut Unit preparing a terrific rally for our membership. Looking forward to seeing our membership support this unit with a fine turnout in the "quiet corner" of Northeastern Connecticut. Volunteer to assist with this rally.

### **"REGION ONE FOLKS" LUNCHEON**

Twenty-six caravaners gathered for lunch at The Golden Corral Buffet in Palm Bay, Florida, on Thursday, January 29, 2004. From the sound of hands patting backs and hellos being exchanged, we were all looking forward to meeting, eating and greeting. Apparently no one more so than Betty Clark. She arrived Wednesday night. There were oodles of good chow and, afterwards, good cheer as we swapped recollections and experiences. The crowd included a corner of the room where three couples accounted for some 130-years of WBCCI experiences. After making that observation, John Fuller, sporting his "Wally Byam's" I.D. button, recounted some of his own trailering experiences that, he added, go back to 1936. At another table were The Luhrs, Rich, Eleanor and three-year-old Emma, 60-day veterans of White Mountains New Hampshire unit who joined the fun on their way to a few weeks in south Florida in their new '68 Caravel. Theirs and Betty's Land Yacht drew a modest crowd as we were breaking camp.

Looking forward to next year ...

*Russ Melocik*

# Charter Oak Connecticut Unit

## WBCCI

### 2004 Schedule of Events

#### February 1, 2004

Dinner Meeting  
Sheraton Hotel; East Hartford, CT  
Raymond & Cynthia Richard (860) 873-1973

#### March 7, 2004

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

#### April 4, 2004

Dinner Meeting  
The Nutmeg Restaurant  
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Jerry & Fran Ingallinera (860) 289-9149

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Spring Business Meeting and  
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Woodstock, CT  
Michael & Lianne Rutty (860) 526-8011  
Mark & Annette Wilson (203) 746-9756

#### June 4-6, 2004

Dinner Rally  
Smith Harris House  
East Lyme, CT  
Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
Ted & Lois Price (860) 529-9393

#### June 29, 2004

Region 1 Installation Luncheon  
Lansing Center; Lansing, MI  
Ray Lemaire (860) 376-4678

#### June 28 - July 4, 2004

"Great Lakes, Great Times, Great City"  
International Rally  
Lansing, MI

#### August 5-8, 2004

Region 1 Rally  
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Hosted by: Charter Oak CT Unit  
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Woodstock, CT  
Michael Rutty (860) 526-8011

#### September 3-6, 2004

Haddam Neck Fair Rally  
Labor Day Weekend  
Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
Wayne & Susan Rutty (860) 345-4049

#### October 1-3, 2004

Rally  
Laurel Ridge Camping Area  
Otis, MA  
Bob & Anne Werth (860) 875-4129  
Jim & Angela Taurus (860) 872-6234

#### October 3-10, 2004

Fall Foliage Caravan  
Niagara & The Lakes Region  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson (203) 746-3506

#### November 7, 2004

Installation and Fall Business Meeting  
Manchester Country Club  
Manchester, CT  
Bob & Helen Sandall (860) 649-0480  
Ron & Shirley Edmondson (860) 742-7975

#### December 5, 2004

Holiday Party  
Waverly Inn  
Cheshire, CT  
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz (860) 621-1536



### CHARTER OAK SUNDAY BRUNCH

MARCH 7, 2004, 12:30 pm

DAKOTA RESTAURANT  
Milford, Connecticut

PRICE: \$21.00 per person (includes tax & gratuity)  
\$9.00 for children ages 3 to 10

BUFFET: Omelettes to order, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, Belgian Waffles, Carving Station, Fresh Fruit & Salad Bar, Homebaked Breads & Muffins, Smoked Fish, Dessert, Juices, Coffee & Tea

Directions: Northbound or Southbound on I95, take Exit 39B. Continue North on US1 past Westfield/ Connecticut Post Mall. Dakota will be Approx. 1 mile on the right side, across from From Huffman Koos (formerly Wayside).

Please call or mail reservations to arrive by Saturday, February 28, 2004, with checks payable to:

Sandy Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460  
(203) 878-8070

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$21.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Children @ \$9.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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



# "Getting Ready To Rock"

Charter Oak CT Unit Rally  
Spring Business Meeting &  
2004 Region 1 Rally Meeting



April 30 - May 2, 2004  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT

Your Hosts are Mark & Annette Wilson and Mike & Lianne Rutty

*Come and Visit the Great Northeastern Connecticut Corner*

## Directions:

From Route 84 to Exit 73 – Follow Route 190 East to  
Route 171. Follow Route 171 to Fairgrounds.  
Follow WBCCI Signs.

From Route 395 take exit 97 follow Route 44 west  
to Putnam to Route 171 North.  
Follow Route 171 for 4 ½ miles to Fairgrounds.  
Follow WBCCI Signs.

## Pets are Welcome on Leash



## Costs:

**Camping & Rally Fee for the weekend: \$35.00 per Airstream**

## Events for the Weekend

### Friday:

- Arrive after 9:00 a.m.
- 4:00 pm - Happy Hour
- Dinner on your own
- Cookies & Ice Cream

### Saturday:

- 7:00 am – Coffee (breakfast on your own)
- 9:00 am - Executive Board Meeting
- 9:30 am – Business Meeting
- 10:30 am - 2004 Region 1 Planning
- Lunch on your Own
- 2:00 pm - More Planning
- 4:00 pm Happy Hour
- 5:30 pm Potluck Dinner  
Please bring a hot casserole.  
Salad and Bread provided
- 7:00 pm Evening Program, Desert & Coffee

### Sunday:

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- Depart at your leisure and thanks for coming!!!

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Please mail by April 25, 2004

Make Check Payable to: Michael Rutty

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

Pot Luck Dish ? \_\_\_\_\_

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

# CHARTER OAK DINNER MEETING SUNDAY, 04/04/04

Come join us for Sunday Brunch, 12:00 Noon at:

The Nutmeg Restaurant  
297 South Main Street (Route 5)  
East Windsor, CT 06088  
860 627-7094

Brunch includes:

Carving Station  
Hickory Smoked Ham      Roast Beef  
Omelet Station (Omelets made to your liking)  
Variety of Luncheon Items  
Fish    Chicken    Pasta    Potatoes    Vegetables  
Pasta Salad    Green Salad  
Variety of Breakfast Items  
French Toast    Waffles    Bacon    Sausage  
Muffins    Bagels    Assorted Pastries  
Assorted Rolls and Breads  
Chef's selection of the finest desserts  
Coffee, Tea and Decaf

Buffet also includes two Champagne, Mimorsa or Bloody Mary

\$25.00 Per person

Please send completed form and check payable to:

Fran Ingallinera  
210 Colby Drive  
East Hartford, CT 06108-1455    By March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



*East Lyme  
Town Museum*

*Smith-Harris House  
(c.1845)*

*33 Society Road  
Niantic, CT*

# Dinner Rally

June 4 -6, 2004

**Our modern Airstream carriages will be nestled on the grounds of the historic Smith Harris House in East Lyme Connecticut providing a cosy and intimate setting for our gathering.**

## Times:

Arrive anytime after 1:00 pm Friday  
Depart by 2:00 pm Sunday

## Camping:

Dry camping, no hookups, and absolutely no dumping on the grounds. Come with full water and empty holding tanks.

## Schedule:

**Friday:** Dinner on your own.  
Dessert and coffee at eight.

**Saturday:** Breakfast eight to nine  
Hors d'oeuvre served at five  
Dinner served at half past six  
Coffee and dessert at eight

Guests supply their own beverages for dinner.

**Sunday:** Breakfast eight to nine

Pricing and additional information to follow.

Limited space - to reserve your spot please call or email Richard Kushman  
(860) 739-2066      silvershadow@snet.net

# Region One Rally

**HOSTED BY:  
THE CHARTER OAK CT UNIT  
WBCCI**

**WOODSTOCK FAIRGROUNDS**  
www.woodstockfair.com  
**281 ROUTE 169  
WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT 06281**

**AUGUST 5-8, 2004**

Check the rally website for updates & info:  
www.wbcci1.org/rally1



## Rockin' to Woodstock

The Charter Oak Connecticut Unit invites you to visit "The Quiet Corner" of Connecticut and enjoy breathtaking views at one of the most tranquil country settings for a rally. In the area enjoy over 300 Antique Shops, Flea Markets, Vineyards, Blueberry Picking, Buffalo Farm, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, CT Railroad Museum, The Pink House, Mystic Seaport & Aquarium and Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun Casinos.

### **YOUR RALLY FEE INCLUDES:**

- 3 Nights Camping with Electric , Water and Dump Station
- 3 Nights of Exciting Professional Entertainment
- Fantastic Food!!!: 2 Dinners and 3 Breakfasts and Ice Cream nightly!
- Seminars for both Men & Women, Prizes, Games, Craft & Flea Market, Happy Hours,
- Large Youth Program and Great Region 1 Fellowship & Fun as always!!!
- Pets are welcome - Must Remain on Leash at All Times

### **Directions - Watch for WBCCI Signs**

**From I-84** take Exit 73, follow Route 190 East (to Union, CT) to Route 171 & follow to Fairgrounds

**From I-395** take Exit 97. Follow Route 44 West (to Putnam/Woodstock), turn West onto Route 171 & follow to Fairgrounds.

2 Adults in Airstream.....	\$125.00 =	_____
1 Adult in Airstream.....	\$100.00 =	_____
Extra Adults.....	\$25.00 x _____	= _____
Teens - Ages 13-17.....	\$15.00 x _____	= _____
Children - Ages 0-12.....	Free x _____	= _____
Early Parking - Tuesday, August 3th.....	\$12.00=	_____
Early Parking - Wednesday, August 4th.....	\$12.00=	_____
(Note: All Prices are US Funds)	Total Enclosed.....\$	_____

Make Checks Payable to: Charter Oak CT Unit - WBCCI  
Mail to : Sandy Sasuta; 476 Milford Point Road; Milford, CT 06460

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI#: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Parking: \_\_\_\_\_ Vintage Parking: \_\_\_\_\_ First Region Rally: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!!**

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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

MARCH 2004



## THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

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Dear COCU-ers!

I know you are all anxious to learn where we are, what we've been doing and what has broken down.

When we cruised into Paradise Park/Punta Gorda we were greeted by the Halls and Werths as well as the Tauruses. It was there that we learned Carol Hall has been up to old shopping tricks; Anne and Bob were not far behind. Anne & Bob got locked out of their trailer; our refrigerator gasped its last breath; watch for more in depth details.

From Paradise Park it was onward to the Florida State Rally. Over 500 rigs shone in the noon-day sun (some more than others). A nearby dealer displayed a host of new/used; the winner was the new 2 decker motorhome and left us with the question "Why"? For a cool 1/4 million dollars, you too could climb the stairs and sit on top and enjoy the BBQ, sink and seating for many. By the way, the Halls did not buy one!

It was nice to be parked between Anne & Bob and Carol & Art who supplied us with ice-cubes on a daily basis and helped us salvage food. We managed a couple of Happy Hours (Bring Your Own Ice) and enjoyed the good entertainment, vendors and looking for people we thought we knew. The Monizs and Mark Wilsons came for the day.

Theme for the rally was Florida Days and to dress appropriately our treasure trove of hats came in handy.

We added solar panels and I am enjoying my new frying pan...just spend, spend, spend. This includes a new tire for the Yukon which became necessary just after we had the refrigerator replaced and on our way to MacGill Air Force Base, Tampa. Shortly we will leave for Travelers Rest for some R&R and where more stories will unfold.

Between snow shoveling, remember to save tabs and get your stuffed animal ready for International. Join us in Lansing if you can.

Until we meet again, Ted and I send best wishes to you all and thanks for holding the fort while we are away!!!

In the meantime, I'll be scouting out the thrift shops which is about all our credit cards will bear. It's hard leaving the kids at home but Mom and Dad needed to get away.

*Lois and Ted*



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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
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THOUGHTS & CARES**

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Ruth Crockett is home from Florida for some medical tests. We hope she is feeling better.

Rich Walbridge had a knee replaced on March 1. He is recovering well at home and should be out and about soon.

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

**FOR SALE**

**1990 34' Airstream Limited.** Twin beds. Many extras. New refrigerator in 2003. Low mileage. No pets or smokers. Good condition. \$15,000 Phone 860-567-0661. Bill Herpich

**REGION ONE LUNCHEON  
INTERNATIONAL RALLY  
LANSING, MICHIGAN**

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Make checks payable to:  
Raynold Lemaire

Until April 1, 2004, you can mail your request to:

Raynold Lemaire  
29129 Johnston Road  
Lot 3-27  
Dade City, FL 33523-6128

After April 1, 2004, mail request to:

Raynold Lemaire  
26 Blueberry Lane  
Lisbon, CT 06351-3201

Thank you very much for participating by snail mail. See you at a RALLY.

**HELP!!!**

Please send in items that your fellow members would enjoy reading. If you go on a trip please send an article of what you did or saw. Your fellow members would enjoy reading these types of articles and give all of us some ideas of where to travel.

Did you go to a great campground locally or on the road across our great country that your fellow members would enjoy visiting?

If you are going on a long trip or caravan we would love to print a journal of your trip. We could put it in over several months so it would not be limited in length.

Did you recently purchase a product for your Airstream or tow vehicle that you think would be a great thing for the others to know about? How about writing a product review?

Did you find a neat trick for fixing something or do you have some knowledge about repairing some items in your Airstream that you would like to share?

The Chatter can only be as good as the information that we get from the members. Please mail or preferably E-mail us your articles, journals, photos, recipes to be included in the Chatter.

**REGION 1 RALLY  
"ROCKIN' TO WOODSTOCK"  
WOODSTOCK FAIRGROUNDS  
WOODSTOCK, CT  
AUGUST 5-8, 2004**

Our unit invites you to visit "The Quiet Corner" of Connecticut and enjoy breathtaking views at one of the most tranquil country settings for a Rally. The rally will run from August 5-8, 2004 (Thursday-Sunday) with early parking available on August 3 and 4. The rally will be held in the Northeast Corner of Connecticut at the Woodstock Fairgrounds; 281 Route 169; Woodstock, Connecticut 06281. In the area enjoy over 300 Antique Shops, Flea Markets, Vineyards, Blueberry Picking, Buffalo Farm, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, CT Railroad Museum, The Pink House, Mystic Seaport & Aquarium and Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun Casinos (Two of the largest Casinos in the World).

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For more information and a rally flyer please see our rally website: [www.wbccil.org/rally1](http://www.wbccil.org/rally1) or contact rally chairman, Michael Rutty WBCCI# 16264; 7 Winthrop Road; Chester, CT 06412; Phone: 860-526-8011 or email: [mwr90@aol.com](mailto:mwr90@aol.com).

**Register by July 1, 2004 and be eligible for a special drawing where one lucky winner will get a refund of their rally fee.** Please see the flyer in this issue of the *Chatter*.

**MARCH DINNER MEETING**

On Sunday, March 7, members of the Charter Oak WBCCI gathered at The Dakota in Milford. Mike and Sandy Sasuta were hosts for the event and we thank them for their efforts. Special guests included Coley and Valerie Schultz, Mike and Sandy's daughter and son-in-law. Also our newer members Pete and Laurie Soucy were in attendance. It was nice to see them again.

The Sunday Brunch was extensive and delicious. There was lots of variety and everything was great. I don't think anyone had to cook Sunday night. Sandy read a letter from Lois assuring us that she and Ted will return. They should be home by April 1.

Jerry Ingallinera discussed April's meeting which will be held at the Nutmeg in South Windsor on 04/04/04. Shirley Edmundson gave us an update on Sam Rutty and of course we were pleased to hear that he is getting better every day. As always it is nice seeing everyone and of course everyone is anticipating the first camping rally. The general consensus was that we are all ready for spring and getting the Airstream on the road again.

Each couple received an African violet from our hosts. Thanks again to Sandy and Mike for planning such a good time.

*Cynthia Richard*  
# 1445

**SPRING 2004 NEWSLETTER REGION 1**

Spring conjures up a variety of rituals... the earth being awakened from the winter hibernation, new wardrobes, spring planting, preparing the Airstream for the next camping season, and of course unit rallies, caravans, region rallies and the International Rally.

The focus of this newsletter is to remind the Region 1 membership of events that will be forthcoming. Your unit has prepared a calendar of events that will gather the membership and friends to partake of the fun, and the excitement of visiting new spots. Come out and support these rallies. The unit presidents have assembled a variety of events that should be pleasing to the eye and to the palate. (We always have great food!) Caravans will be assembling that will bring our Region 1 membership to the International Rally being held this year in Lansing, Michigan. Come on along and listen to the "lullaby of Lansing"! There are pleas for committees that are in need of volunteers, give the respective chairmen a call and sign on. You'll appreciate how much effort it takes to put on a rally of this magnitude. In addition, get the artistic juices flowing and assemble the unit bulletin boards. The February issue of the Blue Beret was filled with information, check it out if you have any questions regarding the bulletin boards. Let's see all of the six Region 1 units come forth with a creative board.

Raynold Lemaire, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Region 1, is preparing a great feast for the Region 1 Luncheon. Not him personally, but you know what I mean. Raynold is pre-selling luncheon tickets as he did last year; send him a check to reserve your seat at our Luncheon. This will be the time when Bob Thompson and Franklin Sanders, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP's respectively will be installed. Come along to support Bob and Franklin (Harriett and Jane) as well as Raynold and Cecile as the incoming Region 1 officers. We'll get to see Raynold in a tuxedo and Cecile in a gown at the installation on July 3, 2004!


The flag bearers for the opening/closing ceremonies should be prepared to assemble and participate in the following attire: Blue Beret, white shirt/blouse, red tie/scarf, navy slacks/skirt, and dark shoes. Come with your unit flag and pole. The attire for the practice is casual (not in uniform). There will be practice for the opening ceremony so there will be no questions as to how this event will take place. The same is true for the attire for the Unit Presidents/alternates for the Delegate Meeting as is written above. Please let this Region 1 President know of your intentions regarding participation in these events. If you are unable to attend as President, your "stand-in" should be identified and then notify me.

Following the International Rally will be the Region 1 Rally in the "quiet corner" of Woodstock, CT. "Rockin' to Woodstock" will be ready to strut its stuff. Volunteers are needed for all the aspects of this rally, check with Michael Rutty to see where your expertise can be best used. The Charter Oak Connecticut Unit is rarin' to rock to Woodstock as hosts of the 2004 Rally. Raynold, Cecile, Bob, Harriett, Franklin and Jane are ready, willing and able to put their best feet forward to make this a successful Region 1 Rally.

HAPPY SPRING!- Ponder this: Life is a gift. Open it slowly, look surprised, and thank the Giver.

*Anne Werth, President*





## Main Characters

### Woodstock

**Woodstock** is the smallest of the Peanuts characters but has a big presence for a little bird. He's a little inept, his flying and logic are erratic, but he can type and take shorthand and usually is game for anything Snoopy wants to do. Although he's the butt of many of Snoopy's practical jokes, he's the beagle's closest friend and confidant- and has made attempts at retaliation. Because of his size and the company he keeps, Woodstock is an accident waiting to happen. Being a bird and tiny, he gets a little insecure around Thanksgiving and big moving objects. He's the only baseball player who gets an automatic walk if the ball rolls over him. Woodstock talks birdspeak only, and finds an alphabet made up entirely of exclamation points quite adequate to express such emotions as distress, frustration and a real temper. His flocking friends are Bill, Harriet, Olivier and Conrad.

April 4, 1967



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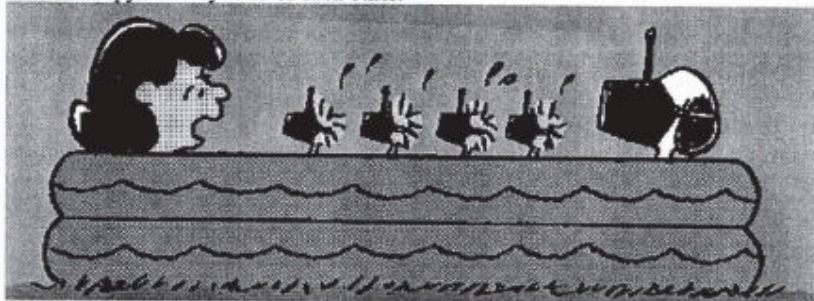


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### Schulz on Woodstock

"I think Woodstock is a good example of how important drawing is in a comic strip because I'll took me almost 20 years to learn how to draw that bird just the way I wanted to. But it finally we out and he and Snoopy are very fond of each other."



"... I wonder about those little birds that seem to trust Snoopy so faithfully. Woodstock, of course closest friend. They have a strange relationship. I think they really like each other a lot, and Snoopy a way of sometimes infuriating Woodstock. But like the other little birds, Woodstock follows him with complete trust as they go off on hikes, either up into the hills or through the woods, and seems to do everything that Snoopy tells him."

from *Around the World in 45 Years* by Charles M. Schulz.



CHARTER OAK DINNER MEETING - SUNDAY, 04/04/04

Come join us for Sunday Brunch, 12:00 Noon at:

The Nutmeg Restaurant  
297 South Main Street (Route 5)  
East Windsor, CT 06088  
860 627-7094

Brunch includes:

- Carving Station
- Hickory Smoked Ham                      Roast Beef
- Omelet Station (Omelets made to your liking)
- Variety of Luncheon Items
- Fish    Chicken    Pasta    Potatoes    Vegetables
- Pasta Salad    Green Salad
- Variety of Breakfast Items
- French Toast    Waffles    Bacon    Sausage
- Muffins    Bagels    Assorted Pastries
- Assorted Rolls and Breads
- Chef's selection of the finest desserts
- Coffee, Tea and Decaf

Buffet also includes two Champagne, Mimorsa or Bloody Mary  
\$25.00 Per person

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Directions: **From Hartford:** 91 North to Exit 35A " Bissel Bridge - Route 291 East  
Follow Route 291 over Bissel Bridge to Exit 4. Take left at the light follow Route 5 N  
4.5 miles to Nutmeg Restaurant on right.

**From Springfield:** 91 South to Exit 44. Right at end of ramp. Nutmeg Restaurant is 3.5 miles on left.

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Please send completed form and check payable to:

Fran Ingallinera  
210 Colby Drive  
East Hartford, CT 06108-1455      By March 20<sup>th</sup>

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# Charter Oak Connecticut Unit WBCCI 2004 Schedule of Events

## February 1, 2004

Dinner Meeting  
Sheraton Hotel; East Hartford, CT  
Raymond & Cynthia Richard (860) 873-1973

## March 7, 2004

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

## April 4, 2004

Dinner Meeting  
The Nutmeg Restaurant  
East Windsor, CT  
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera (860) 289-9149

## April 30-May 2, 2004

Rally  
"Getting Ready to Rock"  
Spring Business Meeting and  
2004 Region 1 Rally Planning  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT  
Michael & Lianne Rutty (860) 526-8011  
Mark & Annette Wilson (203) 746-9756

## June 4-6, 2004

Dinner Rally  
Smith Harris House  
East Lyme, CT  
Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
Ted & Lois Price (860) 529-9393

## June 29, 2004

Region 1 Installation Luncheon  
Lansing Center; Lansing, MI  
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## September 3-6, 2004

Haddam Neck Fair Rally  
Labor Day Weekend  
Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
Wayne & Susan Rutty (860) 345-4049

## October 1-3, 2004

Rally  
Laurel Ridge Camping Area  
Otis, MA  
Bob & Anne Werth (860) 875-4129  
Jim & Angela Tauras (860) 872-6234

## October 3-10, 2004

Fall Foliage Caravan  
Niagara & The Lakes Region  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson (203) 746-3506

## November 7, 2004

Installation and Fall Business Meeting  
Manchester Country Club  
Manchester, CT  
Bob & Helen Sandall (860) 649-0480  
Ron & Shirley Edmondson (860) 742-7975

## December 5, 2004

Holiday Party  
Waverly Inn  
Cheshire, CT  
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz (860) 621-1536

# "Getting Ready To Rock"

Charter Oak CT Unit Rally  
Spring Business Meeting &  
2004 Region 1 Rally Meeting



April 30 - May 2, 2004  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT



Your Hosts are Mark & Annette Wilson and Mike & Lianne Rutty

*Come and Visit the Great Northeastern Connecticut Corner*

## Directions:

From Route 84 to Exit 73 – Follow Route 190 East to  
Route 171. Follow Route 171 to Fairgrounds.  
Follow WBCCI Signs.

From Route 395 take exit 97 follow Route 44 west  
to Putnam to Route 171 North.  
Follow Route 171 for 4 ½ miles to Fairgrounds.  
Follow WBCCI Signs.

## Pets are Welcome on Leash



## Costs:

**Camping & Rally Fee for the weekend: \$35.00 per Airstream**

## Events for the Weekend

### Friday:

- Arrive after 9:00 a.m.
- 4:00 pm - Happy Hour
- Dinner on your own
- Cookies & Ice Cream

### Saturday:

- 7:00 am – Coffee (breakfast on your own)
- 9:00 am - Executive Board Meeting
- 9:30 am – Business Meeting
- 10:30 am - 2004 Region 1 Planning
- Lunch on your Own
- 2:00 pm - More Planning
- 4:00 pm Happy Hour
- 5:30 pm Potluck Dinner  
Please bring a hot dish to share  
(casseroles, vegetables etc.)  
Salad and Bread will be provided
- 7:00 pm Evening Program, Desert & Coffee

### Sunday:

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- Depart at your leisure and thanks for coming!!!

.....  
Please mail by April 25, 2004

Make Check Payable to: Michael Rutty

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

Pot Luck Dish ? \_\_\_\_\_

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



*East Lyme  
Town Museum  
Smith-Harris House  
(c.1845)  
33 Society Road  
Niantic, CT*

# Dinner Rally

June 4 -6, 2004

Our modern Airstream carriages will be nestled on the grounds of the historic Smith Harris House in East Lyme Connecticut providing a cosy and intimate setting for our gathering.

## Times:

Arrive anytime after 1:00 pm Friday

Depart by 2:00 pm Sunday

## Camping:

Dry camping, no hookups, and absolutely no dumping on the grounds. Come with full water and empty holding tanks.

## Schedule:

**Friday:** Dinner on your own.  
Dessert and coffee at eight.

**Saturday:** Breakfast eight to nine  
Hors d'oeuvre served at five  
Dinner served at half past six  
Coffee and dessert at eight

Guests supply their own beverages for dinner.

**Sunday:** Breakfast eight to nine

Pricing and additional information to follow.

Limited space - to reserve your spot please call or email Richard Kushman  
(860) 739-2066 [silvershadow@snet.net](mailto:silvershadow@snet.net)

# Region One Rally



**HOSTED BY:  
THE CHARTER OAK CT UNIT  
WBCCI**

**WOODSTOCK FAIRGROUNDS**  
www.woodstockfair.com  
**281 ROUTE 169**  
**WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT 06281**  
**AUGUST 5-8, 2004**

Check the rally website for updates & info:  
www.wbcci1.org/rally1

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2 Adults in Airstream.....	\$125.00 =	_____
1 Adult in Airstream.....	\$100.00 =	_____
Extra Adults.....	\$25.00 x _____	= _____
Teens - Ages 13-17.....	\$15.00 x _____	= _____
Children - Ages 0-12.....	Free x _____	= _____
Early Parking - Tuesday, August 3th.....	\$12.00=	_____
Early Parking - Wednesday, August 4th.....	\$12.00=	_____
(Note: All Prices are US Funds)	Total Enclosed.....\$	_____

Make Checks Payable to: Charter Oak CT Unit - WBCCI  
Mail to : Sandy Sasuta; 476 Milford Point Road; Milford, CT 06460

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI#: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Region One Rally**

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION  
 FOR THE REGION 1 RALLY SOON!!!**

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 CHATTER**  
 THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

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



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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

APRIL 2004



## THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are home!! Back to where it has not stopped raining since our return; home to the laundry, the mountain of mail and back to my heavy burden of "official" responsibilities. Not a "ding" in the trailer the whole time (near misses aka the "Oh, s \_\_\_ \_'s do not count). The Chatters and Directory were waiting for us and a chance to see the President's letter in actual print, not to mention the tasteful selection of photos appearing in the directory. Oh well; it's only for a year! Life is good!

The trip to Florida went quite well and Ted and I saw many of our friends - some from a past life and fortunate enough to have missed the Airstream way of life. One of our reunions was with a former classmate and neighbor whom I had not seen for 45 years; we had lived side by side since we were 8 years old (don't bother to do the math). This get together happened rather suddenly and Ted and I realized that we did not have any pictures of the family, our home, etc. But we did have plenty of the trailer - so what's important here?

Good times at Travelers Rest with many kind invitations to dinner, happy hours, out to dinner and shopping. So many COCU people and those from other units. A very nice end of season send-off hosted by Molly & Dick Cherouny at the home of Dorothy and Paul Freed.

We visited the Kennedy Space Center as well as the new Aerospace Center in DC and some museums as we felt the need for some culture between parties, the Wal-Marts and Cracker Barrels.

How nice to come back to the April luncheon hosted by Fran & Jerry Ingallinera with their special touches. No formal business meeting was held but I managed to have the floor and several matters were discussed. Mike Rutty gave an update on plans for Region 1, membership is going onward and upward (First Timers Robert & Kim Terry were introduced and I'm sure were properly impressed with the knowledge that we have a lot of fun and all business is conducted in a serious and by-the-book manner.) The International Rally is fast approaching and I am trying to deal with the paperwork and many nuances that go with this event including getting some kind of count as to the number of people going to Lansing so that I can track you down. We also need some idea of numbers so that the unit activity (co-hosting with Cape Cod) can be planned. Anne Werth has graciously offered to do the bulletin board and we will do our best to notices updated on that board. I will be very busy trying to keep track of where I should be and when and what to were - the stress is beginning to show! That isn't enough, but Dick Bartram is on the slate of International Officers, running for Treasurer and so now we have to worry about where all the money goes!!!

It will also be at International when Anne Werth will step down as our Region 1 President and Ray Lemaire will take the oath of office. I am sure that you will all join me in thanking Anne for a job well done - so many hours, days, months given for the good of this organization, much of it during times of family concern. We have been truly blessed. Ray must be really looking forward to his term of office and I for one will do everything in my power to behave myself and try to make his job as easy as possible (Just like I did for Anne)!!

On that happy note, I bid you "Ta, Ta"

Your Faithful servants,  
*Lois and Ted*

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**BIRTHDAYS**

	April	
Cynthia Richard		04/03
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
Franklin Sanders		04/24
Ruby Fuller		04/26
Bob Henschel		04/27
Joseph Potter		04/29
	May	
Bard Fuller		05/01
Mark Good		05/03
Pat Lamontagne		05/03
William O'Donald		05/05
Jean Landry		05/11
Michael Newman		05/11
Ron Edmondson		05/13
Raymond Richard		05/17
Molly Cherouny		05/21
Paul Williams		05/26
Don Rawson		05/27

**ANNIVERSARIES**

	April	
Bob & Carolyn Barrett		04/11
Dick & Molly Cherouny		04/15
Chuck & Daphine McDonald		04/15
Paul & Dorothy Freed		04/19
	May	
Larry & Pat Lamontagne		05/02
Charles & Pamela Bleakney		05/06
Rob & Kim Terry		05/19
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

**THANK YOU**

Bud & Jessie Gould would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and support during the past few months through their times of family concerns.

**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.

Fritz & Pat Vohr  
 WBCCI #6917  
 51 Edwards Lane  
 Charlestown, RI 02813  
 Phone: 401 364-0050  
 Fritz's Birthday: 11/22  
 Pat's Birthday: 5/14  
 Anniversary: 4/11  
 email: fpvohr@earthlink.net

**CHARTER OAK THOUGHTS & CARES**

Please extend your sympathies to Seb & Juanita Pestretto on the passing of Seb's mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with Seb and his family.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from illnesses or surgeries:

Lianne Ruty is recovering from long awaited back surgery on April 9th and is recovering well.

Shirley Edmondson will be having a hip replacement later this month. We wish her 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.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTIVITIES**

We will soon be heading off to the International Rally in Lansing, Michigan. Before you leave, here is the checklist of take alongs/community services choices...

- Warm hats for children
- stuffed animals for children
- Pull-tabs
- Cents for Kids
- take yourselves to the blood mobile
- take yourselves to the nursing homes
- take yourselves to the local schools for reading programs
- ...the list is endless

See anything in the above list that will fit into your expertise? Region 1 has always given of themselves at the International Rallies and in their home units as well. We know that the volunteerism and the sharing of ourselves and giving to others will continue at the Lansing, Michigan International Rally. Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Anne Werth  
 Region 1 President*

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WOODSTOCK, CT  
AUGUST 5-8, 2004**

Our unit invites you to visit "The Quiet Corner" of Connecticut and enjoy breathtaking views at one of the most tranquil country settings for a Rally. The rally will run from August 5-8, 2004 (Thursday-Sunday) with early parking available on August 3 and 4\*. The rally will be held in the Northeast Corner of Connecticut at the Woodstock Fairgrounds; 281 Route 169; Woodstock, Connecticut 06281. In the area enjoy over 300 Antique Shops, Flea Markets, Vineyards, Blueberry Picking, Buffalo Farm, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, CT Railroad Museum, The Pink House, Mystic Seaport & Aquarium and Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun Casinos (Two of the largest Casinos in the World).

Your Rally fee of \$125 for 2/Airstream or \$100 for 1/Airstream includes: 3 Nights Camping with Electric, Water and Dump Station, 3 Nights of Exciting Professional Entertainment, Fantastic Food!!! Including: 2 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts and Ice Cream nightly! Rally Plaque, Seminars for both Men & Women, Prizes, Games, Craft & Flea Market, Happy Hours, Large Youth Program and Great Region 1 Fellowship & Fun as always!!! Come early on Tuesday or Wednesday for only \$12.00 per night to have extra time to enjoy the area. Pets are welcome but must remain on leash at all times.

For more information and a rally flyer please see our rally website: [www.wbcc1.org/rally1](http://www.wbcc1.org/rally1) or contact rally chairman, Michael Rutty WBCCI# 16264; 7 Winthrop Road; Chester, CT 06412; Phone: 860-526-8011 or email: [mwr90@aol.com](mailto:mwr90@aol.com).

**Register by July 1, 2004 and be eligible for a special drawing where one lucky winner will get a refund of their rally fee.** Please see the flyer in this issue of the *Chatter*.

**THE COCCO'S TRIP TO FLORIDA**

After pouring cement for a deck project in December, it was time to say farewell for now and take a winter break. Our son is a FED EX driver and offered to drive. Our motorhome was pickled away for winter, but the suggestion sounded great. Motorhomes drive a little differently than FED EX trucks.

The motorhome was road worthy in about four hours. At 4 am on Jan 4 our adventure began. Never can I say we lifted off in that short of a time. There are many systems that need to be checked. Our first stay was with friends in VA Beach. We left Madison, Ct and took I-95 to the Tappan Zee Bridge, and on to the Garden State Parkway. Staying on the Garden State we took the Cape May Ferry. Lucky it was running. I guess we had Assateague on the mind. This I know was a wrong turn, since it was my fault, (thanks Dad) our son decided to navigate our way to Virginia.

South of the Border was our next lay over; inexpensive camping and highly recommended campsite. Our next stop was at the Christmas Airstream Park in Christmas, Florida, 20 miles east of Orlando. What a wonderful greeting and home like feeling. Their sign says welcome home and you feel it. Just south of Orlando our transmission line broke and we had to make repairs. We found a local auto parts store just off of the exit and replaced the transmission cooler line in their parking lot. Our LORD was with us.

Traveling south on I 95 we reached South Miami just in time for the 5 o'clock traffic. In the center of 3 lanes the other line broke and we stopped. Steve was driving at the time; I opened up the doghouse and added the last qt of fluid as Debi sat in the bathroom directing traffic around us. We crossed the street to a gas station to safety and repaired the second steel line; age and fatigue take their toll.

At nine PM. we booked into the Dade County campgrounds. The camp is located next to the Dade County Zoo.

All was well until the zoo grounds caught fire. Thirty foot flames shot into the sky, this was just our luck, going from the frying pan into the fire. The fire lasted for two days, but the wind was somewhat in our favor. All turned out well!

We stopped in Dade City, FL at Travelers Rest. for a week to visit. We would like to thank all the people at TR for their hospitality, friendship, and love to some travelers who just happened to drop in unannounced. So next time while out and about, just look for the flags and you'll find the Cocco's.

Best Regards!  
Gregg & Debi Cocco  
#4087

**FALL CARAVAN FOR 2004**

In early October COCU is having their annual fall caravan. This year we will depart from Otis, MA, the site of our October rally. We will have a stop for the evening about half way to Niagara. Arriving Monday, we will have some free time and get ready for a full day of guided tours on Tuesday.

Tour highlights the best to see in Niagara Falls USA and Canada. We start out on Goat Island. This is the island that separates the American and Horseshoe Falls. While on Goat Island, we'll visit Luna Island for an up-close view of the American and Bridal Veil Falls. Then the tour will head to Prospect Park to view all three Falls from the NY Observation Tower. From here you'll enjoy an unforgettable ride aboard the world-famous Maid of the Mist Boat. The tour will then cross into Canada for a delicious buffet lunch overlooking the Falls at the Penthouse Restaurant. After lunch, the tour will visit Table Rock for Superman's view of the Horseshoe Falls. The day will be rounded out enjoying some unique views of the beautiful floral displays that the Niagara Parks are famous for, including the renowned Floral Clock.

For this tour transportation and guide service is provided.

The following day, for those not resting up, you'll have free time to revisit various points of your choosing.

On Thursday we leave for Watkins Glen, located on the south end of Lake Seneca. We will spend two nights here, enough time to visit Watkins Glen State Park and a walking tour of the sculptured chasm and 19 waterfalls. You take a short bus ride to the top and walk downhill to the parking area.

Also lining both shores of the lake are numerous wineries with tourist facilities and wine tasting. We will be parked right across the street from the lake, within walking distance of restaurants and yes, even Walmart. The Watkins Glen waterfront area has sightseeing cruises, dinner cruises along with some fine dining.

We will depart for home on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is an overview so you can start to think about going. The reservation form will follow at a latter date. PETS ARE WELCOME AT ALL CAMPGROUNDS.

Any questions, please contact us.

*Charlie & Jeanne Wilson  
Ted & Lois Price*

**PAUL FREED**

R. Paul Freed, of Traveler's Rest, Dade City, Fla. died peacefully at his home on April 6, 2004, his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was in good health and his death was unexpected.

He was born in Guatemala City to missionary parents and soon moved to the U.S. He and Dorothy were married in 1944 and had enjoyed 60 years together.

He was educated at Millikin University, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. In 1958, he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree by Millikin University. He was a full time Presbyterian minister for 35 years and served churches in New York City (1943-1948), Easton, Pa. (1948 to 1958) and Pompton Plains, N.J. (1958 to 1972) After moving to Southbury, Conn., he held interim positions with churches in North Haven, Cheshire, Waterbury and Danbury, Conn. before fully retiring in 1980.

From 1947 to 1975 he and his family loved to vacation at their cabin near Boothbay, Maine. During the 1960s and early 1970s, the family sponsored weekly church youth camps at the cabin. Following his retirement, he and Dorothy spent their winters at Travelers Rest, eventually buying a home there. They enjoyed traveling around the country with their Airstream trailer visiting their relatives and seeing America. They attended several International rallies and participated in many caravans.

People loved Paul. He had a great ability to build lasting relationships with people and was an able leader. Paul was known for his kindness and grace. He was a skilled teacher and mediator.

Paul was a capable speaker and historian. He read actively and wrote a weekly column for *The TR Times*, the community's newspaper.

In addition to Dorothy, he is survived by four children: John Freed, Forest Lake, Minn.; Martha Breunig, Auburn, Maine; David Freed, Reading, Mass. and Debbie Dickson, Kaysville, Utah; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on April 10 at Travelers Rest.

**PAUL FREED**

In addition to the excellent article by Paul Freed's family, I am proud to add some comments of my own.

Paul was a humble man, very much like his very good friend, Jim Edmondson. When complimented on any of his many contributions, he dismissed them with genuine grace.

Paul wrote weekly articles, "Vistas", on a wide variety of subjects for the TR Times over a 4 year period (80 issues), the last of which is printed in this *Chatter*.

All of us in Charter Oak and Travelers Rest who were privileged to know him will miss him. We are grateful our paths crossed.

Memorial contributions may be made to:  
Paul Freed Memorial Fund  
PO Box 821  
Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025

The family will select a charity that will compliment Paul's values.

*Dick Bartram*  
#281

**HELP!!!**

I would like to thank Gregg & Debi Cocco and Jim & Angela Taurus for their response to our request for articles. These are great examples of what you can contribute to the *Chatter*?????

Please send in items that your fellow members would enjoy reading. If you go on a trip please send an article of what you did or saw. Your fellow members would enjoy reading these types of articles and give all of us some ideas of where to travel.

Did you go to a great campground locally or on the road across our great country that your fellow members would enjoy visiting?

If you are going on a long trip or caravan we would love to print a journal of your trip. We could put it in over several months so it would not be limited in length.

Did you recently purchase a product for your Airstream or tow vehicle that you think would be a great thing for the others to know about? How about writing a product review?

Did you find a neat trick for fixing something or do you have some knowledge about repairing some items in your Airstream that you would like to share?

The Chatter can only be as good as the information that we get from the members. Please mail or preferably E-mail us your articles, journals, photos, recipes to be included in the Chatter.

**04/04/04 DINNER MEETING**

This past April 4th, COCU members joined together for brunch at the Nutmeg Restaurant in East Windsor, hosted by Jerry and Fran Ingallinera.

All arrived to a quaint setting with a warm, crackling fire place where we were greeted by Fran and Jerry. Each place setting was set with a basket full of chocolate candy (thanks to Fran's handiwork and Jerry staying committed to eating yogurt). They had a turn out of about 40 COCU members. The Nutmeg Restaurant served a large variety of food. From breakfast choices to lunch and desserts, I believe everyone found the food to be most delicious.

It is always a pleasure seeing all of our friends and family after a long winter. Many discussions included winter getaways, travel mishaps and upcoming events. I believe everyone in attendance is ready for spring and our upcoming rallies.

Mike Rutty shared that we have been receiving registrations for the Region 1 Rally and urges us all to register. He also discussed our pre-rally the first weekend in May. We are looking for a nice turnout.

Jerry Ingallinera was pleased to announce our newest members, Robert and Kim Terry. We all look forward to seeing them at our upcoming rallies. Much thanks to Jerry and Fran for hosting a very enjoyable day!

*Annette Wilson*  
#7161

## Vistas ————— A magnificent resource —————

by Paul Freed

On 9/11 the twin towers descended into a 1,000,000 ton pile of steel, glass and concrete. Thousands of people were missing. Rescue workers desperately sought equipment to cut huge I-beams and lift heaping mounds of concrete. Some in the heavy ruins were still alive.

A 24-hour search led to Aurora, Ill. The Caterpillar factory had a giant demolition machine.

Its powerful hydraulic shears and towering reach were what New York rescuers needed.

But how to get the machine from Illinois to New York? Caterpillar personnel phoned authorities in states along the route. Could the over-wide, extra high equipment pass over its state roads? Each state, immediately cutting through red tape, said the movement would be possible.

Factory crews, separating the huge machine into three parts, loaded the sections onto trailers, each trailer longer than two Greyhound buses end to end.

Early on the morning of Sept. 13, accompanied by escorts with flags waving and lights flashing, the three trailers moved out. Making their way to I-80, the convoy passed over six different Interstate highways. In 20 hours they were in New York City.

It was all possible because of our Interstate Highway system.

The first national road was cleared by soldiers under George Washington. It led from Baltimore to what is now Pittsburgh.

As the population grew, old Indian trails, buffalo paths and river banks became passageways for horses and wagons.

One hundred years later, automobiles were found bouncing



PAUL FREED

along the same routes. Exasperated, one government official blurted: "What we need is some way to drive out of any county seat in the United States and drive to any other county seat—and never crack a spring!"

As if in answer, Pennsylvania built its Turnpike.

During WWII, which soon followed, virtually all transportation depended on the steel wheels of railroads.

Coming to office, President Eisenhower determined that the nation's movements must never again be that restricted.

In 1956 he introduced and Congress passed the Interstate Highway Act.

In the next three decades, moving 42 billion cubic yards of dirt and incorporating 1½ million acres of land, engineers bulldozed, paved and opened a 46,677-mile network of safe, swift and scenic roads, up,

down and across America.

Curves kept cars safe on the road at 70 miles per hour. Grades were limited to 6 percent. Medians 30' wide, cement barriers, landscaping which screened oncoming lights and breakaway signs were put in place to save lives. There are 104 tunnels and 54,663 bridges. One of them, our own Sunshine Skyway Bridge, is the longest cable-hung concrete bridge in the world.

In 1903, Nelson Jackson crossed the continent by car in 64 days.

Today, on the Interstate, most drivers could make the trip in less than one-eighth the time.

On I-70 perhaps the most impressive section of the Interstate crosses Glenwood Canyon. Two thousand feet below, the Colorado River rushes through a striking scene of jagged rocks and cliffs. Engineers designed safety railings and created a double-deck highway, enabling motorists to see the view.

Soon, many of us will be swinging onto this Interstate highway. In the pleasant knowledge that we go onto one of the greatest engineering feats of history, it is a joy to call to each other the happy words: "See ya' down the road!"

*Ed. Note: Paul Freed, Vistas columnist for four years, says this is his last column. As "a magnificent resource," The TR Times looks forward to an occasional story from him. "See ya' down the road," Paul and enjoy your retirement.*





*East Lyme  
Town Museum*

*Smith-Harris House  
(c.1845)*

*33 Society Road  
Niantic, CT*

# Dinner Rally

June 4 -6, 2004

Our modern Airstream carriages will be nestled on the grounds of the historic Smith Harris House in East Lyme Connecticut providing a cosy and intimate setting for our gathering.

## Times:

Arrive anytime after 1:00 pm Friday  
Depart by 2:00 pm Sunday

## Camping:

Dry camping, no hookups, and absolutely no dumping on the grounds. Come with full water and empty holding tanks.

## Schedule:

**Friday:** Dinner on your own.  
Dessert and coffee at eight.

**Saturday:** Breakfast eight to nine  
Hors d'oeuvre served at five  
Dinner served at half past six  
Coffee and dessert at eight

Guests supply their own beverages for dinner.

**Sunday:** Breakfast eight to nine

## Pricing and additional information to follow.

Limited space - to reserve your spot please call or email Richard Kushman  
(860) 739-2066 [silvershadow@snet.net](mailto:silvershadow@snet.net)

# "Getting Ready To Rock"

Charter Oak CT Unit Rally  
Spring Business Meeting &  
2004 Region 1 Rally Meeting



April 30 - May 2, 2004  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT



Your Hosts are Mark & Annette Wilson and Mike & Lianne Rutty

*Come and Visit the Great Northeastern Connecticut Corner*

## Directions:

From Route 84 to Exit 73 – Follow Route 190 East to  
Route 171. Follow Route 171 to Fairgrounds.  
Follow WBCCI Signs.

From Route 395 take exit 97 follow Route 44 west  
to Putnam to Route 171 North.  
Follow Route 171 for 4 ½ miles to Fairgrounds.  
Follow WBCCI Signs.

## Pets are Welcome on Leash



## Costs:

**Camping & Rally Fee for the weekend: \$35.00 per Airstream**

## Events for the Weekend

### Friday:

- Arrive after 9:00 a.m.
- 4:00 pm - Happy Hour
- Dinner on your own
- Cookies & Ice Cream

### Saturday:

- 7:00 am – Coffee (breakfast on your own)
- 9:00 am - Executive Board Meeting
- 9:30 am – Business Meeting
- 10:30 am - 2004 Region 1 Planning
- Lunch on your Own
- 2:00 pm - More Planning
- 4:00 pm Happy Hour
- 5:30 pm Potluck Dinner  
Please bring a hot dish to share  
(casseroles, vegetables etc.)  
Salad and Bread will be provided
- 7:00 pm Evening Program, Desert & Coffee

### Sunday:

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- Depart at your leisure and thanks for coming!!!

.....  
Please mail by April 25, 2004

Make Check Payable to: Michael Rutty

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

Pot Luck Dish ? \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Charter Oak Connecticut Unit WBCCI 2004 Schedule of Events

## February 1, 2004

Dinner Meeting  
Sheraton Hotel; East Hartford, CT  
Raymond & Cynthia Richard (860) 873-1973

## March 7, 2004

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

## April 4, 2004

Dinner Meeting  
The Nutmeg Restaurant  
East Windsor, CT  
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera (860) 289-9149

## April 30-May 2, 2004

Rally  
"Getting Ready to Rock"  
Spring Business Meeting and  
2004 Region 1 Rally Planning  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT  
Michael & Lianne Rutty (860) 526-8011  
Mark & Annette Wilson (203) 746-9756

## June 4-6, 2004

Dinner Rally  
Smith Harris House  
East Lyme, CT  
Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
Ted & Lois Price (860) 529-9393

## June 29, 2004

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Lansing Center; Lansing, MI  
Ray Lemaire (860) 376-4678

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Labor Day Weekend  
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Wayne & Susan Rutty (860) 345-4049

## October 1-3, 2004

Rally  
Laurel Ridge Camping Area  
Otis, MA  
Bob & Anne Werth (860) 875-4129  
Jim & Angela Tauras (860) 872-6234

## October 3-10, 2004

Fall Foliage Caravan  
Niagara & The Lakes Region  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson (203) 746-3506

## November 7, 2004

Installation and Fall Business Meeting  
Manchester Country Club  
Manchester, CT  
Bob & Helen Sandall (860) 649-0480  
Ron & Shirley Edmondson (860) 742-7975

## December 5, 2004

Holiday Party  
Waverly Inn  
Cheshire, CT  
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz (860) 621-1536

# Region One Rally



**HOSTED BY:  
THE CHARTER OAK CT UNIT  
WBCCI**

**WOODSTOCK FAIRGROUNDS**  
www.woodstockfair.com  
**281 ROUTE 169  
WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT 06281**  
**AUGUST 5-8, 2004**

Check the rally website for updates & info:  
www.wbcci1.org/rally1

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Early Parking - Wednesday, August 4th.....	\$12.00=	_____
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Make Checks Payable to: Charter Oak CT Unit - WBCCI  
Mail to : Sandy Sasuta; 476 Milford Point Road; Milford, CT 06460

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI#: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

MAY 2004



## THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ted and I have just (and I mean "just") gotten in the door from attending the rally in Woodstock and Mike Rutty is urgently awaiting receipt of this letter so that the "Chatter" can go to press. You would think that I didn't have anything else to do!!

The rally, hosted by Mike, Lianne (including James and Sammy) and Mark and Annette Wilson was well attended and memorable for several reasons including the spring meeting. The agenda for the first "official" meeting of the club year was not the shortest one in the club's history but many important matters were discussed. Anne's suggestion to use the gavel to restore order worked quite well as very little was heard from you-know-who during the meeting; there was chaos from some of the rest of the attendees, however. Pat and Larry Lamontagne as well as Dot and Rich Walbridge (sporting his new knees) were with us to share in the responsibilities of planning the Region I Rally, but you and I know that they were there to see how a good meeting is really conducted. The Ingallineras stopped by as did Ron Edmondson; Pam Bleakney pulled up in her new "Beemer" about the time we were leaving on Sunday.

Mike extracted all kinds of promises from us for helping with the Region I but we all ate enough, laughed enough, drank enough to make this pretty easy; I, personally, was totally fulfilled! The forthcoming event will be awesome and if the hills were alive this weekend, they will truly rock in August; the "Quiet Corner" will no longer be quiet. One thing was learned directions to the fairgrounds must be very specific or the hills will also be alive with the site of Airstreams taking many circular routes

Mark Wilson is in the process of planning next year's schedule; if you hurry, there may just be a slot for you to sign up. Call him; write him; E-Mail him; knock on his door. but sign up. Schedule sheet will be available at the June rally (where special treats will be in store.)

Speaking of rallies (and who isn't these days?) please note that the October 1-3 rally at Laurel Ridge will be a BUDDY RALLY bring a friend, a wanna-be friend, a neighbor and his/her wife/husband or someone else's wife/husband, or someone you want to punish!

International is looming in the not-too-distant future; I can tell by the correspondence from WBCCI. I will try not to drop the flag at opening/closing ceremonies, spill the , steal the stuffed animals, put my elbows on the table at the Presidents Dinner or in any other way embarrass myself, my family or the rest of you.; one can only hope! I will take my job as Delegate very seriously, wearing my white blouse and blue skirt, red hat with the purple flowers (oops, wrong club) making sure my cloths are cleaned and pressed at all times. Find peace in knowing that Bob Sandall will be standing by as Alternate.

On a more serious note, the Cape Cod "Club Capers" carried a very nice tribute to Bill Morrow; we will all miss this very fine man and his extreme talent with the harmonica Ted and I attended the Memorial Service for him at Travelers Rest..

Our own Paul Freed was a remarkable person and was a long time friend to Charter Oak. Ted and I are so glad that we had a chance to be with Paul and Dorothy for a get-together just before we left Dade City.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the weeks to come. It is our pleasure to be your President and First Mate.

To quote Robin Williams, "You're only given a little spark of madness you mustn't lose it!" (It will probably be the only thing that I don't lose).

*Lois*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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**BIRTHDAYS**

May	
Bard Fuller	05/01
Mark Good	05/03
Pat Lamontagne	05/03
William O'Donald	05/05
Jean Landry	05/11
Michael Newman	05/11
Ron Edmondson	05/13
Raymond Richard	05/17
Molly Cherouny	05/21
Paul Williams	05/26
Don Rawson	05/27

June	
Sebastian Pestretto	06/03
Gregg Cocco	06/11
John Hatch	06/14
Joe Ribiero	06/14
Joe Santos	06/16
Chuck McDonald	06/17
Russ Fuller	06/20
Pete Soucy	06/20
Philip Simmons	06/23
Arthur Sikes	06/25
Gail Good	06/26
Reggie Brown	06/28
Maureen Eckels	06/28
Frank Guthman	06/28

**ANNIVERSARIES**

May	
Larry & Pat Lamontagne	05/02
Charles & Pamela Bleakney	05/06
Rob & Kim Terry	05/19
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	
Fred & Dale McGoldrick	06/01
Bill & Lill Herpich	06/03
Robert & Doreen Fuller	06/05
Russ & Rhona Fuller	06/08
Frank & Patty Guthman	06/15
Jim & Corinne Burnham	06/17
Bob & Sharon Henschel	06/17
Richard & Rosalie Moffo	06/17
Franklin & Jane Sanders	06/18
Joe & Carmella Santos	06/18
Leland & Claire Bradley	06/24
Robert & Anne Werth	06/24
Bob & Jean Landry	06/25
Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto	06/30

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**47th  
International Rally  
WBCCI 2004**

**CHARTER OAK  
THOUGHTS & CARES**

Please extend your sympathies to Rich & Kathy Kushman on the passing of Rich's mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rich and his family.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from illnesses or surgeries:

Jackie Taylor is at Summerville Convelescent Home recovering from a fall. Her address there is:

Jackie Taylor  
Summerville Convelescent Home  
1715 Ellington Road  
South Windsor, CT 06074

Shirley Edmondson is recovering from hip replacement at home. We wish her a speedy recovery.

John Peterson is recovering from an illness and is at 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 ONE LUNCHEON  
INTERNATIONAL RALLY  
LANSING, MICHIGAN**

Our Luncheon will be on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in the Governor's Room at the Lansing Center. The time is 12:00 noon, and the cost is \$12.50 per person. Since we probably will not have as large a representation as we did in Vermont, the room size will limit us to 72 tickets. If you plan to attend, and would like to go to the Luncheon, please purchase your tickets by mail. It worked very well last year. If you mail me a check in the correct amount, I will mail the ticket(s) to you. Last day to purchase tickets by mail is JUNE 5, because I have an early parking date. Assuming there will be tickets available; you can purchase them for a very short period of time at the rally, same times as Registration, but probably before June 27.

Make checks payable to:  
Raynold Lemaire  
26 Blueberry Lane  
Lisbon, CT 06351-3201

Thank you very much for participating by snail mail. See you at the RALLY.

**REGION 1 RALLY  
"ROCKIN' TO WOODSTOCK"  
WOODSTOCK FAIRGROUNDS  
WOODSTOCK, CT  
AUGUST 5-8, 2004**

Our unit invites you to visit "The Quiet Corner" of Connecticut and enjoy breathtaking views at one of the most tranquil country settings for a Rally. The rally will run from August 5-8, 2004 (Thursday-Sunday) with early parking available on August 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>. The rally will be held in the Northeast Corner of Connecticut at the Woodstock Fairgrounds; 281 Route 169; Woodstock, Connecticut 06281. In the area enjoy over 300 Antique Shops, Flea Markets, Vineyards, Blueberry Picking, Buffalo Farm, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, CT Railroad Museum, The Pink House, Mystic Seaport & Aquarium and Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun Casinos (Two of the largest Casinos in the World).

Your Rally fee of \$125 for 2/Airstream or \$100 for 1/Airstream includes: 3 Nights Camping with Electric, Water and Dump Station, 3 Nights of Exciting Professional Entertainment, Fantastic Food!!! Including: 2 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts and Ice Cream nightly! Rally Plaque, Seminars for both Men & Women, Prizes, Games, Craft & Flea Market, Happy Hours, Large Youth Program and Great Region 1 Fellowship & Fun as always!!! Come early on Tuesday or Wednesday for only \$12.00 per night to have extra time to enjoy the area. Pets are welcome but must remain on leash at all times.

For more information and a rally flyer please see our rally website: [www.wbccci.org/rally1](http://www.wbccci.org/rally1) or contact rally chairman, Michael Rutty WBCCI# 16264; 7 Winthrop Road; Chester, CT 06412; Phone: 860-526-8011 or email: [mwr90@aol.com](mailto:mwr90@aol.com).

**Register by July 1, 2004 and be eligible for a special drawing where one lucky winner will get a refund of their rally fee.** Please see the flyer in this issue of the *Chatter*.

**OBITUARY FOR TUCKER D. STOUT KELLY**

Tucker Dog Stout Kelly, beloved Golden Retriever of Carol and Steve Kelly (#3611) passed away Sunday, April 25th at 10:30pm. He had just turned 12 years old two weeks earlier and was in relatively good health up until April 23rd when he suddenly became very ill.

Tuck was definitely a WBCCI dog having attended many rallies and caravans throughout the country and Canada. Often times people we met previously would say, "We don't remember you but we certainly remember your dog!" Maybe you are one of them... Tucker was that super sized Golden with a long curly coat of strawberry blond fur, big brown eyes, a very happy tail and the fastest tongue in the east (something Jamie Rutty can attest to!)

Had Tucker survived through this fall, he would have visited every state except Hawaii and every Province except Newfoundland and Labrador. Last year he traveled across country on the Lewis and Clark National Caravan and wrote the journal which he dedicated to Seaman, Merriweather Lewis' Newfoundland Retriever.

He will be missed by many both human and canine. May he rest in peace.

*Carol Kelly*  
#3611

**WEB SITES OF INTEREST**

[www.wbccci.org](http://www.wbccci.org) (WBCCI Region 1 & Charter Oak)

[www.wbccci.org](http://www.wbccci.org) (WBCCI International)

[www.airstream-rv.com](http://www.airstream-rv.com) (Airstream/Thor)

[www.koa.com](http://www.koa.com) (KOA)

[www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com) (CT State Park Reservation System)

[www.tldirectory.com](http://www.tldirectory.com) (Trailer Life Campground Directory OnLine)

[www.woodalls.com](http://www.woodalls.com) (Woodalls Publications)

**Be sure to check out the Airstream Factory's new Website!!**

[www.airstream.com](http://www.airstream.com) (Airstream Factory)

**If you know of a website that would be of interest to the group please let the editors know and we can add it to the list!!**

**FALL CARAVAN FOR 2004**

In early October COCU is having their annual fall caravan. This year we will depart from Otis, MA, the site of our October rally. We will have a stop for the evening about half way to Niagara. Arriving Monday, we will have some free time and get ready for a full day of guided tours on Tuesday.

Tour highlights the best to see in Niagara Falls USA and Canada. We start out on Goat Island. This is the island that separates the American and Horseshoe Falls. While on Goat Island, we'll visit Luna Island for an up-close view of the American and Bridal Veil Falls. Then the tour will head to Prospect Park to view all three Falls from the NY Observation Tower. From here you'll enjoy an unforgettable ride aboard the world-famous Maid of the Mist Boat. The tour will then cross into Canada for a delicious buffet lunch overlooking the Falls at the Penthouse Restaurant. After lunch, the tour will visit Table Rock for Superman's view of the Horseshoe Falls. The day will be rounded out enjoying some unique views of the beautiful floral displays that the Niagara Parks are famous for, including the renowned Floral Clock.

For this tour transportation and guide service is provided.

The following day, for those not resting up, you'll have free time to revisit various points of your choosing.

On Thursday we leave for Watkins Glen, located on the south end of Lake Seneca. We will spend two nights here, enough time to visit Watkins Glen State Park and a walking tour of the sculptured chasm and 19 waterfalls. You take a short bus ride to the top and walk downhill to the parking area.

Also lining both shores of the lake are numerous wineries with tourist facilities and wine tasting. We will be parked right across the street from the lake, within walking distance of restaurants and yes, even Walmart. The Watkins Glen waterfront area has sightseeing cruises, dinner cruises along with some fine dining.

We will depart for home on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is an overview so you can start to think about going. The reservation form will follow at a latter date. **PETS ARE WELCOME AT ALL CAMPGROUNDS.**

Any questions, please contact us.

*Charlie & Jeanne Wilson*  
*Ted & Lois Price*

## MARCH 2004 THE LOUISIANA CAJUN HERITAGE CARAVAN- AT LAST!

After much anticipation and waiting for three years we were finally going on the Cajun Caravan. We were really delighted to meet fellow nutmeggers Art and Carol Hall, Don and Pat Rawson (now of Texas) and Steve and Priscilla Harriman (now of Virginia). It was great having our own Huskies cheerleaders. Jim was also surprised to find four other UMASS grads in the group.

As we explored everything from the capital in Baton Rouge to the swamps, bayous, and the small towns along the way, we experienced the gracious hospitality of the local people and of our fellow WBCCI members from Louisiana. They wanted to show us everything.

Our days were busy seeing mansions, boating on the bayou, touring an offshore drilling rig, visiting rice and crawfish farms, listening to Cajun music, learning about the history of the Cajun people and of the area, and, oh yes, eating. We started to think that this was supposed to be eat your way across Louisiana starting with coffee and beignets, progressing to fried shrimp, oysters, and catfish po'boy sandwiches and of course, eating crawfish. Just remember when eating crawfish "suck the head and pinch the tail".

Our favorite day was the day that started with a bus trip to the legendary Fred's lounge in Mamou. It's only open on Saturday morning. The music was great and we were soon having Bloody Marys and dancing with that adventurous (wild and crazy) bunch. Too soon we were off to Mark Savoy's accordion shop and jam session. One in our group brought his guitar to play along and another borrowed a wash board and was soon playing it with the best of them. We spent the afternoon at the Acadian Cultural Center in Eunice learning how to play the spoons, dance and cook. The evening was at the Liberty Theater with more music and dancing. Great day!

On the educational side we learned at least four different ways to pronounce "New Orleans", several really good Cajun jokes, and at least five different ways to cook jambalaya none of which involved road kill.

So sign up for the Cajun. You will be immersed in the culture and traditions of this small region of Louisiana and come home feeling that you have really seen, smelled, tasted and touched a very special area.

*Jim and Angela Taurus*  
#7700

### LOUISIANA CAJUN HERITAGE CARAVAN MARCH 10-24, 2004

Since having signed-on for this caravan well over a year ago, we heard nothing but good things, and we could hardly wait to begin!

The caravan lived up to its advertising and much, much more. The leaders, Rick & Marilyn Solera of New Orleans, were so knowledgeable, personable, attentive and downright funny that the two weeks were like being with extended family (i.e., for those of you who enjoy extended families!) and it flew by!

We started in Vidalia, LA - across the Mississippi from famed Natchez and ended in Lafayette, LA with a beautiful banquet! In between, we visited the soul of Cajun Country. History, technology, beauty and cultural pride were evident everywhere. From the antics of Hughy Long, to rice plantations and refineries, to crawfish farms, to the persecution but colorful history of the Arcadians, to an off-shore oil rig used for training, to a helicopter repair facility, to Cajun music and dancing, and these were only the highlights!

For those of you who like short drives and 2,3, or 4 days in between full-hookup campgrounds, this is the caravan for you. Oh, and each night Rick & Marilyn had us in stitches with "Boudreau and Thibodeau" stories.

Pat and I enjoyed this caravan so much that we are now on the list again for 2007. C'mon along, you'll love it!

*Pat & Don Rawson*  
#3045

### HELP!!!

I would like to thank Gregg & Debi Cocco, Jim & Angela Taurus and Don & Pat Rawson for their response to our request for articles. The Cajun Caravan was so great I got two articles on it!! Keep up the great work!! These are great examples of what you can contribute to the *Chatter*????

Please send in items that your fellow members would enjoy reading. If you go on a trip please send an article of what you did or saw. Your fellow members would enjoy reading these types of articles and give all of us some ideas of where to travel.

Did you go to a great campground locally or on the road across our great country that your fellow members would enjoy visiting?

If you are going on a long trip or caravan we would love to print a journal of your trip. We could put it in over several months so it would not be limited in length.

Did you recently purchase a product for your Airstream or tow vehicle that you think would be a great thing for the others to know about? How about writing a product review?

Did you find a neat trick for fixing something or do you have some knowledge about repairing some items in your Airstream that you would like to share?

The Chatter can only be as good as the information that we get from the members. Please mail or preferably E-mail us your articles, journals, photos, recipes to be included in the Chatter.





East Lyme  
Town Museum  
Smith-Harris House  
(1840-1841)  
33 Society Road  
Niantic, CT

# Dinner Rally

June 4 -6, 2004

Our modern Airstream carriages will be nestled on the grounds of the historic Smith Harris House in East Lyme Connecticut providing a cosy and intimate setting for our gathering.

### Times:

Arrive anytime after 1:00 pm Friday

Please no early arrivals

Depart by 2:00 pm Sunday

### Schedule

**Friday:** Dinner on your own  
Dessert and coffee at eight

**Saturday:** Breakfast eight to nine  
Hors d'oeuvre served at five  
Filet Mignon & Lobster Tail Dinner served at half past six  
Coffee and dessert at eight

*Bottled Water & Coffee  
Supplied for Dinner*

**Sunday:** Breakfast eight to nine

*All food supplied - come and relax !*

### Price & Signup

Camper  
Length

Camping Fee **\$25.00** - Or just come for dinner      Camping \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner **\$22.00 per person**      Number of dinners \_\_\_\_\_ X 22.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Hot dogs will be available for children at no additional charge..*

Please enter your dinner preference totals.  
No entry will assume surf & turf.

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Surf & Turf \_\_\_\_\_  
Surf Only \_\_\_\_\_  
Turf Only \_\_\_\_\_

### Directions

195 North - Exit 74 - Right off Exit  
Second Light - Right on Society Road  
Just past school watch for Wally Signs on right

195 South - Exit 75 - Left onto rt161at light  
Second Light - Right on Society Road  
Just past school watch for Wally Signs on right

**Mail Payment to: Richard Kushman  
107 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Niantic, CT 06357**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Arrival Day & Time

Limited space - to reserve your spot please call or email Richard Kushman  
(860) 739-2066      silvershadow@snet.net

## NIAGARA AND THE LAKES-FALL CARAVAN

Sunday, October 3rd thru Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

(review article in Chatter for more caravan details)

Departure will be from the site of our Oct rally in Otis, MA. We will overnight about half way to Niagara at Weedsport, NY. We will have a campground within a  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of I90. W&E at each site plus a covered pavilion for a social and caravan supplied dinner. Monday we leave for Niagara Falls KOA with pull thru sites and wes. We will stay here 3 nights. On Thursday we leave for Watkins Glen and a municipal campground next to the lake. Again, wes hookups.

PETS ARE WELCOME AT ALL 3 CAMPGROUNDS

### SCHEDULE

Sunday: Depart Otis, Ma in am. Arrive Weedsport, NY.

4:00 pm social      6:00 Club dinner-Beef Stew

Monday: Depart Weedsport for Grand Isle, Niagara Falls.

4:00 pm Super Social

Tuesday: Guided tour leaves campground at 9:00am. Returns after 3:00pm

Dinner on own

Wednesday: Open day to enjoy areas visited on prior day.

4:00 pm social      6:00 Club dinner-Sausage and pasta bake

Thursday: Depart for Watkins Glen

Winery Tours on own with supplied guide maps

4:00 pm social      Dinner on own

Friday: Watkins Glen State Park and Winery Tours

4:00pm Super Social

Saturday: 8:00 Continental breakfast

Depart for home

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**COST: \$299.00 per couple. Includes campgrounds, guided day-long bus tour with lunch, 2 dinners, 2 super socials and continental breakfast.**

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

Extra people on tour @ \$46.00 Extra people for food service @ \$15.00 (under 12 free)

Send and check payable to: Charles Wilson, 2 Mary Ann Dr., Danbury, CT 06811

Need registration form by: August 15, 2004

There will be a drivers meeting at Otis.

# Region One Rally

**HOSTED BY:  
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WBCCI**



**WOODSTOCK FAIRGROUNDS**  
www.woodstockfair.com  
**281 ROUTE 169**  
**WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT 06281**  
**AUGUST 5-8, 2004**

Check the rally website for updates & info:  
www.wbcci1.org/rally1

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- Large Youth Program and Great Region 1 Fellowship & Fun as always!!!
- Pets are welcome - Must Remain on Leash at All Times

### **Directions - Watch for WBCCI Signs**

**From I-84** take Exit 73, follow Route 190 East (to Union, CT) to Route 171 & follow to Fairgrounds

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Early Parking - Wednesday, August 4th.....	\$12.00=	_____
(Note: All Prices are US Funds)	Total Enclosed.....\$	_____

Make Checks Payable to: Charter Oak CT Unit - WBCCI  
Mail to : Sandy Sasuta; 476 Milford Point Road; Milford, CT 06460

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI#: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

JUNE/JULY 2004



## THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again it is time for another chapter from the Oval-ish office. We have just returned from a few days in Newport and there was not an Airstream in sight!

I have to say, it has been nice to be home for awhile with room for a pony, no big decisions on whether there is enough fresh water, is it time to dump, put the awnings up or down.. I recognize "home" because life is without a hitch, stabilizers, an oven I'm not afraid to use; the phone rings, we answer without having to stand out in a field. Soon all this will end and it's off to Lansing via Niagra-on-the-Lake to see Bev and Lionel Garrett whom we met on the Kentucky Derby Caravan. These were the people that were the recipients of the \$13 Mint Julips so they really owe us, big time.

After International we hope to spend some time with my college roommate in Roscoe, IL; it has been years!!

By the time this "Chatter" is received the rally in Niantic at the Smith-Harris House will be a happy memory. The super chefs, including the Misses Surf and Turf will have performed their magic and we will have enjoyed fine dining as well as other memorable events, thanks to Kathy and Rich Kushman.

A letter from Dorothy O'Connor informs us that she and Russell are doing well. They are no longer towing but are looking forward to winters at TR.

Dorothy Freed has notified me that she will donate the money to Charter Oak that was money received from Charter Oak friends in memory of Paul. This money can be used for equipment or the general needs of our club. It is a kind and generous gift. Dorothy wants to be remembered to you all.

A bit of sadness for our family - our daughter Allison had to put down her horse Jesse recently. This beloved animal of 29 years had been her true friend for over 25 of those years. A graveside service was held (I kid you not) while family and a couple of friends stood in thunder, lightening, rain and hail to pay homage.

I credit Mark Twain with the following: "The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter," It often works for me!!

*Lois*



"Everybody just hang on!!! This guy hits something every trip!"

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 29, 2004**

Region 1 Installation Luncheon  
Lansing Center; Lansing, MI  
Ray Lemaire

**June 28 - July 4, 2004**

"Great Lakes, Great Times, Great City"  
International Rally  
Lansing, MI

**August 5-8, 2004**

Region 1 Rally  
"Rockin' to Woodstock"  
Hosted by: Charter Oak CT Unit  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT  
Michael Rutty

**September 3-6, 2004**

Haddam Neck Fair Rally  
Labor Day Weekend  
Rich & Kathy Kushman  
Wayne & Susan Rutty

**October 1-3, 2004**

Buddy Rally  
Laurel Ridge Camping Area  
Otis, MA  
Bob & Anne Werth  
Ted & Lois Price

**October 3-10, 2004**

Fall Foliage Caravan  
Niagara & The Lakes Region  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson  
Ted & Lois Price



**BIRTHDAYS**

June

Sebastian Pestretto	06/03
Gregg Cocco	06/11
John Hatch	06/14
Joe Ribiero	06/14
Joe Santos	06/16
Chuck McDonald	06/17
Russ Fuller	06/20
Pete Soucy	06/20
Philip Simmons	06/23
Arthur Sikes	06/25
Gail Good	06/26
Reggie Brown	06/28
Maureen Eckels	06/28
Frank Guthman	06/28

July

Jim Burnham	07/01
Ted Price	07/03
Kathy Kushman	07/05
Cecile Lemaire	07/06
Dale McGoldrick	07/06
Earl Duesel	07/14
Rosalie Moffo	07/15
Rob Terry	07/19
Megan Fuller	07/21
Carol Kelly	07/21
Harriett Thompson	07/22
Richard Moffo	07/23
Claire Lines	07/23
Judy Good	07/26
Lois Price	07/26
Kathy Fuller	07/29
Dorothy O'Connor	07/30

**ANNIVERSARIES**

June

Fred & Dale McGoldrick	06/01
Bill & Lill Herpich	06/03
Robert & Doreen Fuller	06/05
Russ & Rhona Fuller	06/08
Frank & Patty Guthman	06/15
Jim & Corinne Burnham	06/17
Bob & Sharon Henschel	06/17
Richard & Rosalie Moffo	06/17
Franklin & Jane Sanders	06/18
Joe & Carmella Santos	06/18
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
Brian & Pat Brosnahan	07/06
Joe & Sarah Ribeiro	07/07
Steve & Carol Kelly	07/13
Dick & Eileen Bartram	07/14
Raynold & Cecile Lemaire	07/26
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**THANK YOU**

To Our Friends of Charter Oak,

I was overwhelmed by the many cards and letters sent to our family when Paul died. They were wonderful expressions of the affection we have always felt in Charter Oak.

Thank you also for the donations made to the memorial fund. We have decided these funds should be used for the unit for equipment or wherever they are needed.

Sincerely,  
*Dorothy Freed*

**DRIED BEEF DIP**

- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (8-ounce) container sour cream
- ¼ cup milk
- ¼ Teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ Teaspoon pepper
- 2 Jars dried beef, chopped, soaked and drained.
- 1 green or red bell pepper, chopped, about ½ cup
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion

Combine first 5 ingredients until well blended; stir in beef, bell pepper and onion. Place in a 2 ½ quart baking dish; sprinkle with paprika or grated cheese if desired.

Bake at 350 for 20 mins. Serve with crackers or bagel chips.

Do not substitute low fat or non fat cream cheese and sour cream as it may not stand up to the oven heating.

*Fran Simmons*  
#9348

**CHARTER OAK THOUGHTS & CARES**

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from illnesses or surgeries:

Ron Edmondson is recovering from some heart procedures and is home is feeling much better. We hope to see the new and improved Ron & Shirley at a rally soon. Even during Shirley's recent hip replacement, Ron kept up the membership efforts for Charter Oak in sending out several letters and one of those resulted in a new member for Charter Oak. Thank you to both of you for all of your efforts on behalf of Charter Oak.

**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.

David & Pat Riiska  
WBCCI # 7030  
547 Switch Road  
Box 143  
Wood River Jct., RI 02894  
Phone: 401 364-6740  
David's Birthday: April 13  
Pat's Birthday May 23  
Anniversary: May 10

Greg & Jan Miller  
Box 500  
W. Redding, CT 06896  
Phone: 203 733-2887  
Greg's Birthday: August 5  
Jan's Birthday: December 3  
Anniversary: December 17  
Email: gmiller@gold-line.com

Intiaz (Titu) and Gail Ahmed  
19 Jennifer Lane  
North Smithfield, RI 02896-8042  
Phone: 401 765-5468  
Titu's Birthday September 8  
Gail's Birthday January 2  
Anniversary November 26  
Email: iuat2@cox.net

**THANK YOU**

Thank You All  
I sure appreciate all your cards and get well wishes  
They make my day

*Jackie Taylor*

## DINNER RALLY -JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup>, 2004

Twelve units from Charter Oak gathered on Friday afternoon, June 4<sup>th</sup> for the start of what would be a gastronomical feast. We camped on the lovely grounds of the Smith Harris House, an historic site (circa 1845), in East Lyme Connecticut. A large red barn served as our dining hall. During the weekend many of the Airstreamers took advantage of touring the lovely Smith Harris house with either Carol Marelli, Chairperson of the Smith Harris House Commission or Gary Lakowsky, one of the 7 commissioners. It was Carol who was instrumental in obtaining permission for the rally to take place on this site. The house is open for tours weekends through June from 1 to 4 PM, July and August from Thursday through Sunday, 12 Noon to 4 PM. Admission to the House is \$2 for adults, \$.50 for children.

Rich and Kathy Kushman, Ted and Lois Price and their families hosted the event attended by the Bartrams, Coccas, Eckels, Fullers (Robert & Doreen), Goulds, Ingallineras, RIBEIROS, Ruttys (Michael, Lianne, James and Sam), Sandalls and Sasutas.

Friday evening we gathered for coffee and dessert which consisted of a large tray of delicious cookies from The Village Bake Shop of Niantic, courtesy of the Kushmans. Saturday morning we were treated to a breakfast of warm cinnamon buns, fresh fruit, juice and coffee.

There were many areas of interest close by to visit during the day on Saturday. Some members took advantage of visiting Mystic Seaport, shopping or just relaxing on the peaceful grounds of the Smith Harris House.

Saturday evening was truly a joy. We were joined for dinner by the Crocketts, Nelsons, Rosenbecks, Simmons, Members of the Kushman Family, Scott and Michelle with their daughter Emma and Andy & Kate with their son Ian. Carol Marelli and Georgia Lee Littlefield from the Smith Harris House Commission also joined us for dinner.

Rain threatened all day and finally made its appearance just as it was time to start up the grills. But that didn't dampen the spirit of the cooks or the campers. At 5 o'clock, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres prepared by Ted and Lois' daughters, Allison and Lisa began emerging from the Price trailer and they emerged and emerged. We were treated to morsels of delight that rivaled any fine dining restaurant. We enjoyed bruschetta, stuffed mushroom caps, cheese puffs, mini quiche, endive stuffed with brie, and more. It was the beginning of a fabulous feast.

At 7 PM we entered the barn to find white tablecloths on tables beautifully decorated with floating candles, large pink peonies and green and blue dinnerware. There were large bowls of tossed salad and baskets of bread on each table. The menu choices were Surf and Turf, Turf only or Surf only. The Turf was grilled tenderloin steaks, cooked to perfection by Allison and Lisa. The Surf was stuffed lobster tails deliciously prepared by Rich and Kathy's son, Scott who learned his cooking skills at the Culinary Institute of America. The smiles and laughter at each table was evidence that everyone was indeed having a great time. Dessert was a treat of ice cream cake with vanilla ice cream on top of chocolate cake, whipped cream and slivered almonds. "I can't believe I ate the whole thing!"

It was obvious that a great deal of planning and hard work went into putting together this great rally. Our thanks to the Kushman and Price families and all who helped to make this a very memorable weekend.

*Fran Ingallinera*  
#18081

## WORTH A MILLION BUCKS

"Worth a million bucks" a somewhat dated and familiar expression which enumerates an amount thought astronomical and unattainable. We know what it means; that something is invaluable, worth more than money can buy, and is in fact, priceless. A retro expression at home in the Airstream world and quite appropriate considering my recent experience as a member of the Charter Oak Unit of WBCCI. Airstreams have value, which any bean counter can compute but surely not in the millions. Pride of ownership now that defies computation, but does it measure up - probably not.

My mom recently slipped naturally and quietly through this world's outer curtain and left me not alone, but with family and friends. There is a tall stack of cards on my table, a great number from my fellow Airstreamers, all filled with good wishes and caring thoughts - "worth a million bucks".

Thank you so much for the thoughts.

*Richard Kushman*  
#1442

## FALL CARAVAN FOR 2004

In early October COCU is having their annual fall caravan. This year we will depart from Otis, MA, the site of our October rally. We will have a stop for the evening about half way to Niagara. Arriving Monday, we will have some free time and get ready for a full day of guided tours on Tuesday.

Tour highlights the best to see in Niagara Falls USA and Canada. We start out on Goat Island. This is the island that separates the American and Horseshoe Falls. While on Goat Island, we'll visit Luna Island for an up-close view of the American and Bridal Veil Falls. Then the tour will head to Prospect Park to view all three Falls from the NY Observation Tower. From here you'll enjoy an unforgettable ride aboard the world-famous Maid of the Mist Boat. The tour will then cross into Canada for a delicious buffet lunch overlooking the Falls at the Penthouse Restaurant. After lunch, the tour will visit Table Rock for Superman's view of the Horseshoe Falls. The day will be rounded out enjoying some unique views of the beautiful floral displays that the Niagara Parks are famous for, including the renowned Floral Clock.

For this tour transportation and guide service is provided.

The following day, for those not resting up, you'll have free time to revisit various points of your choosing.

On Thursday we leave for Watkins Glen, located on the south end of Lake Seneca. We will spend two nights here, enough time to visit Watkins Glen State Park and a walking tour of the sculptured chasm and 19 waterfalls. You take a short bus ride to the top and walk downhill to the parking area.

Also lining both shores of the lake are numerous wineries with tourist facilities and wine tasting. We will be parked right across the street from the lake, within walking distance of restaurants and yes, even Walmart. The Watkins Glen waterfront area has sightseeing cruises, dinner cruises along with some fine dining.

We will depart for home on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is an overview so you can start to think about going. The reservation form will follow at a latter date. PETS ARE WELCOME AT ALL CAMPGROUNDS.

Any questions, please contact us.

*Charlie & Jeanne Wilson*  
*Ted & Lois Price*

## SUBJECT: THINGS I'VE LEARNED FROM MY CHILDREN

For those with No children-this is totally hysterical! For those who already have children past this age, this is hilarious. For those who have children this age, this is not funny. For those who have children nearing this age, this is a warning. For those who have not yet had children, this is birth control.

Things I've learned from my Children (honest & no kidding):

1. A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house 4 inches deep.
2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
3. A 3-year olds voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.
5. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
6. The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
7. When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh oh," it's already too late.
8. Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
9. A six-year old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year old man says they can only do it in the movies.
10. Certain Lego's will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year old.
11. Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.
12. Super glue is forever.
13. No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.
14. Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
15. VCR's do not eject PB&J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.
16. Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
17. Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
18. You probably do not want to know what that odor is.
19. Always look in the oven before you turn it on; plastic toys do not like ovens.
20. The fire department in Austin, TX has a 5-minute response time.
21. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
22. It will, however, make cats dizzy.
23. Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.
24. The mind of a 6-year old is wonderful. First grade...true story: One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to accumulate the building materials for his home. She read, "...And so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said, 'Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?'" The teacher paused then asked the class, "And what do you think that man said?" One little boy raised his hand and said, "I think he said...'Holy shit! A talking pig!'" The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.
25. 60% of men who read this will try mixing the Clorox and brake fluid.

## OFF TO ALASKA!

Two years ago, as new Airstream owners, we hitched up, packed up dog Rennie and granddaughter Amy and took off for South Dakota! All went well and while we were at the International in Rapid City, we met Dave & Linda Andrzejewski who were then starting to organize the 2004 trip to Alaska. We decided "we can do that" and anyway, "it is 2 years away." Now there are only 2 weeks to go until we leave for E. Lansing! Where did the time go!

Now it is really decision time. What do we take? What do we leave home? Dog Rennie will go, but Amy has decided to pass on the trip due to the time involved.

We will meet Art & Carol Hall and Steve & Carol Kelly in E. Lansing and will travel from there to meet the rest of the group in Prince George, BC on July 15. It will be quite an adventure. Will keep in touch by email, snail mail and dog sled! Have a great summer everyone. We will be sorry to miss Woodstock. See you in October.

*Fran & Phil Simmons*  
#9348

## THANK YOU FROM ANNE AND BOB WERTH

Bob and I want to thank our Region 1 membership for a terrific 6 years. Little did we know what kind of a "journey" was ahead of us, but representing Region 1 at all events was our main focus. Listening to what our membership had to say was what this job is all about. When it came time to be the Region 1 President for our last 2 years, all those conversations came into focus. Many of your thoughts and ideas were mentioned at various times throughout the journey. After all, your ideas and messages are what we needed and were worth passing on. Some of your ideas were picked up by the other Regions and theirs in turn for Region 1. It is all about exchanging ideas and coming up with the very best we can offer at our events.

I would be remiss by not saying a huge thank you to Wayne Ruddy and Dick Bartram. They were there when I needed someone to talk to or run an idea by. Wayne saw something in this writer that I never knew was there. I have completed some tasks that I didn't know I had the capabilities to do. Thanks Wayne and Dick for being such great mentors and friends. I appreciated all they gave to me...Thanks!

The President years could not have been completed without the help of my fellow officers and committee chairpersons. The whole job cannot be done alone and for all the time spent by these folks, a heartfelt thank you. You all contributed to a great team. Thank you for saying YES!

Your First Mate has been a "rock" for these past 2 years and a helper in the previous 4 years. Bob has been a terrific help, he would be my secretary while I was busy at the computer...punching holes, filing papers (lots of papers), and of course traveling up hill and down vale through all of Region 1 and our beautiful USA and Canada! Thanks so much for all your help Bob.

And, last, but not least, thanks to all of our membership who encouraged, suggested, listened and were just there for both of us. We have a terrific membership...THANKS!

We give our best to Raynold and Cecile Lemaire and his team with a wonderful tour of duty. Region 1 is good hands with Raynold and Cecile. Best Wishes!

*Anne & Bob Werth*  
#293

## SPECIAL DELIVERY

Congratulations to Charlie & Jeanne Wilson on the delivery of their new Bambi. Delivered June 7th, 3,680 lbs, 19' long. This information was included in the cute birth announcements they sent out.

## REGION ONE RALLY UPDATE - ROCKIN' TO WOODSTOCK

### HELP NEEDED FROM CHARTER OAKER'S

- Dinner Servers - The dinners on Thursday & Saturday nights will be served by Charter Oak members. Please see Mike Rutty to sign up to help with either dinner.
- Parking - Please see Bob Werth to take a shift and make the job easy for everyone.
- Registration - Please see Sandy Sasuta to take a turn helping with one of the times.
- Hospitality - Please see Charlie & Jeanne Wilson to help man the hospitality tables on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Physical Arrangements - Please see Mark Wilson or Ray Moniz to help with moving tables, chairs and garbage.

Please remember many hands makes light work for all!!!

Thank you for your help.

### REGION 1 RALLY "ROCKIN' TO WOODSTOCK" WOODSTOCK FAIRGROUNDS WOODSTOCK, CT AUGUST 5-8, 2004

Our unit invites you to visit "The Quiet Corner" of Connecticut and enjoy breathtaking views at one of the most tranquil country settings for a Rally. The rally will run from August 5-8, 2004 (Thursday-Sunday) with early parking available on August 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>. The rally will be held in the Northeast Corner of Connecticut at the Woodstock Fairgrounds; 281 Route 169; Woodstock, Connecticut 06281. In the area enjoy over 300 Antique Shops, Flea Markets, Vineyards, Blueberry Picking, Buffalo Farm, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, CT Railroad Museum, The Pink House, Mystic Seaport & Aquarium and Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun Casinos (Two of the largest Casinos in the World).

Your Rally fee of \$125 for 2/Airstream or \$100 for 1/Airstream includes: 3 Nights Camping with Electric, Water and Dump Station, 3 Nights of Exciting Professional Entertainment, Fantastic Food!!! Including: 2 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts and Ice Cream nightly! Rally Plaque, Seminars for both Men & Women, Prizes, Games, Craft & Flea Market, Happy Hours, Large Youth Program and Great Region 1 Fellowship & Fun as always!!! Come early on Tuesday or Wednesday for only \$12.00 per night to have extra time to enjoy the area. Pets are welcome but must remain on leash at all times.

For more information and a rally flyer please see our rally website: [www.wbccil.org/rally1](http://www.wbccil.org/rally1) or contact rally chairman, Michael Rutty WBCCI# 16264; 7 Winthrop Road; Chester, CT 06412; Phone: 860-526-8011 or email: [mwr90@aol.com](mailto:mwr90@aol.com).

**Register by July 1, 2004 and be eligible for a special drawing where one lucky winner will get a refund of their rally fee.** Please see the flyer in this issue of the *Chatter*.



### DOOR PRIZES

If you have any items to donate for door prizes please let Mike Rutty or Rich Kushman know or just bring them with to Woodstock.

### FLEA/CRAFT MARKET

Do not forget all of your treasurers and craft project to sell at the sale on Friday morning of the Region rally. The sale will be from 9:30-11:30 AM in the main hall. Please see Bob & Sharon Henschel to reserve you table space. A sign up sheet will also be available during registration.

### SEMINARS

Dick & Eileen Bartram have some great seminars and informational sessions planned. All of the following are intended for both men & women including:

- Skymed
- Global Positioning Satellite Systems
- RV Safety Program
- Stampin' Up Craft Session
- Badge Lanyard Craft Session
- Easy Dips & Snacks
- Amsoil

### FOOD DRIVE

Please bring non-perishable food items on Friday night to the evening program to be donated to a local food pantry to help the needy. Pat Lines is organizing this effort for us. If you have a questions please see here at the rally. Thanks for your help in our community service activities.

### PAPERBACK EXCHANGE

Please bring your paperbacks that you have read. There will be a box in the hall for you to leave a book or take a book. Please feel free to just borrow one for reading at the rally even if you do not bring any to add. All books left at the end of the rally will be donated to a local senior center for their enjoyment. So empty out that bookshelf at home or Airstream and have fun doing it for a great cause.



# “Goin’ To The Fair” Rally

Friday thru Monday  
September 3 - September 6  
Haddam Neck Fairgrounds

**Rally fee includes all camping, continental breakfast, and a 4 day pass to the fair.  
There are no hook ups - please come with full water and empty holding tanks.**

Rally Fee: \$40.00 per person - children under 12 free

**Contests:** The following contests are open to all residents of Connecticut: Quilt, Coffee Cake, Apple Pie, and Photo. In addition to these statewide contests, there are many contests for local judging in the following categories: flowers, vegetables, canning, collections, baked goods, needlework, photography and arts and crafts. If you are interested, please contact The Ruttys for details.

**Directions:**

**From the North and West:**

Take I-91 to route 9 south or route 66 east to the Arrigoni Bridge. Follow route 66 for about 5 miles east to Cobalt and the intersection of route 66 and 151. Take route 151 south for about five miles to Haddam Neck Road. Follow Haddam Neck Road for 1.5 miles to the fairgrounds located on the left.

**From the South:**

Take I-95 to route 9 north. Take route 9 to exit 7 (route 82). Follow route 82 and cross the East Haddam Bridge. After crossing the bridge bear left on to route 149 and follow to the intersection of route 151 in Leesville. Follow route 151 to Haddam Neck Road. Follow Haddam Neck Road for 1.5 miles to the fairgrounds located on the left.

**From the East:**

Take I-395 to route 2 west. Follow route 2 to route 16 in Colchester. Take route 16 to route 66 in East Hampton. Follow route 66 about 1/2 miles west to Cobalt and the intersection of route 66 and 151. Take route 151 south for about three miles to Haddam Neck Road. Follow Haddam Neck Road for 1.5 miles to the fairgrounds located on the left.

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## "IS OCTOBER TOO EARLY FOR MARDI GRAS RALLY?"

**WHAT:** BRING YOUR BUDDIES TO OUR BUDDY RALLY  
**WHEN?** October 1, 2 & 3, 2004  
**WHERE:** LAUREL RIDGE CAMPING AREA  
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**HOSTS:** ANNE & BOB WERTH Phone: 860-875-4129  
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**HAVE FUN:** Decorate your trailer for Mardi Gras

**Directions:** Junction of Routes 8&23, E 3 miles on Rte 23 to Old Blanford Road, E 1 mile to campground.

**Parking:** Safari Field Electric, Water and Dump Station

**Kitty Fee:** \$65; includes, 2 nights parking, 2 breakfasts, salad, breads, desserts, coffee, etc.

**PROGRAM:** Friday You all come!

4:00 Happy Hour

Dinner on your own

7:00 Campfire, fellowship and dessert & coffee

Saturday:

8:00 Breakfast : Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee

Day trips to check out the attractions of the area: Otis Reservoir, hiking, biking, Lee, MA, Great Barrington

4:00 Happy Hour

5:30 Pot Luck...bring a main dish or a veggie dish.

Salad, bread and dessert supplied.

7:00 Campfire, fellowship and dessert & coffee

Rematch of Trivial Pursuit, women against the men!

Sunday:

8:00 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, English muffins

Prepare for departure for home or on the caravan, be safe.



Note: Bring table services to all meals. Thanks!

Thanks for coming and see you down the road!

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 17, 2004, NO REFUNDS AFTER 9/17/04.

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## NIAGARA AND THE LAKES-FALL CARAVAN

Sunday, October 3rd thru Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

(review article in Chatter for more caravan details)

Departure will be from the site of our Oct rally in Otis, MA. We will overnight about half way to Niagara at Weedsport, NY. We will have a campground within a  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of I90. W&E at each site plus a covered pavilion for a social and caravan supplied dinner. Monday we leave for Niagara Falls KOA with pull thru sites and wes. We will stay here 3 nights. On Thursday we leave for Watkins Glen and a municipal campground next to the lake. Again, wes hookups.

PETS ARE WELCOME AT ALL 3 CAMPGROUNDS

### SCHEDULE

Sunday: Depart Otis, Ma in am. Arrive Weedsport, NY.

4:00 pm social      6:00 Club dinner-Beef Stew

Monday: Depart Weedsport for Grand Isle, Niagara Falls.

4:00 pm Super Social

Tuesday: Guided tour leaves campground at 9:00am. Returns after 3:00pm

Dinner on own

Wednesday: Open day to enjoy areas visited on prior day.

4:00 pm social      6:00 Club dinner-Sausage and pasta bake

Thursday: Depart for Watkins Glen

Winery Tours on own with supplied guide maps

4:00 pm social      Dinner on own

Friday: Watkins Glen State Park and Winery Tours

4:00pm Super Social

Saturday: 8:00 Continental breakfast

Depart for home

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**COST: \$299.00 per couple. Includes campgrounds, guided day-long bus tour with lunch, 2 dinners, 2 super socials and continental breakfast.**

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Extra people on tour @ \$46.00 Extra people for food service @ \$15.00 (under 12 free)

Send and check payable to: Charles Wilson, 2 Mary Ann Dr., Danbury, CT 06811

Need registration form by: August 15, 2004

There will be a drivers meeting at Otis.

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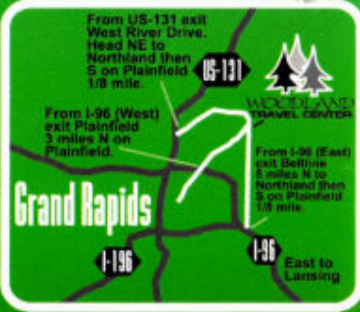
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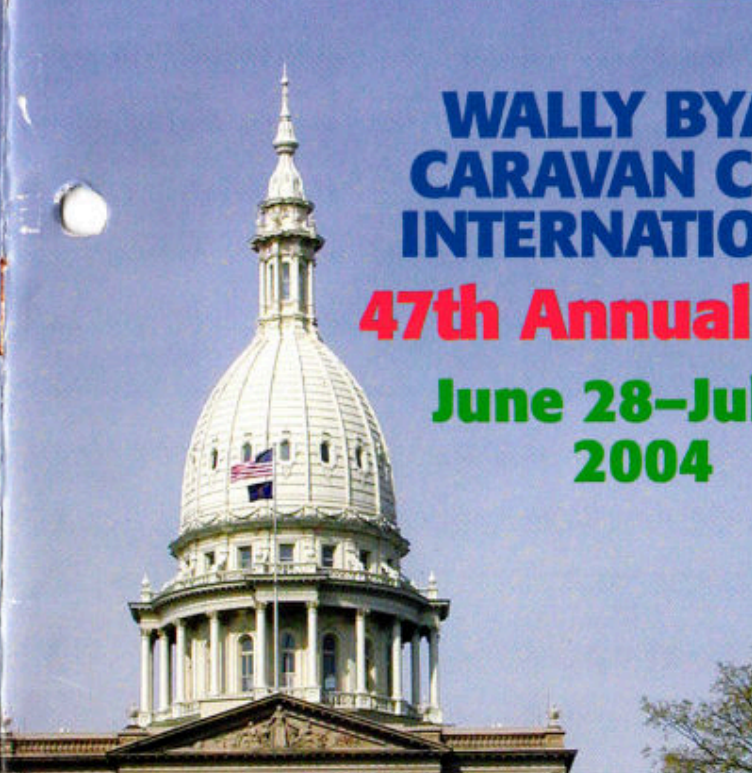

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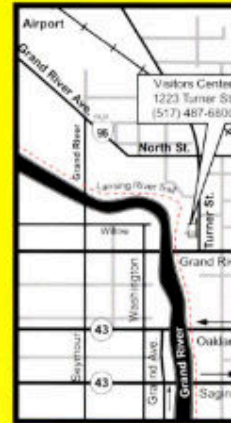
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Once again, welcome to Michigan's Capital City! Thank you for visiting and enjoy your stay!

Sincerely,

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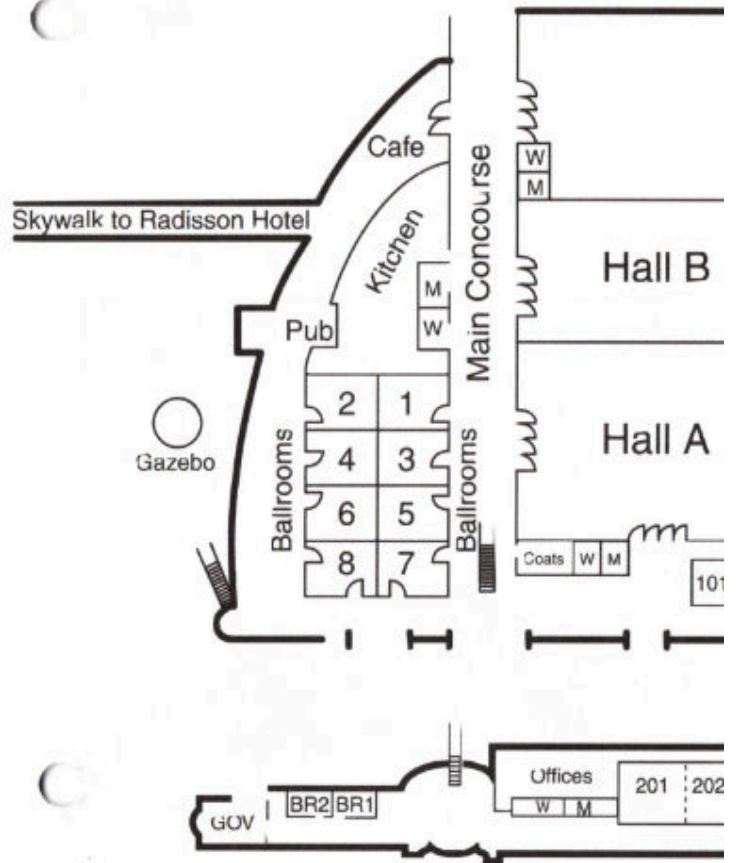
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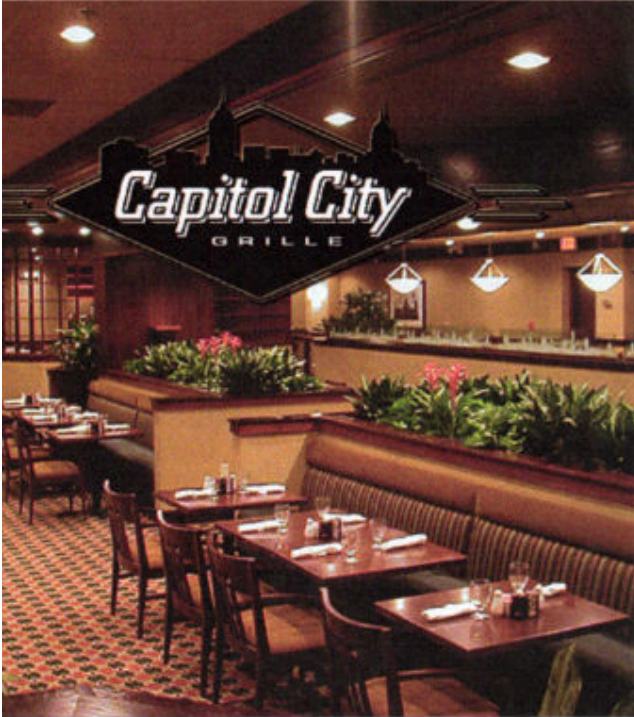
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There will be a Medical Information Station in the **First Aid Room**, located in the **RV Center**. Medical Technicians will be available for blood pressure referrals.

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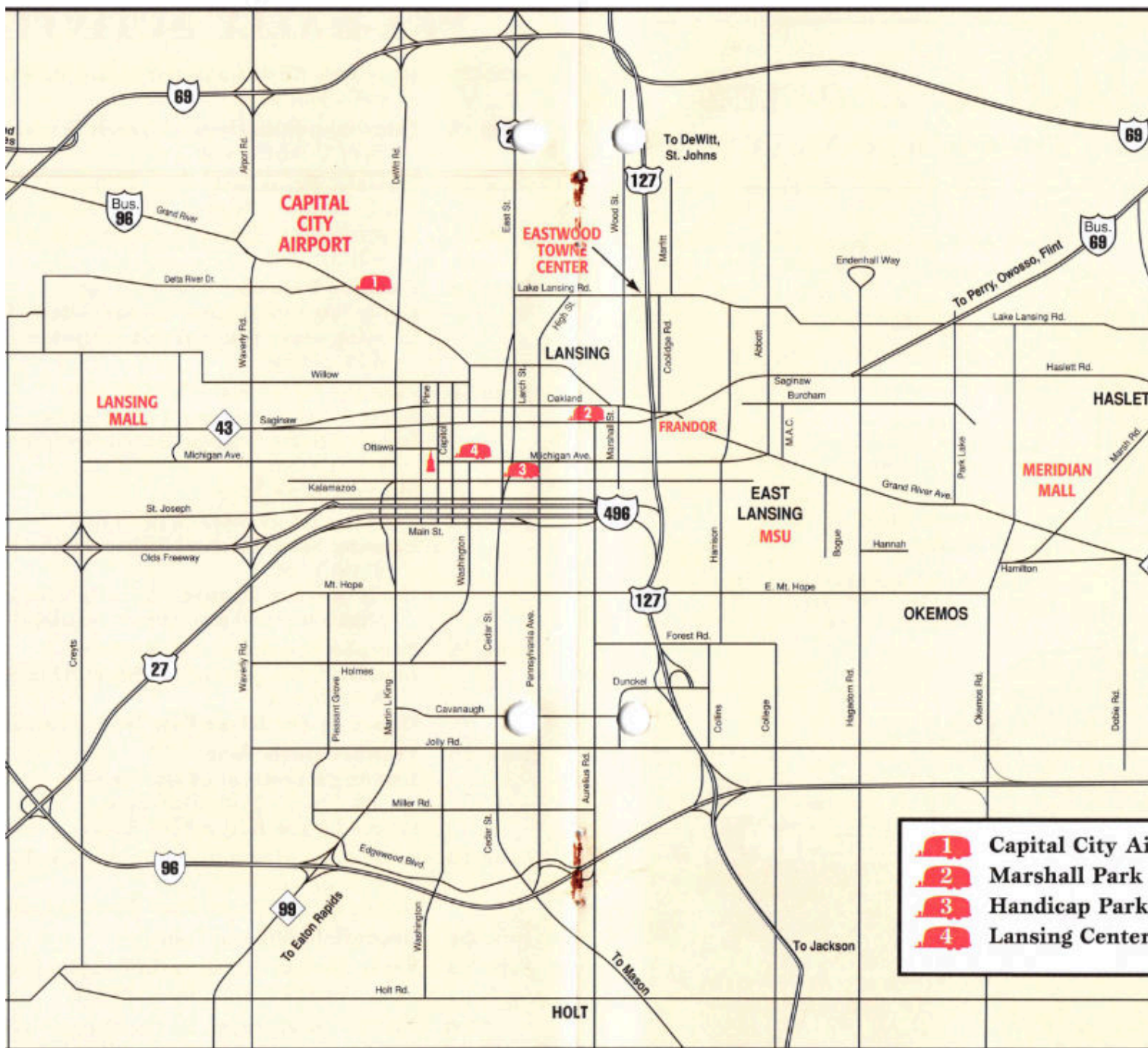
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## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Myrna and I welcome you to Lansing, Michigan and the 47th International Rally. As I indicated in the "Blue Beret", we have tried to base our planning for the rally on "something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue". You will find all of this in the programs, seminars, vendors and other activities planned for you. Enjoy the rally and, most of all, value the camaraderie of seeing old friends and meeting new ones.



**International President and First Lady**

The City of Lansing has rolled out the welcome mat in early June and running through the summer, the city has 20 different, half-size, fiberglass cars on display on down town sidewalks. Twenty Michigan artists were chosen to design. So, take time to enjoy the "Art Wheels" and to tour through the area enjoying the Capital of the Great State of Michigan.

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the sights, tastes, smells and sounds of Michiganders will be at your  
service. It will be a fun filled adventure for everyone to enjoy. If you're  
visiting Michigan for the first time, I invite you to discover the attractions  
we have so many to our state. You can visit our world class museums, like  
the Detroit Institute of Arts, The Henry Ford Museum and the Charles H.  
Wright Museum of African American History – or you can simply soak in the  
beauty of Michigan's great outdoors, including our many wonderful state  
park trails.

I wish everyone a great week, but most importantly I hope that you all  
enjoy exploring what Lansing and Michigan have to offer!

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Granholm  
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Mexicans, when the trumpet is calling,  
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Let the guns with their thunder appalling  
Make the Earth's deep foundations to tremble.  
Let the guns with their thunder appalling.  
Make the Earth's deep foundations to tremble.

May the angel divine, O dear Homeland,  
Crown thy brow with the olive branch of peace;  
For thy destiny, traced by God's own hand  
In the heavens, shall ever increase,  
But should ever the proud foe assail thee,  
And with insolent foot profane thy ground,  
Now, dear Country, thy sons shall not fail thee,  
Ev'ry one thy soldier shall be found,  
Thy soldier ev'ry one shall be found.

### O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.

Chorus:

God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

### Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the  
Twilight's last gleaming  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so  
gallantly streaming  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air  
proved through the night that our flag was still there,  
And the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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Tony Benavides, Mayor

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Dear Members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International:

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to Michigan's Capital City. We're pleased you have selected our hometown as the site of your 2004 International Rally, as that you'll have a successful and enjoyable time in your home away from home.

Lansing is a city of diverse attractions, offering a wealth of cultural, historical and recreational options. You'll also find a lively atmosphere with countless opportunities for rest and relaxation or action and adventure, all enhanced with countless dining and shopping options in a friendly, safe and affordable environment. Better yet is truly a city on the move as is evident by miles of urban trails, acres of parks and green space, and numerous recreational venues.

I encourage you to explore the city, whether you're browsing through the shops downtown Lansing, touring one of our many magnificent museums, or strolling more than 8-miles of urban river trail passing by the historic City Market, Old Town Lansing, Potter Park Zoo, Museum Drive and others.

The fun doesn't end with the setting of the sun. Minor league baseball, riverboat and nightlife for all ages, keep Lansing residents and visitors busy until late into evening.

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Chairman of Airstream	.....
Parliamentarian	..... J

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

Blue Beret	..... TF
Budget	.....
Caravan	..... Ro
Community Service	.....
Constitution & Bylaws	.....
Ethics & Grievance	.....
Family & Youth	.....
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International Relations	.....
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Life Membership	.....
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# WBCCI 47th INTERNATIONAL RALLY Great Lakes, Great Times, Great City"

IMPORTANT THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW  
to do, when it happens, where to find it"

attending must wear badges and ribbons to be admitted to  
rally events. Write your WBCCI number on the back of your ribbon  
and some are at every rally, it can be returned.

### FRINDSHIP CENTER

Friendship Center is in the Lansing Center North Point Cafe.  
All activities in the WBCCI Friendship Center area will be  
conducted during the evening programs and Opening Ceremony.

### FOR IMPAIRED

Arrangements have been made to assist any of our hearing impaired  
participants during the evening programs. Ask for details at the  
check-in desk.

### FOR VICE

Office located at the Parking site will be open June 23, 24 &  
25 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and starting June 26, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm  
on weekdays. The last mail call will be July 3 (there is no mail  
delivery on July 4).

### FOR INFORMATION

Information is in the First Aid Room, Lansing Center.  
Nurses and other Medical Technicians will be available for  
vital sign readings and referrals. Our medical services is not a  
primary service. No medication or treatment is available or allowed  
except as prescribed to rally participants.

Compressed air will be sold near the south entrance of the rally grounds  
on June 24 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon; and on June 28 from  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm; June 30 and July 2 from 10:00 am to 12:00  
noon. WBCCI rules require a pressure relief valve, a 10% valve, a  
fire extinguisher, a fire bottle, and a current inspection date. Valve replacement  
is required by the vendor at a price of \$25.00. Your bottle will be  
replaced the following day. Last day of valve replacement will be June  
28. Compressed air bottles will be filled any day at close of bottle sales.

## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE	CHAIRMAN	
Early Workers' Dinner	Robert Black	(
Early Workers' Tours	Julia Lyon	(
Electric Installation	James Montgomery	(
Engineering	Darwin W Brugger	(
Entertainment Receptionist	Barbara Dezendorf	(
Entry Verification	Frank Wagner	(
Escort Coordinator	John Carriker III	(
Fashion Show	Joan Wagnon	(
Field Service Canteen	Charles & Doris Jean Ca	(
Fine Needle Arts	Shirley Bishop	(
First Timers	Lillie Phillips	(
Flag Ceremony	Ed Elmer	(
Flea Market/Hobby Sale	Fred Brandt	(
Friendship Center	Walter & Mary Agnes K	(
Full Timer Seminar	Dolores B Luhrs	(
Future Rally Site	Ralph Forrester	(
Games, Indoor	Dorothy Sampson	(
Games, Outdoor	Martha Butschek	(
Golf Tournament	Raymond Brunk	(
Grounds After Rally	Robert Ruess	(
Guest Badges	Sue Collins	(
Handicapped Area	Robert Duckett	(
Headquarters Liaison	Betty Kenney	(
History Display, WBCCI	Loretta A Moss	(
Hobby Show	Nova Fleming	(
Inaugural Ball Reception/Flags	Harold Kerns	(
Incentives Drawing	John Shull	(
Information/Lost & Found	Sandra Jackson	(
Installation of Officers	Ewart Phillips	(
Job Descriptions	William "Bill" Taylor	(
Joker	Jamye Goodwin	(
Judges Acquisition	Yvonne Rising	(
Keys	Julia Wagner	(
Knitting	Mary Ann Braden	(
Line Dancing	Joyce A Grawe	(
Locator Service	Red Dieter	(
Luncheons & Dinners	Charles & Emogene Dura	(
Mail Service	Phil Azeredo	(

**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

	CHAIRMAN	WBCCI#	Arr Group
	Charles Kennedy	00284	I-1
Seminar/Vendors	Dave Schumann	00049	IV-2
	Ronald Strandjorg	16133	III-1
Inspector	Bernie Carriker	15886	III-2
Light and Stage	John M Landry	05882	II-2
Dinner	W.A. Oweiss	00295	I-1
Rally	Frances Scheeler	10826	VI-1
Publicate	Don Conner	27197	III-1
Security	Helen Leggett	05249	III-1
	Lois Nuckles	03118	II-2
	Clifford A Hall	00277	IV-1
Field Coordinator	Barbara Duckett	05091	II-3
Field/Intra Clubs	Bernard Solomon	01691	II-3
Shows/Unit & Region	Judith Martin	03062	II-3
Video	William Cordsen	04350	I-1
	Ron Skelton	00275	I-1
	Ken B Harris	30798	IV-3
Publications Contest	Linda Keutzer	01908	III-2
Lighting	Gary Fithian	27912	II-2
Publicity Promotion	Chuck Kiple	03607	II-2
	Richard Lee McLaury	07414	IV-1
	Percy N Veile	04445	IV-3
Publicity	Marvin F Teel	16342	VI-1
Director	Donita Pyles	13299	II-2
	Morris & Shirley Clodfelter	03066	VI-1
Service	Ann Barrett	08973	II-1
Seminars	Eugene Sturdevant	09407	III-3
Services	R C "Wag" Wagon	00139	VI-1
Shows	Bernard Los	02512	III-2
Rally	Joe Bubliss	00315	VI-1
Shop	Lilly Putney	00429	III-1
	Don Kenney	00276	V-1
File Board	Norma Hilvers	00328	II-3
Room	Don Setka	12512	II-2
Dinner	June Crawford	17281	I-1
Stage	Ron Amme	06050	I-1
Publicity Supervisor	Craig H Lundberg	00120	I-1

PET OWNERS

Pet owners are reminded that all pets must be on a leash in your Airstream. PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY BUILDING. The "Doctor is in" sign will be out each morning, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 9:00 am, emergencies at any time, in the Parking area, at the RV of Bert Kalet, DVM, WBCCI #6957. A locator board for exact location.

PROGRAMS AND SCHEDULES

Scheduled activities for special groups that are not in the program booklet may be obtained at the sign-up tables or from the program boards. Any program or schedule change will be posted on the Board in the Lansing Center Hall C.

RALLY COMPETITIVE EVENTS

Sign-up tables for Golf, Horseshoes, Holeyboard and Tennis are in the Lansing Center Hall C. Individuals interested in participating in any of these outdoor activities must visit the appropriate sign up and (2) learn when and where the activities will be held. Times and locations are not listed in the program of daily activities. Also in the Lansing Center Hall C are sign-up tables for a variety of other activities. Visit the area and sign up for your activities. Special program schedules are also available for field trips.

SOUND SYSTEM

Any Chairman needing a sound system must contact the Entertainment Controller at least 24 hours in advance. His Office is located in the International Committee Chairmen's Office, Lansing Center Coat Room.

WALLY BYAM CONTROL

Listen to Ch. 14 to hear announcements, program changes and report emergencies that may arise. Please do not tie up Channel 14 with personal messages. Open the squelch, until you hear your set, and make sure that Channel 14 is clear before using it. Use Channel 14 to contact your friends and then switch to another channel above 20 for your conversation. Please realize that Channel 14 is also shared with local CB users. Announcements will be made at the following times: 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm.

VIDEO TAPING OF PROGRAMS

Many programs at the International permit taping, but some do not. Almost without exception all PROFESSIONAL programs will not permit their program to be taped. If you want to tape a program, check with the Entertainment Receptionist Chairmen for their permission ahead of time to avoid any embarrassment.

**WHERE TO FIND PEOPLE  
WHO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES**

OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM -12:00 / 1:00-4:00 PM

ALL OFFICES ARE IN THE LANSING CENTER  
(UNLESS SPECIFIED)

Board	Hall C
Display	Rally Site
Service & Parts	Rally Site
Radio Base	Mobile Home at Rally Site
Booths by States	Hall C
Supervisor	Ticket Office A
Booths	Hall C
Byam Control	Mobile Home at Rally Site
Booths	Board Room 1
Work Force	Parking Site
	Hall C Truck Entrance
	Room 103
Signs & Rally Information	Hall C
	Hall C
Chairmen's Secretary	Coat Room
Services	Board Room 1
Booths Board	Hall C
Booths	Coat Room
	Room 103
Booths & Ribbons (with Registration)	Main Concourse
Booths	West End Michigan Concourse
Booths	Room 103
Booths	North Point Cafe
Booths	Hall C
Booths Liaison	Room 101
Booths and Lost & Found	Main Concourse
Booths President	Room 101
Booths Vice Presidents	Room 102
Booths Secretary	Room 101
Booths Treasurer	Room 103
Booths Immediate Past President	Room 102

**AREA of RESPONSIBILITY**

AREA I - INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, DARYL EWING
Group 1 Region 4
Coordinator
Assistants Richard Osborne
AREA II - 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, JAMES HADDAWAY
Group 1 Region 8
Coordinator
Assistants Norman J Beu/
Group 2 Region 5
Coordinator
Assistants Bill Schrader/f
Group 3 Region 11
Coordinator
Assistants Don Mantle/
AREA III - 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, JIM FRANKLIN
Group 1 Region 10
Coordinator
Assistants Al Stahl
Group 2 Region 3
Coordinator
Assistants Thomas Tisde
Group 3 Region 2
Coordinator
Assistants Barry Heckenswiler/D
AREA IV - 3RD VICE PRESIDENT, DON SHAFER
Group 1 Region 7
Coordinator
Assistants John Tetzlaff
Group 2 Region 1
Coordinator
Assistants Raynold Lemaire/Rober
Group 3 Region 6
Coordinator
Assistants Phil Risher/W. f
AREA V - RECORDING SECRETARY, SANDY POAST
Group 1 Region 12
Coordinator
Assistant Warr
Assistant Jim Elmling
AREA VI - TREASURER, JIM WRIGHT
Group 1 Region 9
Coordinator
Assistants Jerry Larso

July 3, continued

- 12:00 pm Airstream Sales . . . . . Airstream Display Area
- Jewish Worship Service . . . Temple Kelliat Israel  
Congregation . . . . . 2014 Forest Road  
(Directions will be posted Rally Bulletin Board)
- 1:00 pm Ribbon Embroidery Seminar . . . Room 204-205
- 1:00 pm Region 7 Luncheon . . . . . Banquet Room 1,3
- 1:30 pm Last Day to Pick Up Mail
- 1:00 pm Scrapbooking Seminar . . . . . Room 201
- 1:00 pm WBCCI Computer Club Meeting . . Room 204-205
- 1:00 pm Light House Caravan Meeting . . . . . WBCCI Tent

**Evening Program**

- Announcements . . . . . Hall A
- BOOTS RANDOLPH & His Yackety Sax  
. . . . . Hall A
- INSTALLATION OF YOUR INTERNATIONAL  
OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005 . . . . . Hall A  
(followed by)
- Receiving line by Flags
- Inaugural Ball . . . . . Banquet Room 7-8

July 4

- J. S. Independence Day: Wear Red, White & Blue
- 1:30 am Choir Assembly . . . . . Hall A
- 1:30 am CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE Room 201-202
- 1:00 am INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE . . . Hall A  
WBCCI Fourth of July Parade  
Time for Region, Unit & Group Picnics

**Evening Program**

- Announcements . . . . . Hall A
- WBCCI CHOIR . . . . . Hall A
- CLOSING CEREMONY . . . . . Hall A

July 5

- 2004-2005 WBCCI Executive Committee Meeting  
(followed by)
- 2004-2005 International Board of  
Trustees Seminar/Meeting  
(Open to all members)  
. . . . . Room 201-202

**WHERE TO FIND PEOPLE  
WHO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES**

- Judges Acquisition . . . . . Ti
- Keys, Building Key Chairman . . . . .
- Locator Board Chairman . . . . .
- Lost & Found and Information . . . . . Ma
- Mail Service . . . . . WBCCI Trailer at
- Master of Ceremonies . . . . .
- Medical Information . . . . . Fi
- Message Center & Scooter Patrol . . . . . Mobile Home
- Parade Chairman . . . . .
- Parliamentarian . . . . .
- Print Shop . . . . .
- Program Editor . . . . .
- Property Control . . . . . Storage Room
- Public Relations . . . . . E
- Purchasing . . . . .
- Rally Appointments Secretary . . . . .
- Registration . . . . . Ma
- Security . . . . .
- Sign Shop . . . . . HALL B
- Sign-up Tables . . . . .
- Space Coordinator . . . . .
- Stage/Sound Controller . . . . .
- Tables & Chairs . . . . .
- Tent Reservations . . . . .
- Traffic Control . . . . . Mobile Home
- Typing & Clerical Pool . . . . .
- Unit Bulletin Boards . . . . .
- Usherettes . . . . . Hall E
- Vendors . . . . .
- Youth/Teen Activities . . . . .  
(Evenings) Banquet

\* All Rally Chairmen have office space or can be contacted  
Committee Chairmen Secretary in Coat Room.

## Daily Activities Schedule

(Alls & Rooms are in the Lansing Civic Center)

### Friday, June 24

- 4:00 pm RALLY PARKING
- 4:00 pm Teen Queen Practice ..... Room 104
- 4:00 pm WBCCI International Board of Trustees Seminar (Open to all members). Room 201-202
- 4:00 pm Friendship Center ..... North Point Cafe (Open Daily except Sunday morning and evening Programs through July 3)
- 1:30 pm Region Past Presidents' Luncheon . Radisson Hotel
- 4:00 pm REGISTRATION ..... Main Concourse
- 4:00 pm Sign-up Tables ..... Hall C (Indian Trail Tour Company will be selling tours every day during Registration)
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice (Everyone Welcome) ..... Lansing Eastern High School

### Saturday, June 25

- 4:00 pm RALLY PARKING
- Club Store & Vendors set-up ..... Hall C
- 4:30 pm Airstream Store & Service ... Airstream Tent
- 4:00 pm Teen Queen Practice ..... Room 104
- 2:00 pm WBCCI International Board of Trustees Seminar (Open to all members). Room 201-202
- 4:00 pm REGISTRATION ..... Main Concourse
- 4:00 pm Sign-up Tables ..... Hall C (Indian Trail Tour Company will be selling tours every day during Registration)
- 3:00 pm Committee Chairmen's Meeting ..... Hall B
- 4:00 pm Choir Practice (Everyone Welcome) ..... Lansing Eastern High School
- 3:00 pm UNIT PRESIDENTS' APPRECIATION DINNER (by Invitation only) ..... Banquet Room 1-6

### Sunday, June 26

- 7:00 pm Airstream Store & Service ... Airstream Tent
- 4:00 pm RALLY PARKING
- 4:30 pm Club Store & Vendors ..... Hall C
- 4:00 pm Teen Queen Practice ..... Room 104

### Friday, July 2, continued

- 7:00 am - 4:30 pm Club Store & Vendors .....
- 8:30 am - 9:30 am CB Radio Seminar "Do It Yourself" .....
- 8:30 am - 10:00 am Holeyboard Contest .....
- 8:30 am - 11:30 am Introduction to Caravanning (3 of 3)
- 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Teen Queen Practice .....
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am Americas Mailbox Seminar .....
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am Talent/Skit Contest ..... Banquet Room
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am Pet Show .....
- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration for 2005 International Convention ..... North End of Michigan State University
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Airstream Sales ..... Airstream
- 9:15 am - 12:00 pm Party Bridge (3 of 3) .....
- 9:45 am - 11:15 pm Airstream Angels Seminar .....
- 10:00 am-11:00 am Unit Newsletter & Directory Seminar
- 10:00 am-12:00 pm Horseshoe Contest .....
- 11:30 am- 2:00 pm Committee Chairmen's Appreciation Luncheon (by Invitation Only) . Bar
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Computer Class (7 of 8) "Microsoft Office 2003" .....
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Genealogy Club Meeting/Seminar ...
- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm CB Club Meeting .....
- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Full Timers' Seminar (2 of 2) .... (For experienced Full Timers - open to all members)
- 2:45 pm 4:30 pm Computer Class (8 of 8) "Designing Greeting Cards" .....

### Evening Program

- 7:15 pm Announcements .....
- 7:30 pm PAGEANT .....
- After Program Ballroom Dancing # 4 .....
- Teen Sock Hop & Ball ..... Banquet Room

### Saturday, July 3

- 7:00 am - 12:00 pm Flea Market & Craft Sales .....
- 7:00 am - 8:00 am - Set Up
- 8:00 am - 8:30 am - Wheel Chairs
- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm - Selling
- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Club Store & Vendors .....
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm All Unit Bulletin Boards must be picked up
- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration for 2005 International Convention ..... North End of Michigan State University

July 1, continued

- 12:00 pm Formal Gown Judging ..... Hall
- 12:00 pm Hand & Foot Game ..... Room 202
- 12:00 pm Registration for 2005 International Rally  
..... North End of Main Concourse
- 12:00 pm Airstream Sales ..... Airstream Display Area
- 12:00 pm Party Bridge (2 of 3) ..... Room 202
- 12:00 pm Personalizing Your Airstream ..... Room 203
- 12:00 pm Show Rehearsal ..... Room 204-205
- 12:00 pm Merrill Lynch (2 of 2)  
"Interest Rate & Income" ..... Room 104
- 12:00 pm Region 2 Luncheon ..... Banquet Room 1-4
- 12:00 pm WBCCI Amateur Radio Club Annual Meeting  
Luncheon & Election of Officers . . . Governor's Rm
- 12:00 pm Region 6 Luncheon ..... Banquet Room 5-8
- 12:30 pm Computer Class (5 of 8) "Internet Security and  
overview of wireless networking for your  
home or business" ..... Room 201
- 12:00 pm National Caravan N-33-J (Lewis & Clark)  
..... Room 203
- 12:00 pm Full Timers' Seminar (1 of 2)..... Room 104  
(For Explorers of Full Timing: Open to All)
- 12:00 pm Teen Queen Practice ..... Hall A
- 12:30 pm Duplicate Bridge (3 of 3) ..... Room 202
- 12:00 pm Golden Anniversary 2005 Caravan Drawing  
..... Banquet Room 1-4
- 12:30 pm Computer Class (6 of 8) "GPS Systems"  
..... Room 201
- 12:00 pm National Caravan N-33-Q (Golf) ..... Room 203

**Evening Program**

- Announcements ..... Hall A
- CANADA NIGHT ..... Hall A

July 2

- 12:00 am Full Timer Club Breakfast ..... Governor's Room
- 12:45 am Morning Devotions..... WBCCI Tent
- 12:30 am Region 12 Breakfast ..... Banquet Room 2,4
- 12:45 am Line Dancing ..... River Street Pub
- 12:00 am Amateur Radio FCC Exam (2 of 2)  
(Technician/General/Extra Class)  
..... Amateur Radio Station at Parking Site
- 12:00 pm Airstream Store & Service ..... Airstream Tent

Saturday, June 26, continued

- 12:30 am - 4:00 pm WBCCI EXECUTIVE MEETING  
(followed by)  
WBCCI International Board of T  
Meeting (Open to all members) . Ro
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Airstream Sales ..... Airstream I
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Blood Drive ..... Ban
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm REGISTRATION ..... Ma
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sign-up Tables .....  
(Indian Trail Tour Company will be se  
every day during Registration)
- 2:00 pm Vintage Airstream Caravan Parade in

Sunday, June 27

- 8:00 am - 8:30 am Choir Assembly .....
- 8:30 am - 9:30 am CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE Ro
- 10:00 am-11:00 am INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVIC
- 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm Vendors .....
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm RALLY PARKING
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Building & Gate Security Meeting ..
- \* 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm FLAG PRACTICE (with poles only) ..
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Unit Parade Chairmen's Meeting ..
- 7:30 pm Big Band Dance #1 .....

*5:00 PM - 4:00 DINNER*

Monday, June 28

- Blue Beret Day: Wear it with
- 12:00 am - 8:30 am Region 8 Breakfast ..... Banquet
- 7:15 am - 7:45 am Morning Devotions .....
- 8:00 am - 8:45 am Line Dancing ..... River
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm RALLY PARKING
- 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Airstream Store & Service ..... Airstream
- 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Club Store & Vendors .....
- 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Teen Queen Practice .....
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Airstream Sales ..... Airstream
- \* 10:00 am PARADE OF FLAGS & OPENING
- 11:30 am - 2:00 pm Region 4 Luncheon ..... Room
- 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Region 11 Luncheon ..... Banquet
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Precise Satellite .....
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Blue Ox "Towing, Supplemental Brak  
& RV Accessories" .....

June 28, continued

- 3:00 pm First Timers' Seminar . . . . . Hall
- 4:00 pm Craft Workshop (1 of 2) . . . . . Room 203-204
- 4:00 pm Knitting (1 of 2) . . . . . Room 203-204
- 4:00 pm Caravan Discussion Session (open to all)  
 . . . . . Room 202
- 4:00 pm REGISTRATION . . . . . Main Concourse
- 4:00 pm Sign-up Tables . . . . . Hall C  
(Indian Trail Tour Company will be selling tours  
 every day during Registration)
- 3:15 pm National/Special Event Rallies Seminar Room 201  
(Open to everyone interested in conducting rallies)
- 3:15 pm Hensley Mfg., Inc. . . . . Room 205  
 Hensley Towing System
- 4:00 pm Larry Huttle, Chairman of Airstream. . . . . Hall A  
*RESERVED ONTARIO CARAVAN RM 208 2. CENTER*

**Evening Program**

- Announcement . . . . . Hall A
- LANSING NIGHT . . . . . Hall A
- Ballroom Dancing # 2 . . . . . Hall A

June 29

- Car Color Day: Wear your favorite color!
- 7:45 am Morning Devotions . . . . . WBCCI Tent
- 8:00 am Region 5 Breakfast . . . . . Banquet Room 1,3
- 8:00 am Region 10 Breakfast . . . . . Radisson Hotel
- 8:30 am Line Dancing . . . . . River Street Pub
- 9:00 am Amateur Radio FCC Exam (1 of 2)  
(Technician/General/Extra Class)  
 . . . . . Amateur Radio Station at Parking Site
- 9:15 pm Photo Slide Contest . . . . . Banquet Room 5  
 8:00 am - Set Up  
 9:00 am - Judging  
 1:00 pm - Viewing
- 9:30 pm Unit Publications Contest . . . . . Banquet Room 7-8  
(Newsletters & Directories)  
 8:00 am - Set Up  
 9:00 am - Judging  
 1:00 pm - Viewing
- 9:30 pm Unit History Book Contest . . . . . Banquet Room 7-8  
 8:00 am - Set Up  
 9:00 am - Judging  
 1:00 pm - Viewing

Wednesday, June 30, continued

- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Computer Class (3 of 8)  
 "Intel Centuri Chips and 3D Album  
 . . . . .
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Membership Workshop . . . . .
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Vintage Airstream Club's Concours c  
& Open House . . . . . Vintag
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm National Caravan N-33-L (Alyeska)
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm National Caravan N-33-I 1 (Maple Le  
 . . . . .
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Cribbage Card Games . . . . .
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Manipulation Card Games . . . . .
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Teen Queen Practice . . . . .
- 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Duplicate Bridge (2 of 3) . . . . .
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Future Rally Site Presentation . . . . .
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Airstream Open House & Ice Cream  
 . . . . . A
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Microwave/Convection Seminar  
 . . . . . Banq
- 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Prostate CA "The Miniature Beam"  
 . . . . . Gov
- 2:45 pm - 4:30 pm Computer Class (4 of 8)  
 "Intel Centuri Chips and 3D Album  
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- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm National Caravan N-33-I 2 (Maple Le  
 . . . . .
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm National Caravan N-33-N (Landmarks  
 . . . . .

**Evening Program**

- 7:15 pm Announcements . . . . .
- 7:30 pm INVITATION TO 2005 RALLY S
- 7:45 pm THE DIAMONDS . . . . .
- After Program Ballroom Dancing #3 . . . . .

Thursday, July 1

- Canada Day: Wear Red and White
- 7:15 am - 7:45 am Morning Devotions . . . . .
- 8:00 am Golf Tournament . . . . . Royal Scot
- 8:00 am - 8:45 am Line Dancing . . . . . Riv
- 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Club Store & Vendors . . . . .
- 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Airstream Store & Service . . . . . A
- 8:30 am - 10:30 am Introduction to Amateur Radio . . . . .
- 8:30 am - 11:30 am Introduction to Caravanning (2 of 3)
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am SkyMed (2 of 2) . . . . .
- 9:00 am - 10:30 am Talent Show Rehearsal . . . . . Ri

June 29, continued

- :30 pm Computer Class (2 of 8)  
"Choosing a Digital Camera" . . . . . Room 201
- :00 pm WBCCI Public Relations Seminar for  
Region & Unit Officers . . . Room 203-204

**Evening Program**

- Announcements . . . . . Hall A
- Incentive Drawing for those  
Registered by January 1, 2004 . . . . . Hall A
- FESTIVAL of MUSIC . . . . . Hall A  
by the WBCCI Band
- n Line Dancing . . . . . Hall A

ay, June 30

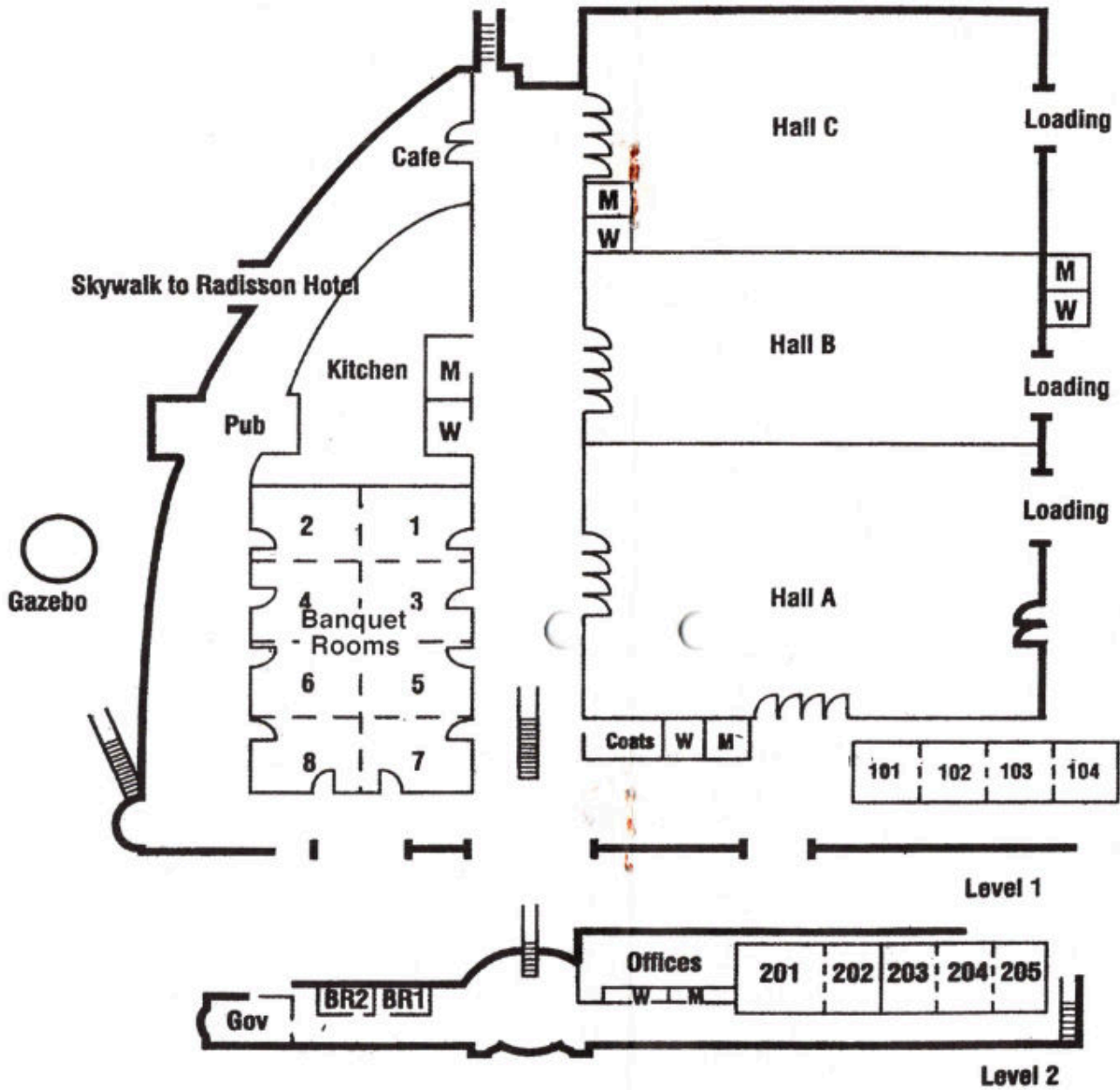
- :45 am Morning Devotions . . . . . WBCCI Tent
- :45 am Line Dancing . . . . . River Street Pub
- :00 pm Art Show . . . . . Banquet Room 5-8  
8:00 am - Set Up  
9:00 am - Judging  
1:00 pm - Viewing
- :00 pm Hobby Show Creations & Collections  
. . . . . Banquet Room 5-8  
8:00 am - Set Up  
9:00 am - Judging  
1:00 pm - Viewing
- :30 pm Club Store & Vendors . . . . . Hall C
- :30 pm Airstream Store & Service . . . . . Airstream Tent
- :30 am Introduction to Caravanning (1 of 3) .. Room 201
- :00 pm Interviews . . . . . Room 104
- :00 pm DELEGATES' SEMINAR/MEETING . . . Hall A
- :00 am SkyMed (1 of 2) . . . . . Room 203
- :00 am Workhorse Custom Chassis Seminar .. Room 204
- :00 am Merrill Lynch Seminar (1 of 2)  
"Protecting Performance" . . . . . Room 205
- :30 am Fashion Show Rehearsal . . . . . Banquet Room 2,4
- :00 pm Airstream Sales . . . . . Airstream Display Area
- :00 pm Party Bridge (1 of 3) . . . . . Room 202
- :00 am Freightliner Custom Chassis Seminar. . Room 204
- :30 am Foremost Insurance Seminar . . . . . Room 203
- :00 pm Suzanne's Fashion Show . . . . . Banquet Room 2,4
- :00 pm Quilts Seminar . . . . . Room 205
- :00 pm Region 9 Luncheon . . . . . Radisson Hotel
- :00 pm REGISTRATION . . . . . Main Concourse

Tuesday, June 29, continued

- 3:00 am - 3:00 pm Caravan Publication Contest. . Banqu  
8:00 am - Set Up  
9:00 am - Judging  
1:00 pm - Viewing
- 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Photo Print Contest. . . . . Banqu  
8:00 am - Set Up  
9:00 am - Judging  
1:00 pm - Viewing
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm RALLY PARKING
- 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Airstream Store & Service . . . . . Ai
- 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Vendors & Club Store open . . . . .
- 8:30 am - 9:30 am Tahiti Noni Juice Seminar . . . . .
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11:30 am - Atwood 12:00 noon - Barker
- 8:30 am - 9:30 am Propane Seminar . . . . .
- 8:30 am - 9:30 am Coastal Reflections "Fashion Jewelr  
. . . . .
- 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Teen Queen Practice . . . . .
- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Craft Workshop (2 of 2) . . . . . Ro
- 9:00 am - 12:00 am Knitting (2 of 2) . . . . . Ro
- 9:00 am - 12:00 am Fine Needle Arts . . . . . Ro
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Airstream Sales . . . . . Airstream
- 9:45 am - 10:45 am Fowler Interiors Seminar "RV Refurt  
. . . . .
- 9:45 am - 10:45 am AJL Solar Seminar . . . . .
- 9:45 am - 11:45 am Beginners Joker Lessons . . . . .
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm J.J.'s Gold "Fine Jewelry" . . . . .
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm Brake Buddy Seminar . . . . .  
"Tow Car Braking with Brake Buddy
- 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Region 3 Luncheon . . . . . Ra
- 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Region 1 Luncheon . . . . . Gove
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Computer Class (1 of 8) "MacIntosh  
. . . . .
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Unit Officers Workshop . . . . . Roo
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm REGISTRATION . . . . . Mai
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sign-up Tables . . . . .
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Duplicate Bridge (1 of 3) . . . . .
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Pinochle Card Games . . . . .
- 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Joker Game Tournament . . . . .
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Band Dress Rehearsal . . . . .



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## International rally of Airstream owners heads to Lansing



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**Airstream believer:** Raynold Lemaire of Connecticut reads Wednesday outside his 2003 Airstream (back right). Lemaire, a member of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International for 26 years, is in Lansing for the Airstream rally, which runs June 28 to July 4.

## 'Silver bullets' stream in

Area's economy to get \$5M boost from caravaners

By CHRIS GOLEMBIEWSKI  
Lansing State Journal

They've been streaming in for two weeks — and by June 27 they'll be an instant suburb, a shining "silver city" near Capital City Airport.

Population: more than 1,700 sleek, uniquely American traveling "silver bullets" — the Airstream trailer, as well as Airstream motor homes — and about 3,500 people.

Lansing is hosting its first Wally Byam Caravan Club International Rally, the annual gathering of Airstream aficionados from all over the



**Getting around:** Stickers adorn the inside of the door of Jo Jugel's 1989 Airstream. Jugel is from Maryland.

United States and Canada.

And the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau is expecting a \$5 million impact on the area. Businesses from restaurants to Laundromats are bracing for the rush.

"This is a very significant event," said Kent Love, the convention bureau's vice president for marketing and communications.

It will be one of the

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### Airstream rally

- ▶ **What:** Wally Byam Caravan Club International Rally
- ▶ **Who:** Nearly 3,500 owners of about 1,700 Airstream trailers and RVs from the United States and Canada
- ▶ **When:** June 28-July 4, but trailers started arriving June 7
- ▶ **Where:** Parked near Capital City Airport, Marshall Street Armory and Lansing Center; members shuttle to the center daily

### Events open to public

- ▶ **June 26** — American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., Lansing Center
- ▶ **June 26** — Vintage Airstream parade from DeWitt's Clark Corners (former Lansing Factory Outlet Stores) to Capital City Airport, 2 p.m.
- ▶ **June 27** — Free open house of vintage Airstreams, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Capital City Airport

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# Alien Airstreamer INVADE LANSING

BY LAWRENCE COSE

et ready. The classic summer  
to get even squintier in greater

ately 1,700 blinding silver  
ing from 16 to 40 feet in length,  
egun to converge on the city  
tions. Once they are massed  
sleek, ovoid swarms will pres-  
ture vision of burnished alumi-  
num and machine-  
age rivets unique in the  
city's history.

As a radio reporter  
gasped in 1953's "War of  
the Worlds," "The  
strange cylinders are  
everywhere, ladies and  
gentlemen...what we're  
facing here is a full-scale  
invasion."

What are they?  
What do they seek?  
Most important — are  
the beings inside them  
anything like us?

The last question is  
easiest to answer: No.

They may not have  
r three rows of teeth, but they  
d the whole point of having a  
something other people don't

Wally Byam Caravan Club  
(WBCCI) — a huge, elaborately  
organization of some 22,000  
asts who spend anywhere from  
eks a year in their beloved  
lers.

l Rally will last a week, from  
uly 4 (birthday of the club's  
er, Wally Byam — about whom  
ig caravan segments will head

with restaurants and laundromats among the  
big winners (alas, hoteliers are not so lucky,  
for Airstreamers take their homes wherever  
they go). Finally, the gathering affords a rare  
glimpse into an American sub-culture rife  
with contradictions, a rebelliously square  
counter-alternative lifestyle little known to  
those outside the curved silver doors.

Let's begin with Wally himself. In the  
world of Airstream, Wally Byam is the man —  
Henry Ford, Colonel Sanders and Walt  
Disney rolled into one. Byam co-created and  
named the Airstream back in the '30s, build-  
ing on a basic design inherited from previous  
trailer tinkers such as Glenn Curtiss (of the  
Curtiss motorcycle) and William Bowlus  
(builder of Charles Lindbergh's Atlantic-  
spanning "Spirit of '76").

In the Depression years, building trailers  
was a capital-intensive, risky venture, but  
Byam was obsessed with the notion of com-  
fortable travel, having spent much of his  
teenage years as a shepherd, living out of a  
donkey cart. He gambled everything on the  
notion that a single product could satisfy  
Americans' contradictory urges for adventure  
and comfort. Applying aerodynamic and  
engineering principles learned in the aircraft  
industry, he turned the Airstream into a taut  
fusion of function and form, launching one of  
the most durable and enduring American  
consumer products.

Bear with me now for a few rough specs.  
The famous Airstream shell is a sandwich of  
tempered aluminum and insulation, impervi-  
ous to damn near everything — including  
"vermin" (early ad copy). This shell was elec-  
trically welded to the chassis to realize a  
"monocoque" (single-shell) design, all weak  
spots ruthlessly sought out and eliminated.  
Because screws and bolts gradually shake  
loose during road travel, each Airstream is all



ds and highways like so many drops on a web.

urday, several dozen advance ready set up camp in the two areas. Out at Capital City the vast bulk of the trailers will be the club's high and middle-level already in place, ceremonial in front of their trailers and

Meanwhile, a smaller group of trailers began to coalesce at across from the Armory on the using. officers and rank-and-file mem- rally is a time to do business, one another and explore a new lobe. Most of the meetings and take place at the downtown vention Center, where such s as a proposed beret color "ll have their day in court," said (the upstarts) will be deliberat- rs will also be square dancing, hey have their own band) and njoy local acts like Three Men n Lansing Night, June 28).

t city, the rally provides a once- dhibition, in buffalo-herd num- asterpiece of 20th century ustrial design. It also pumps llars into the local economy,

more rivets.

Leaning into the space-age vibe, print ads laded on the engineering sweet-talk that flavored consumer-product foreplay in the post-war period ("tensional, compressive, shearing and torsional stresses act in balanced support").

Back in the '60s, an Airstream was placed in a New Mexico dummy town built for an atomic test back in the early sixties. According to company lore, the trailer held up under the full brunt of an H-bomb shock wave, suffering only two broken windows and one dent to the fuselage.

But the real draw of the classic Airstream was always the shape. By the '40s and '50s, product streamlining was often eye candy with no grounding in function, but Airstream design cut down on wind resistance as well as eye resistance. Anyone who has ever thrust a palm out of a car window on the highway can appreciate the value of eliminating every flat spot from the front and sides of a 40-foot trailer.

Another reason Airstreams are such a dream to tow is their surprising lightness. In 1947 Byam, a master at publicity, invited the celebrated French bicyclist Latorneau to pull a trailer with his bike, an event which inspired the company's delightfully odd little logo.

Byam's biggest breakthrough came when



Nancye Lake (top) has been caravanning on and off for 42 years. (Bottom) Airstream v

he figured out how to drop the floor of the trailer to axle level, allowing humans to stand up inside. (OK, so the Airstreamers are a little like us.) Once this basic requirement was accommodated, all the trappings of "Airstream living" flowed forth like mayonnaise from a glass jar. Designers injected every home comfort they could think of into each silver capsule, from drop-down tables to stoves and showers and cedar-lined wardrobes.

Despite a brief late-'80s detour into beige-rectangle RV hell called the "Land Yacht" (true believers immediately called it the "Squarestream"), the classic bullet design has stayed in circulation from the '30s to the present, albeit with scores of variations in size and appointments. About 20 new units still slip out of the Airstream factory at Jackson Center, Ohio, each week.

The Airstream itself, however, was only the material nucleus of Byam's blue-skies, utopian vision of American travel. Beginning in the early 1950s, Byam began to work seriously at wrapping an entire way of life around his sil-

ver cocoon, promoting the mantra "See more, do more" even promulgated his own supplement those of Pro Freedom from "arrangements, reservations...and, s property taxes); freedom fior-citizen boredom; "freer people, other places); adom for fun." "Let's not ma told his white-coated wo only improvements."

In an age of cynical m hard to appreciate how de life into those cornball s Airstream caravans, in Mexico, two to Central A Europe and Africa, before Byam saw the caravans not but also as social events, and epic hands-on test countless ideas for the ir product along the way.

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say, the caravans were also a sales tool. Exotic photos of far-away lands — camped amidst, lounging in Moscow's 1962, at the height of the cold above glittering harbors and — stirred chair-bound buttocks, opening the wallets stuck there-

point is one of the early arrivals Nancy Lake of Ohio, who was the Airstream bug in the '60s. and I read about Wally Byam he Cairo to Capetown caravan," naming the most famous of adventures (he even met with Emperor Haile Selassie). "There spread about it in National I saw that and said, 'Boy, this Lake has been caravanning on years — the last 20 of them, band passed away, as a single enjoyed every minute of it," she

rs have dealt for decades with cement, condescension and goodwill profile of WBCCI is an assemblage of trailer trash. their multitudinous officers are and they make a point of involv- s in their host communities. At enter, they'll have a blood drive led Cross and donate to local the Ronald McDonald house. eave a team of workers behind d restore the sites.

y from the early days when FBI igar Hoover singled out trailer ew home of crime in America," 'disease, bribery, corruption, rape, white slavery and murder" Airstream: The History of the by Bryan Burkhart and David

ontradiction to such alarmist Vally Byam Club has given peo- a safe and comfortable vehicle adventure for decades. "I dear-Mexican caravan I took in '91," went all the way to Cancun. I done that by myself, but it's dif- ravan.

surprised how many single riving these things," she contin-



sighs. "To me, it's about t don't want anything else."

When she and her husb from a trailer to a mot Airstreamers do, they ma the "Classic," a true motor the trailer's bullet shape.

"These things really ma says. "We caravanned in fr and people really stared. them look like 100." The made, but Joan Larson not scheduled to go back into "We're definitely getting or says.

Considering they are ac bly timeless product, Airst ingly addicted to upgrade Starcher travels these days eighth Airstream in about as they are, says Starche them better. He recalled America he and his wife n 50th anniversary of Wally to the Panama Canal. "Fi any of them made it all Starcher says, meaning t trailer means to complet time we all did."

Starcher estimated t spend about 100 nights a "They're like a magic carp we are in a field, and we h home — and when we do why we need all that spac

Airstreamers seldom s about their passion, but S point out a possible Achill design. "There is one thing the heart of Airstreamers," atorially. "Hail. This is so Wally Byam rally in the l N.D., where a furious ha doing \$16,000 worth of shell. Almost everybody to upgrade to newer mod bad year for the insurance year for Airstream," he de

Of the hundreds of ir and regional officers in t actually paid. The rest of gladly, thriving on the raderie. "It's like a family says cordial, red-faced Re Cook. "The adventure

ere are lots of them here. If some-  
es wrong, there's always a man —  
arried man — that's gonna help.”  
do the rank and file feel about ending  
ising this year? “Well, I'd rather go to  
” Lake admits, “but every place has  
ng.” Advance workers have already  
he Cooley Gardens and the Turner-  
ansion, but many of the arrivals  
more than content to socialize in  
airs on their own generic parking  
hich may as well have been located  
parking lot anywhere. The sheer  
ishment of getting so many  
mers from so many regions of the  
nto one place tends to make the ral-  
e most remarkable thing in its area

tunately, recent rains turned much  
port parking area into a quagmire by  
ght. Tractors were able to pull some  
nto place, but many others were  
to a nearby parking lot, cut off from  
orary electrical poles set up at the  
y the Board of Water and Light. “I  
some people are gonna bail out  
if this rain,” Lake said, “but not me. If  
e gonna do this, they ought to take  
es their way.”

weather dried up over the weekend,  
that the rally would reach full  
increased. This Thursday through  
the main caravans are due to arrive,  
the population of Lansing by some



Ron Starcher (top) is now on his eighth Airstream. (Bottom) On Saturday many trailers were barred from the site at the airport because of recent rains.

4,000 inhabitants. At 2 p.m. on June 26, the Vintage Club, a special sub-unit of the WBC-CL, will be escorted by police to the Airport site. Vintage members drive Airstreams 25 years old or older, often towing them with classic cars. Many of the historic trailers, often lovingly restored from abandoned, dilapidated hulks, will be held open for public view throughout the week of the rally.

Upon arrival, rally participants will block their trailers and hook up to propane and electricity, greeting scores of old friends and rally veterans along the way. Throughout the

week, they will shuttle back and forth to club activities at the Lansing Center by bus (Boots Randolph, anyone?). If past experience is any guide, they will also eat any number of local restaurants down to their last pat of butter and then some.

One aspect of Airstream rallies that sometimes puzzles onlookers is the large percentage of so-called “Squarestream” units which, believe it or not, have their own staunch defenders. Joan Larson, of Hillsboro, Texas, however, is not among them. “People ask, ‘Why do you let those square ones come along?’ she

unequaled.”

Cook is in an excellent position camaraderies. He followed up two careers — one serving in the Navy as a teacher at the Citadel — with a act among the Airstreamers.

“My wife and I used to see Airstreams up and down the road and I'd say, ‘I'd like to see you some day,’” Cook says. “Now I'm in it.” OK, it's a square Land Yacht, but it so much it's hard to hold it against my opinion, it's the best-built RV we've seen on the road. And you'll see a lot of famous faces among them nowadays. Who is that gal? — she's runnin' around in one of them now.”

Cook clamps my hand in a corded handshake as we part. “He's retired, you ought to get yourself a few things and join us.”

“Join us....” The words open up a cinematic sci-fi time-warp. If the Airstream shells suggest the Martians from “War of the Worlds,” their inhabitants sometimes evoke another classic, “Invasion of the Body Snatchers.” Think of it, if the aliens from that film had the highways with sleek, streamlining pods, complete with all the home — instead of icky, mucoid as that made ladies scream on sight — have lasted a bit longer down here I'd have a lot more recruits.

Heyyy...

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# Rally: Businesses brace for rush of Airstream caravaners

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Lansing Center's biggest events, sales manager Tarena Smith said. The Caravan Club will use the entire building during the June 28-July 4 rally but also sets up offices there two weeks in advance.

And because of its duration — with the first arrivals June 7 and departure on July 5 — “a lot of things you wouldn't think are affected by tourism will be,” Love said.

Everything from gas stations, restaurants and grocery stores to beauty shops, bakeries and ice cream shops. And traffic.

Downtown's Radisson Hotel has booked 443 room nights for club members who aren't towing rigs, said Julie Pingston, the convention bureau's vice president for visitor services. Most Airstreamers bring their own beds with them but love to eat out.

“The only meal most of us will eat in our rigs is breakfast,” said club publicity chairman Ron Skelton, who is from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

They'll be too busy to cook. Club members will be bused to the Lansing Center every day on Dean Transportation shuttles to

## On the Web

- ▶ **Wally Byam Caravan Club International:** [www.wbccci.org](http://www.wbccci.org)
- ▶ **Caravan Club rally site:** [www.roadtolansing.com](http://www.roadtolansing.com)
- ▶ **Airstream Inc.:** [www.airstream.com](http://www.airstream.com)
- ▶ **Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau:** [www.lansing.org](http://www.lansing.org)

take part in more than 300 seminars and evening entertainment events there.

A 700-member advance team of volunteers arrives early to arrange for utilities at the airport and the activities covering everything from line dancing to righitching to bird watching.

But Airstreamers also are expected to find time to fan out in mid-Michigan, visiting area shopping centers and historic towns such as Grand Ledge, DeWitt, Williamston and Mason, Pingston said.

The Wally Byam Caravan Club, the world's oldest recreational vehicle club, is named for the Airstream inventor, who first built trailers with aircraft aluminum on Model A Ford chassis in his Los Angeles garage, Caravan club International President Daryl Ewles said.

The rallies are held every year in a different state around his July 4 birthday. Byam came up with the name Airstream in 1934. He led the first travel caravans in 1951, and Airstreamers now wander the globe.

Ewles, 67, a native of Hillsdale and a retired Livonia teacher, chose Lansing for this year's event. Organizers were impressed by the amenities and area recreational activities, he said, as well as the co-operative spirit of local officials.

Ewles bought a 31-foot trailer more than 30 years ago. The family traded up four times.

He and his wife, Myrna, are now what's called “full-timers” who live in their top-of-the-line 39-foot Airstream motor home.

“Airstreams are known for their longevity and towability,” Ewles said.

Airstream Inc., of Jackson Center, Ohio, sells trailers from \$32,000 to \$82,000 and its loaded Land Yacht motor home goes for \$247,800.

But it's the streamlined shape of the original “silver palaces” that's an American icon, symbol of our love for the open road. Restored vintage Airstreams (those more than 25 years old) are rising in value, Skelton said.



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**Getting in gear:** The wives of the WBCCI concert band, including Helen Newick (left) of New Jersey and Donna Covault (right) of Florida, make cards Wednesday under the awning of Fran Sanders' Airstream parked in Lansing.

There's no other life for them, Airstream owners say.

"It's the people, the friendships you make" that keep people coming back to rallies, said Evelyn Skelton, Ron's wife.

"We're neighbors in close proximity for one month or more out of 12. We get to know each other more

than some neighbors at home."

Kathy Ciokiewicz, 66, of Onalaska, Wis., spends about 33 weeks a year on the road with her husband, Al. They've been to New Orleans, the Kentucky Derby and the Indy 500 in their Airstream.

"There's nothing I don't like about it — except that I have

to go home sometime," said Ciokiewicz, the retired president of a flooring company.

"We know where our kids are," she said. "But our kids don't always know where their parents are."

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cluding visa problems and suspicion by officials at airports in the United States and overseas. Far from a smooth operation, the report portrays a plot riven

ment in Afghanistan, who was under pressure from Pakistan to keep al-Qaida confined and feared U.S. retribution.

The pilot of the plane that

actually was being considered for a second wave of attacks still in the early planning stages.

Moussaoui is awaiting trial on conspiracy charges. He

# 'Silver city' is setting up shop with a little neighborly help

By CHRIS GOLEMBIEWSKI

Lansing State Journal

It takes nearly three years, 150 volunteer committees, three semitrailer trucks and an aerial photographer to produce a successful Wally Byam Caravan Club International rally.

The "silver city" of about 1,700 aluminum-clad Airstream travel trailers and Airstream motor homes near Capital City Airport has everything a town needs. It started taking shape on June 7.

Rigs are arriving at scheduled intervals, mainly from June 25 to June 27.

The Lansing Board of Water and Light provides hookup to a hydrant, from which volunteers link three miles of surface plas-

tic water piping from trailer to trailer, international club president Daryl Ewles said.

Officials didn't immediately know how much the club will pay BWL for the service.

The BWL also is selling \$45,000 worth of electrical service strung from special poles, said Julie Pingston of the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The 30-amp service is just enough to keep batteries charged and run a TV — no microwaves, air conditioning or computers, Ewles said.

More electrical power is available to those parking near the Marshall Street Armory. Rally attendees who have disabilities are parking next to the Lansing Center.

Recent heavy rains threw a wrench in the club's meticulous plans, preventing rigs from parking this week on airport grounds.

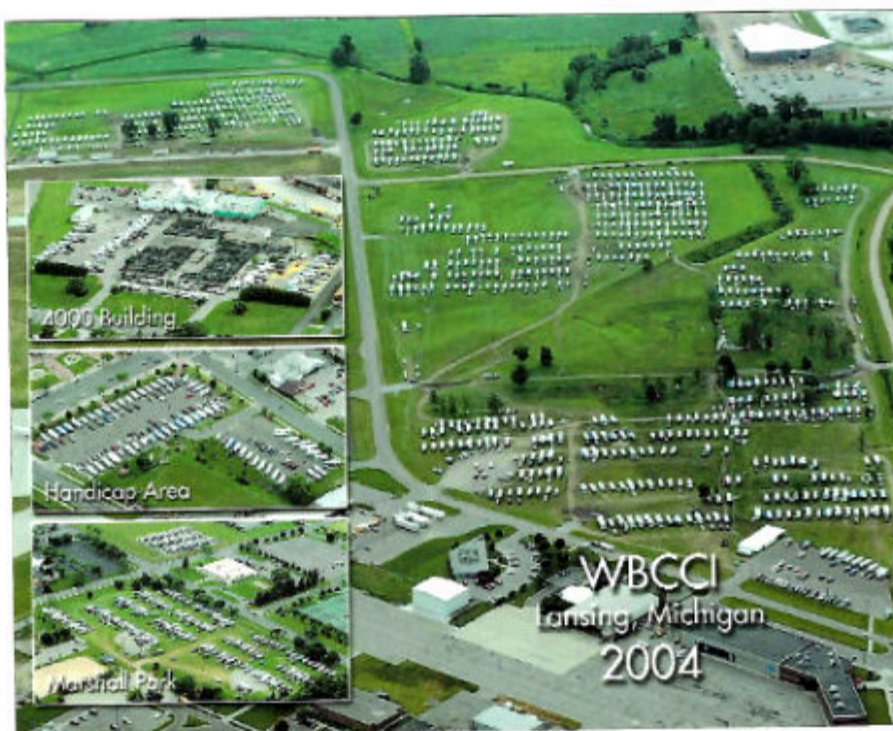
They're scattered temporarily at several Grand River Avenue businesses and along an airport service road.

"But the people in this community have been super," Ewles said.

The club even has its own post office on site — in a specially fitted Airstream, of course. And the city is hauling the club's garbage by contract.

The semis carry office equipment, gear for carpentry and sign printing, and a large tent in which religious services are held.

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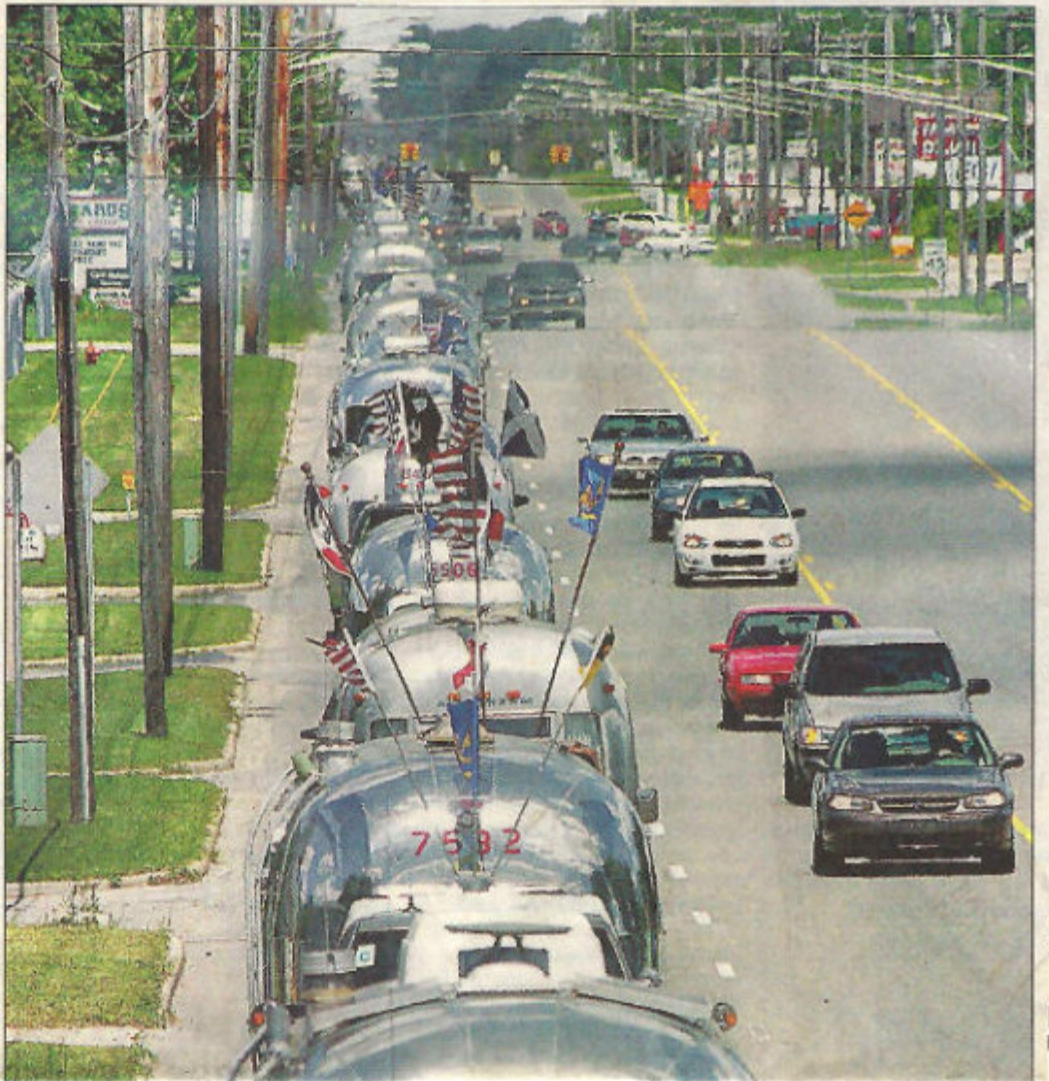
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## VINTAGE caravan



## Airstream international rally winds down



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**Mail time:** John Tetzlaff drops off and picks up mail at a temporary post office located in an Airstream trailer in the parking lot by

Capital City Airport. Tetzlaff, of Minnesota, is the new president of Region 7 of the international caravan club.

# Campers rate Lansing high

Caravan visitors praise sights and food of host city

By **CHRISTAL LIEBOLD**

Lansing State Journal

Residents of the "silver city" of 1,224 aluminum travel trailers that have called Lansing home for at least the past week are getting ready to move on.

And when they do, they'll have good things to say about their host city.

These campers have Airstreamed from every state — and some from Canada and England — to take in the food, sights and culture of Lansing.

"I can't say anything's wrong with your city, because it's gorgeous," said Mary Sharrock, 60, a retired nurse's aide from Milwaukee.



**Keeping in touch:** Fran Perrucci opens mail from her granddaughter. In the background is her husband, Dave (left), and their friend Lou Fox, of Grosse Pointe. The Perruccis, from Pompano Beach, Fla., say it's the camaraderie that separates Airstreamers from "normal" campers.

"And it's got a Wal-Mart," husband Bob, 64, a retired engineer, chimed in with a chuckle.

Participants of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International Rally have spent their time exploring the city and enjoying activities at the Lansing Center, such as choir practice, computer classes and line dancing. Many are traveling for the summer with their grandchildren.

Most of the Airstreamers will take off Monday. Here's



**Getting the news:** Mary Sharrock picks up a newspaper. Lansing, the retired nurse's aide from Milwaukee says, is "gorgeous."

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**By the numbers**

**\$5 million**

estimated amount rally attendees will infuse into Lansing's economy

**1,224**

Airstream units registered for the rally with 2,535 estimated participants

**1,700**

stuffed animals Airstreamers donated for local needy children this week

Source: Barbara Bergen, secretary to the committee chairman of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International

# Rally: Airstreamers say Lansing has been a great host to their club

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what some of them had to say.

## Camaraderie

For couples Fran and Dave Perucci and Lou and Jean Fox, it's the camaraderie that separates Airstreamers from "normal" campers.

After striking up a friendship four years ago on a tour of the national parks, the couples were delightfully surprised to meet up again Friday while getting the afternoon mail.

"Everybody helps one another," Jean Fox, 75, a homemaker from Grosse Pointe said of the Airstream crowd. "If you have trouble with your unit, you have 10 men there looking at it."

For these couples, Airstreaming has become a way of life that consumes several months out of their year. They say they couldn't imagine spending their retirement any other way.

"I always tell my husband: A



Fox

*"A bad day traveling is always better than a good day in the condo."*

Fran Perrucci  
from Pompano Beach, Fla.

bad day traveling is always better than a good day in the condo," said Fran Perrucci, 68, a retired secretary who lives in Pompano Beach, Fla.

"We've been to 49 states. We'd go to Hawaii, but they don't have a road tour there."

## Call it home

For more than 20 years, John Tetzlaff and his wife have practiced the art of Airstreaming.

After serving as vice president of Region 7 of the caravan club for four years, the 68-year-old Minnesota native will be named president of the region today.

His experience in Lansing over the past week has been nothing but positive, he said.

"This is a college town; it's the center of government — it offers a lot educationally and cultural-

ly," Tetzlaff said.

He said the best parts of his week were getting together with old friends, making new ones and welcoming more than 100 new members to the rally.

"We're full timers," he said. "We live in a rig — that's home."

## Teen pageant

Self-described tomboy Delaney Eldridge was one of the more unlikely candidates for Friday night's Teen Queen pageant.

Unconcerned with the state of her hair and nails — and sporting track pants to a practice session — the 15-year-old from Santa Clara, Calif., sticks out among the nine contestants.

"My mom was a California teen queen for three years in the 1970s, and I thought it'd be cool if I did it," said Eldridge, who has been in Lansing since June 18 with her grandparents.

She's less than enthused about the city, although she enjoyed watching a Lugnuts game. She

couldn't pinpoint what exactly was missing.

"In all honesty, I like California better," she said with a laugh. "But I like the people here — they're a lot nicer."

## Contest veteran

Chelsea Newlun is no stranger to getting all prettied up and performing and prancing in pageants.

In her hometown of Frankfort, Ohio, she's competed in five of them. When her grandmother told her about the Airstream Teen Queen pageant last month, she immediately signed up.

"I love pageants because you get a lot of attention, and I love attention," the 13-year-old Ohioan



Delaney



**All lined up:** Airstream trailers are parked neatly in a row for the travel trailer rally. Organizers say 1,224 aluminum travel trailers participated in the rally. Most will leave Lansing on Monday.



BECKY SHINK/Lansing State Journal

**Goal:** Bob Ellis, of Ontario, competes in Friday's horseshoe competition. His event is the first international rally Ellis has attended.

enthusiastically as she fidgets with the curly ringlets in her hair. "I like having the spotlight on me," she said.

Ellis has spent the past few weeks in Lansing with her parents, who encouraged her to participate in the event.

Ellis says she'll miss Lansing when she leaves Monday — but she won't miss the city's roads.

"There are way too many one-way streets," she said. "But everyone up here is really nice. And the food is good."

As for the pageant, she says there is no cattiness or cutthroat competition: "All of us are just here for fun."

Contact Chrystal Liebold at 377-1286 or [cliebold@lansing.gannett.com](mailto:cliebold@lansing.gannett.com).



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## NATIONAL ANTHEMS

### United States

#### Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the  
twilight's last gleaming  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through  
the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so  
gallantly streaming  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in  
Gave proof through the night that our flag  
was still there.  
Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wa  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the bra

### Canada

#### O'Canada

O'Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command  
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise.  
The true North strong and free,  
From far and wide, O'Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.

(Chorus)

God keep our land, Glorious and free!  
O'Canada, we stand on guard for thee,  
O'Canada! We stand on guard for thee.

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All meals, programs and activities will be held in the main hall.

**Emergency Contact Phone Number:** If you need to provide an emergency contact phone number, please give them: 860-558-6541.

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**Hospitality:** Please feel free to stop by and have a snack or make some new ones. Hospitality will be open Wednesday and Thursday.

**Early Morning Coffee:** Every morning at 6:30 AM coffee will be available in the main hall. Stop by and say good morning!!!

**Water Connections:** All water connections to the Fairgrove must be done with a backflow prevention device. Please provide one in your welcome basket.

**Gray Water:** No dumping on the ground. Blue Boys are available to help. Please see map in the program book for dump station location.

**Restrooms & Showers:** Please see the map for locations. Please keep them clean for your fellow members.

**Pets:** We welcome you with your pets at this rally. Please follow the basic rules so we can all enjoy the rally, including you and your pets. All pets of any kind are permitted in the Main Hall at any time. Pets must remain on leash at all times when outside of your Airstream. Please clean up after your pets. Thank you for your assistance.

**Youth Program:** If you have children with you please be sure to sign up for the youth program outlining all of the youth activities being offered.

**Paperback exchange/donation:** There will be a box in the main hall for exchanging or donating books. Please feel free to take a book even if you don't bring any to add. All books left at the end of the rally will be donated to a local senior center for their enjoyment.

**rs-Tuesday & Wednesday:** A group happy hour for early evening will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 4:00 PM in the main hall. Please bring a snack to share and your beverages. Coffee, Tea, Lemonade will be provided.

**-Thursday:** Small Happy Hours will be held on Thursday at various posted sites. You will be provided your hosts name & trailer. Registration by random drawing. Please check the locator board for location. Please bring a snack to share, your beverages and chairs.

**ices:** An Ecumenical Church Service will be held on Sunday at 10:30 AM in the main hall. For Roman Catholic: Most Holy Sacrament; 568 Pomfret Street; Pomfret, CT 06258; (860) 928-5830. Service on Friday: 4 PM. Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM Weekdays: Mon, 7 AM Confessions: Saturday: 3 to 3:30 PM.

Please dispose of all trash in the dumpster as located on the map.

Map is available at the Coffee Break Gulf Station on Kennedy Avenue and Shell Station next to Walmart in Putnam. Please see the map on the map for directions.

Please be sure to come to hear Mr. Dicky Riegel, President of Airstream on Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM about the exciting things Airstream is doing. There will be a special prize drawing for all those who attend.

**isplay:** Please be sure to visit the new Airstreams on display at the SRV.

**irection:** A phone line for computer connection will be available. Please see fairground map on the bulletin board for location. Free numbers only please.

**st:** A Hot Dog feast sponsored by Airstream will be held on Friday from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please be sure to come and see the Top of the World, CT which is 1962 Bambi converted into a Hot Dog. Please contact Dicky Riegel, President of Airstream for sponsoring the Top of the World.

**ening Programs:** You do not need table service for the Thursday & Saturday evenings. Please bring table service for Friday, Saturday & Sunday mornings. You do not need chairs, tables or meals. Hot and cold beverages will be provided.

**Cans & Bottles:** Please place your returnable cans & bottles in the main hall. The local Woodstock Academy Public will use them to fund activities.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to the evening event. The food will be donated to a local food program for the

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1968	Grainger Tomkins
1969-70	Frank Walch
1971	John Engel
1972-74	Paul Worthley, #20
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1976-78	Jean-Guy Deschen
1978-80	Claude Nichols
1980-82	Jessie Walker
1982-84	Robert Lawson
1984-86	Whitney Bradley, #
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1990-92	Ernest Wood, #33
1992-94	James Hegeman
1994-96	Roderick Dole, #2
1996-98	Theda McGrath, #
1998-2000	Wayne Rutty, #210
2000-2002	Dick Bartram, #28
2002-2004	Anne Werth, #293



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## RALLY SCHEDULE

### Tuesday

- Early Parking
- Registration and Hospitality 1:00
- Happy Hour-Main Building
  - Please bring a snack to share and your beverages.
  - Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea, Lemonade & Iced Tea will be
- Building Open for Games & Fellowship un

### Wednesday

- Early Morning Coffee
- Early Parking
- Registration and Hospitality 9:00
- Games- Joker, Holly Board, Dominos, Bocce, etc. 1:00
- Tourism Information 1:00
- Happy Hour-Main Building
  - Please bring a snack to share and your beverages.
  - Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea, Lemonade and Iced Tea will be
- Campfire at the South Stage Bandshell
- Please Bring Chairs
- Building Open for Games & Fellowship un

### Thursday

- Early Morning Coffee
- Early Parking
- Tourism Information
- Registration and Hospitality 9:00
- Games-Joker, Holly Board, Dominos, Bocce, etc. 9:00
- Seminar-RV Safety 10:30
  - By Dick Bartram
  - Presentation of Videos and Material
  - Group Discussion after video
- Seminar-Craft-Make a Badge Lanyard 1:00
  - By Jessie Gould
  - Come and make a beautiful beaded lanyard for your WBC
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 Presidents and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents  
 ; Bottom of Flagpole  
 At host site 4:00 PM  
 e bring your beverages, chairs and a snack to share  
 will Given at Registration  
*Service Provided* 5:30 PM  
 : Ziti, Sauce, Meatballs, Sausage, Bread, Salad & Dessert  
 gram 7:00 PM  
 ing Ceremonies  
 Flag Parade  
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 ational Officers Presentation-2005 International Rally  
 t Jim Spinanno - Comedian - ESP  
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 n for Games & Fellowship until 11:30 PM

**Friday**

ase Bring Table Service 7:30-8:00 AM  
 : French Toast, Sausage & OJ  
 Breakfast & Seminar- Reserved Tables 7:30 AM  
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 Party & Hayride 5:30 PM  
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 some of the fine restaurants in the area  
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 Drive for Local Food Pantry- Please bring a non-perishable food  
 to the evening program and leave in the boxes by the door.  
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### Friday Evening

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#### **Don Sineti - Chantyman**

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of sailor life both at sea and ashore: work songs and  
sea songs.

Through discussion and singing of these folksongs, we aim to  
show appreciation for the life and work of the merchant  
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Many of these old sea songs offer us special perspectives on  
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addition to records of deep-water life.

Because many of these songs are simple and repetitive, they  
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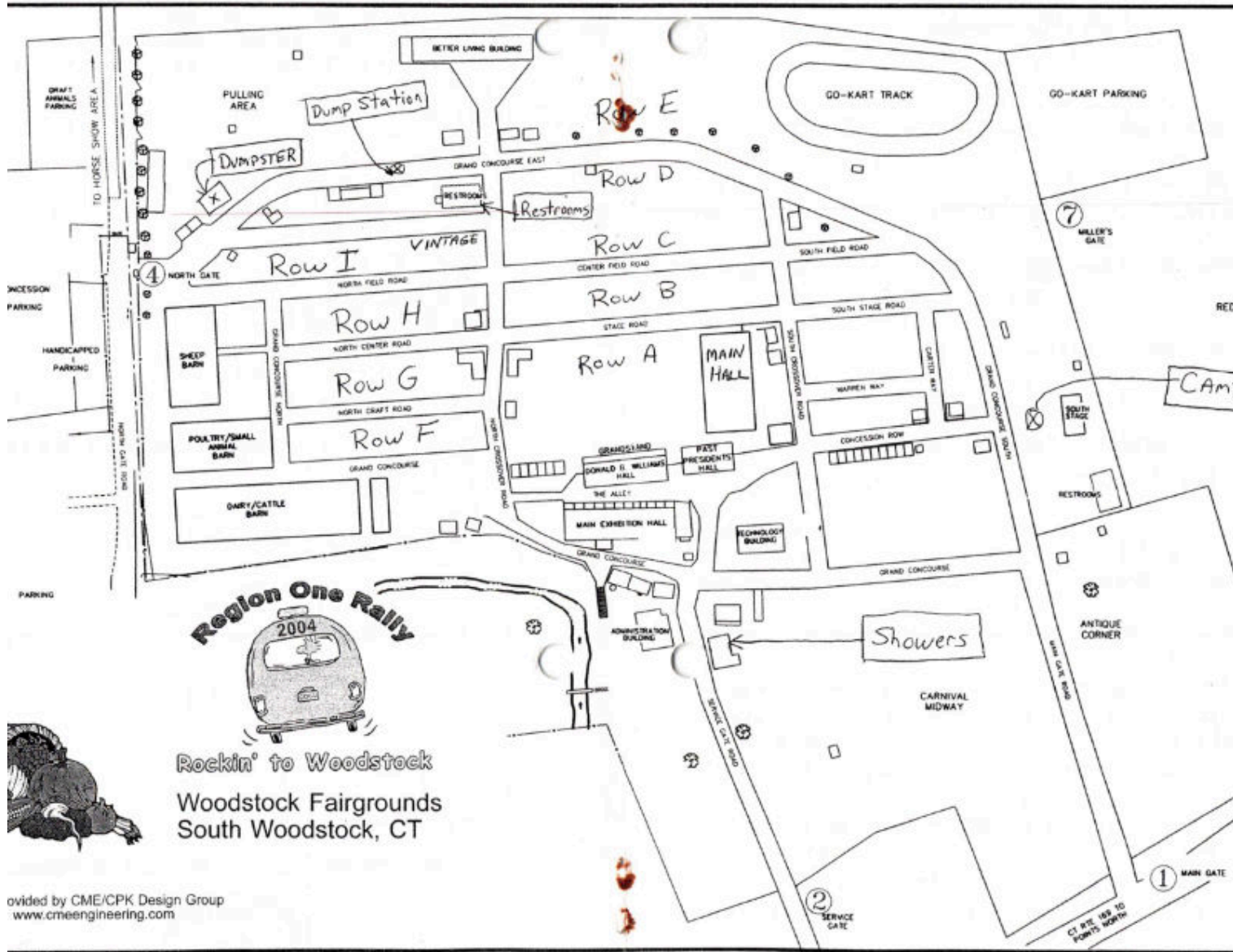
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Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Hash Browns, Biscuits &  
Families with youth- Tour of Buffalo Farm  
Families meet in front of Hall to Carpool & Caravan to fa  
Door Prize Pickup- See bulletin board if you won!! 8:  
Region 1 Open Forum  
Region 1 Annual Meeting  
Seminar- SkyMed International 11:0  
By Bill Davis- Sky Med Representative  
Learn the benefits of SkyMed emergency air ambulance s  
Hot Dog Feast- Sponsored by Airstream, Inc. 11:00 A  
Featuring "The Top Dog" converted Bambi  
Seminar-Craft- Stampin' Up 1:  
By Laurie Winslow- Stampin' Up Consultant  
Come and make project & learn about Stamp Art  
Seminar-Amsoil-Motor Oil Systems 2:  
By Dave Penniman- Amsoil Rep.  
Learn about different oil & synthetic oils  
Vintage Airstream-Open House 4:  
Dinner-*Table Service Provided*  
Menu: Ham, Baked Potatoes, Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls & Pie  
Evening Program  
Announcements  
Presentation of 2005 Region 1 Rally By Quebec Canada 1  
Raffle Drawing-Must be present to claim prizes  
Entertainment-Riverboat Ramblers  
Youth Movie- Technology Building  
Ice Cream to follow sponsored by Camping USA  
Building Open for Games & Fellowship unt

### Sunday

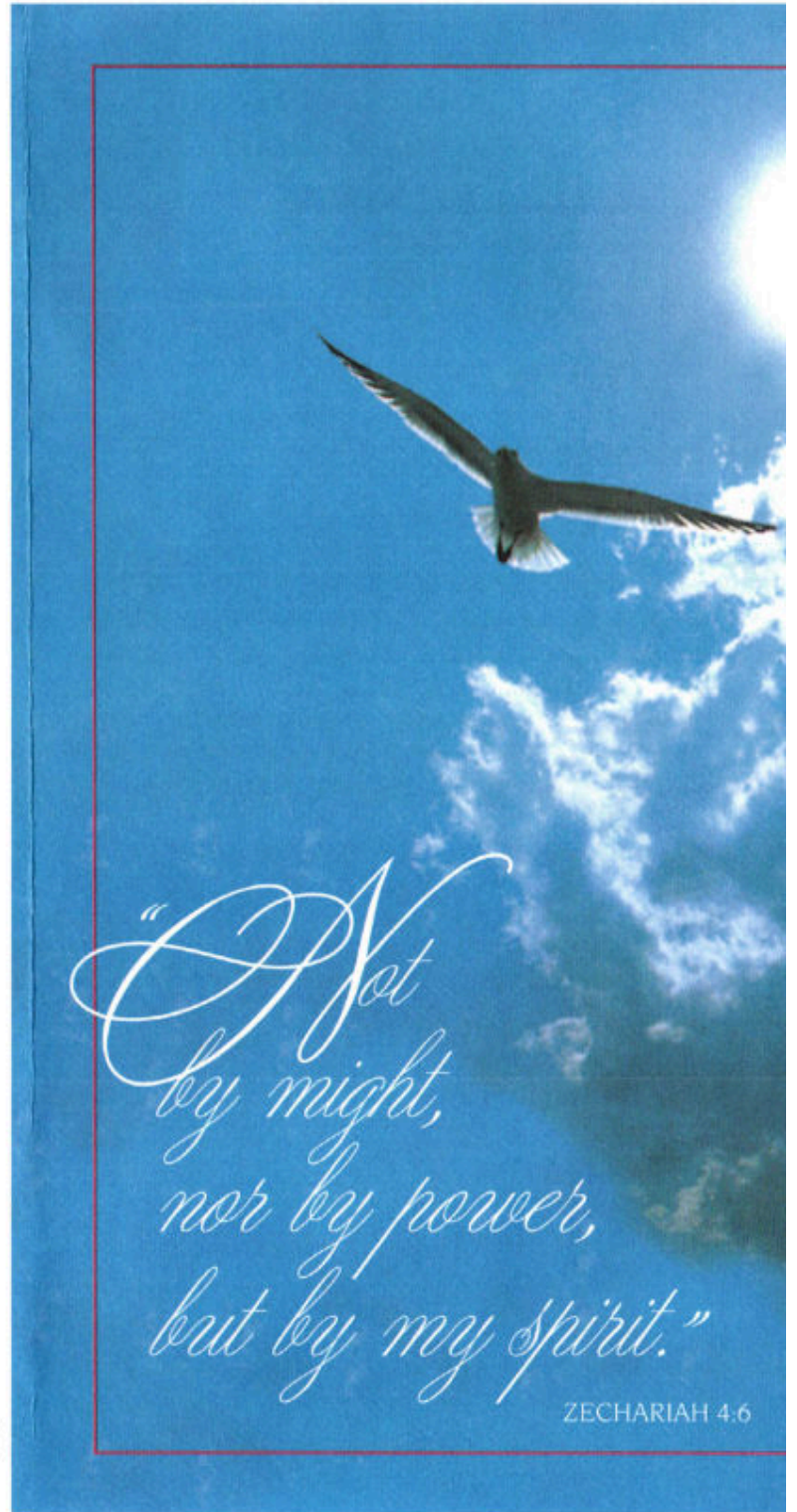
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Prayer (together): God of all our beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise to you. Let every breath be a witness to your Spirit, risen within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts. Help us to claim your unsurpassed greatness. May the sounds of our prayer help your people to sense your powerful presence and to claim the joy of serving you, in Christ's name. Amen

Prayer (please stand) –

**ASTER LET ME WALK WITH THEE**

Aster, let me walk with thee  
Wholly paths of service free;  
Hide me thy secret, help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Hope that sends a shining ray  
Down the future's broadening way,  
Grace that only thou canst give,  
Hide thee, O Master, let me live... Amen

Message: "It is Blessed to Receive" - Lois Price

**LORDS PRAYER - (All Sing)**

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever  
Amen.

**HYMN (Please stand)****LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL**

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
Hence-forth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home  
Through days of preparation, thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning, where ever thy face appears  
Thy cross is lifted over us; we journey in it's light;  
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.  
Amen

Blessing: Lois Price

A free will offering will be collected in the baskets at the rear and will be donated to the Woodstock Academy

# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

AUGUST 2004



## THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Days to you all

The good news is that Ted and I survived The International Rally. You will hear many stories connected with this event and I dare say, most of them are completely true. We braved the mud (never leaving home without our boots), Ted figured out how to get to The Lansing Center by various routes, locate people who were parked all over the place, slept through the taking off of planes, (we now know how FedEx delivers on time) day and night as well as the many trains with their crossing whistles. I carried our unit flag both ways and didn't get lost but once! It will be noted that the long and pointed flag poles become weapons of mass destruction when placed in the hands of the inexperienced.

We enjoyed the fine entertainment each night and proudly attended a delightful President's Dinner and Region I luncheon with installation ceremonies. Anne Werth finally was seen with a smile but we thought that Raynold looked a little mystified but managed to supply us with a treasure of jokes (my gosh, two more years of that). Dick Bartram, with Eileen by his side, took the oath of office as International Treasurer (apparently the FBI investigation preceding his nomination did not net anything worth mentioning). It wouldn't hurt to do frequent audits from time to time, however.

Plans to have a wine tasting event together with Cape Cod and Quebec under the big top turned into a dinner at a local restaurant. One look at the mud, weather forecast of more rain, thus more mud and more bugs made us turn to plan "B". This was well attended in AC, no bugs and a fine meal. Each person was charged \$3.00 to defray expenses; Quebec Unit paid for the dessert and Cape Cod and Charter Oak split the rest of the bill. Pat and Larry Lamontagne worked long and hard with the restaurant management (who were most cooperative) and we did not go over budget.

Our Directory won First Prize and of course I take full credit for that because as we all know it was because of the tasteful photos and the fact that your president is so photogenic!

When we were finally parked in President's Row we found ourselves next to Russ (Pickles) and Cynthia Melocik and we shared some good times together as well as hosting a joint Happy Hour for White Mountain and Charter Oak.

Considering the distance that had to be traveled I think that Charter Oak was well represented; I believe we had 14 rigs, some more in the mud than others.

It was a long way from home and it was nice to make our first stop in Niagara-on-the-Lake where we found the Garrett's solid, level driveway. After leaving Lansing, Ted and I headed for Roscoe, IL and had a memorable reunion with my college roommate. After 50 years we didn't even pretend to recognize each other! It was well worth the additional 300 miles each way. How good to return to Wethersfield, the mountain of mail, weeds as large as dinner plates and lots of catch-up.

It is now time for Region I. As Ted and I will not be home until about August 15 my editorial comments regarding Region I will be found in a later Chatter. I know that it is safe to say that it will be a wonderful time; I also know that the next happy face will be that of Mike Ruty when it is all over. He and et al have worked very hard to make it very special and I personally intend to enjoy every moment.

In wild anticipation, I am, if nothing else, your President,

*Lois*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### September 3-6, 2004

Haddam Neck Fair Rally  
Labor Day Weekend  
Rich & Kathy Kushman  
Wayne & Susan Ruty

#### October 1-3, 2004

Buddy Rally  
Laurel Ridge Camping Area  
Otis, MA  
Bob & Anne Werth  
Ted & Lois Price

#### October 3-10, 2004

Fall Foliage Caravan  
Niagara & The Lakes Region  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson  
Ted & Lois Price

#### November 7, 2004

Installation and Fall Business Meeting  
Manchester Country Club  
Manchester, CT  
Bob & Helen Sandall  
Ron & Shirley Edmondson

#### December 5, 2004

Holiday Party  
Waverly Inn  
Cheshire, CT  
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz



**BIRTHDAYS**

August

Robert Fuller	08/01
Greg Miller	08/05
Steve Pestretto	08/05
Doreen Fuller	08/06
Fred McGoldrick	08/08
Jeanne Wilson	08/08
Shirley Edmondson	08/09
Jackie Brown	08/16
Adria Link	08/18
Pam Bleakney	08/21
Patty Guthman	08/23
Bob Thompson	08/24
Dorothy Freed	08/27
Pat Rawson	08/27
Wayne Rutty	08/27
Art Hall	08/28
Marie Lupien	08/28
Rich Kushman	08/29
Gary Levinson	08/29
Charlie Eglise	08/30

September

Jane Ferri	09/04
Bill Mangano	09/05
Deborah Onorato	09/05
Sharon Henschel	09/06
Wayne Moore	09/08
Carolyn L. Knight	09/11
Brian Fuller	09/13
Kathy Griffin	09/13
Rod Dole	09/22
James Taurus	09/25
Michael Link	09/27
Ron Saverese	09/29

**ANNIVERSARIES**

August

John & Ruby Fuller	08/01
Jeff & Lynn Blackwell	08/02
Keith & Karen Adams	08/10
Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight	08/17
Walter & Dee Holliday	08/22
Art & Carol Hall	08/28

September

Donald & Dolores Perry	09/04
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
Reggie & Jackie Brown	09/18
Mark & Marie Lupien	09/23
Rich & Dottie Walbridge	09/24
Michael & Lianne Rutty	09/28

**REGION ONE RALLY**

If you missed the 2004 Region Rally "Rockin' to Woodstock" you missed a great time!!

I will have a full report next month as I gather my thoughts of all of the events and happenings from the week. I just wanted to take this space to thank all of the people who helped me make the rally a huge success. Charter Oak made me proud the way we all jumped in and got the job done. Thanks greatly to the other units that helped out.

We all spent many hours planning the rally and it showed. I greatly appreciate the many hours that the Unit spent attending my planning meetings.

Thanks to my parents, Wayne & Susan Rutty for all our their assistance and guidance in helping me plan the rally the last two years. I would like to thank my wife Lianne for her patience throughout the whole process.

*Michael Rutty  
Rally Chairman*

**THANK YOU**

Lianne and I would like to thank President Lois Price and the whole Charter Oak Unit family for the wonderful gifts at the Region One Rally. The gift certificate was very generous and greatly appreciated.

We would to thank Cynthia Richard personally for the wonderful afagan of the Region Rally. It is something that we will cherish for a lifetime.

Thanks again,  
*Michael & Lianne Rutty  
#16264*

**CHARTER OAK  
THOUGHTS & CARES**

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from illnesses or surgeries:

Jackie Taylor is at Greenridge Nursing Home; 1 Elizabeth Court; Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Her phone number is 860-571-0490. She would love to see or hear from her fellow members.

Audrey Clark is recovering from a heart attack. Audrey and her husband David were one of the founding charter members of Charter Oak in 1971.

**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.

Regulars Members

Jeff & Lynn Blackwell  
WBCCI# 13840  
994 Main Street  
S. Glastonbury, CT 06073  
Phone: 860 657-9386  
Jeff's Birthday 11/18  
Lynn's Birthday 2/20  
Anniversary 8/2  
Email: lynncbckwll@aol.com

Charles & Beth Petrie  
WBCCI# 28041  
24 Grand Street  
West Haven, CT 06516  
Phone: 203-932-2184  
Charles' Birthday 4/29  
Beth's Birthday 11/10  
Anniversary 1/13  
Email: tprobe@aol.com

Carmine Mignone & Marilyn Shea  
159 Main Street N.  
Bethlehem, CT 06751  
Phone: 203-266-5066  
Carmine's Birthday 5/21  
Marilyn's Birthday 12/6  
Email: mrllyshea@aol.com

New Affiliate Members

Alan & Joan Beardsley  
WBCCI# 14444  
70 Winter Street  
Bridgewater, MA 02324  
Phone: 508 697-2937  
Winter:  
29129 Johnston Road #2816  
Dade City, FL 33523  
Phone: 352 588-1174  
Alan's Birthday 3/30  
Joan's Birthday 7/28  
Anniversary 11/17

Mark & Marie Lupien  
WBCCI #1531  
198 Horse Pond Road  
Sudbury, MA 01776  
Phone: 978-443-5221  
Mark's Birthday 10/8  
Marie's Birthday 8/28  
Anniversary 9/23  
email: mlupien@msn.com

## OFF TO ALASKA PART 2

Two years became 2 months, then 2 weeks, then 2 days and then 2 hours. Then at last on June 17 we were ready to leave. Maybe. We had moved the motor home into position to hitch up the "toad". Suddenly an irate English Sparrow appeared out of nowhere. Seems as though she had decided that our vent for the Micro and stove exhaust fan was a great place to raise her babies. We had heard some chirping, but thought it was coming from a nearby tree. Wrong. Four little ones were almost on their way to Alaska! A quick call to the nearby animal control center saved the day and the babies. New hood vent with a sealable flap is now on the shopping list from the Airstream store in E. Lansing.

Then we were finally on our way! First stop was Phil's Tabor Academy reunion in Marion, MA. They provided us with a nice level place to park and even ran power out to us. We weren't the only ones to show up in a motor home. A great time was had by all and then on Sunday morning, we were off to Niagara Falls, our first stop en route to E. Lansing. Crossed into Ontario the next morning, then reentered the US at Sarnia, MI where a customs inspector got a little upset with us because we were in the "truck" lane. However, all was well and anyway, it moved much faster than the car lanes. Then down to E. Lansing where we arrived in the early afternoon at the rally site.

Michigan has had a very damp spring. They received 10 inches of rainfall in one storm alone. The Airport grounds were a muddy quagmire. Parking was difficult, if not impossible at times. Trailers needed to be pulled out of the mud and parked with tractors. The "Parkers" had a rough time, but did a super job under very difficult circumstances. Finally the sun came out and things dried out so all went well.

Ted & Lois Price, Carol Hall and I traveled to Dearborn on Tuesday and toured the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Good time and definitely worth the trip.

A good representation of Region 1 members were present in E. Lansing. We enjoyed a dinner get together and a nice luncheon. Reynold Lemaire served as the Master of Ceremonies at the luncheon. As usual he left everyone laughing.

We've met up with the Kellys and the Halls and soon will be on the road for the "Big Trip". We will leave early on the 30<sup>th</sup> going different ways, but will all meet up in Minnesota.

Met as planned in Bemidji, Minnesota, home of the statues of Paul Bunyan and Blue Ox Babe. Then on to Wolford, ND where we stayed at a most delightful campground, a farm implement museum, "Dale & Martha Hawks". Dale and Martha are long gone, but the museum was absolutely charming. Some very pleasant museum volunteers also staying in their motor home joined us for a nice evening complete with campfire. Definitely recommend this place to anyone traveling west.

The next stop was Glasgow, Montana. Rain again at this campground and plenty of mud! Off again in the AM and on to Great Falls where we will stay for 3 days to relax and recover! Off to Glacier National Park on Thursday. The next installment will finally be from Alaska!

*Fran & Phil Simmons  
#9348*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE-INTERNATIONAL RALLY JUNE 28-JULY 4, 2004 LANSING, MICHIGAN

Red Cross: Blood Drive 102 Units collected.

City Rescue Mission WBCCI Band Family raised \$2,279.46.

- Received one half of church contribution - \$2,396.51

Ronald McDonald House 3,900 pounds of Aluminum Pull Tabs.

Warm Winter Hats 5,008 collected, which were knitted by Club members.

Senior Citizen Center WBCCI String Ensemble entertained.

Assisted Living Facility WBCCI Dance Band entertained.

Habitat for Humanity 17 members of the Vintage Airstream Intra-club donated a days

Work on a local house and collected a cash donation of \$100.

Project Linus Blankets 224 collected and given to local coordinator for distribution.

Nursing Home A check of \$400 from Airstream Company for a new TV/VCR.

Salvation Army Received one half of church contribution - \$2,396.51.

At our own Region One Luncheon, we collected about 50 stuffed animals.

*Cecile Lemaire #203  
Community Service  
Region One*

## FALL CARAVAN FOR 2004

In early October COCU is having their annual fall caravan. This year we will depart from Otis, MA, the site of our October rally. We will have a stop for the evening about half way to Niagara. Arriving Monday, we will have some free time and get ready for a full day of guided tours on Tuesday.

Tour highlights the best to see in Niagara Falls USA and Canada. We start out on Goat Island. This is the island that separates the American and Horseshoe Falls. While on Goat Island, we'll visit Luna Island for an up-close view of the American and Bridal Veil Falls. Then the tour will head to Prospect Park to view all three Falls from the NY Observation Tower. From here you'll enjoy an unforgettable ride aboard the world-famous Maid of the Mist Boat. The tour will then cross into Canada for a delicious buffet lunch overlooking the Falls at the Penthouse Restaurant. After lunch, the tour will visit Table Rock for Superman's view of the Horseshoe Falls. The day will be rounded out enjoying some unique views of the beautiful floral displays that the Niagara Parks are famous for, including the renowned Floral Clock.

For this tour transportation and guide service is provided.

The following day, for those not resting up, you'll have free time to revisit various points of your choosing.

On Thursday we leave for Watkins Glen, located on the south end of Lake Seneca. We will spend two nights here, enough time to visit Watkins Glen State Park and a walking tour of the sculptured chasm and 19 waterfalls. You take a short bus ride to the top and walk downhill to the parking area.

Also lining both shores of the lake are numerous wineries with tourist facilities and wine tasting. We will be parked right across the street from the lake, within walking distance of restaurants and yes, even Walmart. The Watkins Glen waterfront area has sightseeing cruises, dinner cruises along with some fine dining.

We will depart for home on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is an overview so you can start to think about going. The reservation form will follow at a latter date. PETS ARE WELCOME AT ALL CAMPGROUNDS.

Any questions, please contact us.

*Charlie & Jeanne Wilson  
Ted & Lois Price*

## OFF TO ALASKA PART 3

When I last wrote, we were on our way to Great Falls, Montana. During our stay, we were able to restock on all sorts of food and other goods necessary for the trip north. The local Walmart did well by all of us. We did some sightseeing in Great Falls with excellent guidance from Steve and Carol Kelly. Many sights that they saw on the Lewis and Clark Caravan last summer were pointed out and explained to us. We visited the new Lewis and Clark interpretation center which put the details of the expedition all into the proper perspective.

From Great Falls we moved on to Shelby, Montana, a campground just 30 miles south of Sweet Grass, MT. Two days there with a side trip into Glacier National Park. We met another Airstream couple also on their way to join the Alaskan caravan. We left Shelby and crossed into Canada without any difficulty.

Our next stop was Canmore, Alberta. Quaint. Rather Aspenlike. Nice campground surrounded by breathtaking mountains. We woke the first morning to rain which was falling as snow on the mountains just over head. We spent two days there and then on to the drive up through Banff and into Jasper. The scenery was incredible, each new view more impressive than the next. Dry camped in Jasper for one night and then moved on to Prince George, British Columbia.

We've been here since Monday. The rest of the group has arrived and on Saturday, July 17, we are finally off and running! Expect to finally be in Alaska by the end of July. More later.

*Fran & Phil Simmons*  
#9348

## REGION OFFICER FALL UNIT INSTALLATIONS SCHEDULE FOR 2004

The schedule is as follows:

Canadian Atlantic Unit:

President, Raynold Lemaire

Cape Cod Mass Unit:

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Franklin Sanders

Charter Oak CT Unit:

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Bob Thompson

New England Unit:

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Bob Thompson

Québec Unit:

President, Raynold Lemaire

White Mountains NH Unit:

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Franklin Sanders



## OFF TO ALASKA PART 4

At the last writing, we were about to leave Prince George and at last, finally be on our way. We passed through Chetwynd, BC, which claims to be the "Chain Saw Sculpture" capital of the world. Interesting, but I wouldn't want any of them in my yard. Our next overnight stop was Dawson Creek, BC the official start of the Alaska Highway. Of course, pictures had to be taken to document the occasion. Milepost Zero is truly in the middle of the street. Fortunately we were there on a Sunday and the traffic was very light. All of the towns that you pass through in this area on the Alaska Highway have museums and other items of interest, mostly related to the building of the highway. Next stop was Fort Nelson for one night and then on to Muncho Lake, BC. We spent two nights in Muncho Lake and were sorry that we couldn't stay longer. This truly was a beautiful place. Between Muncho Lake and Watson Lake is Liard Hot Springs. We made two trips to the hot springs to soak in the delightful water. We were now reaching the ends of civilization where your cell phone no longer picks up a signal and the email access is sparse. Also the North America powder grid ends at Mile Post 100 and power after that point is mostly by private generators. The next stop was Watson Lake, home of the Sign Post Forest. We brought home town signs and the leaders had an Airstream Sign to commemorate the Caravan. I will attach a picture. There was also a planetarium featuring a show about the Northern Lights. This is the only opportunity to see anything related to them at this time of year as it stays light too late to see the real thing. At 11:00 PM, it is still broad daylight. No problems sleeping as your days are so busy; you are more than ready to go to bed.

From Watson Lake we moved on to Teslin, another camp ground on a lake. Again museums, one at the camp ground with a wonderful display of wild life. Shortly after Teslin, we left the Alaska Highway and moved on to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Now the emphasis is on the Yukon gold rush. The history of the miners and how they reached the mine fields and all that they went through makes for quite a story. At Whitehorse we attended the "Frantic Follies", a review which was wonderful. The talent of the performers was outstanding and you have to wonder why they were there and not in a venue more deserving of their skills. On then to Minto, Yukon Territory, a beautiful, but dry campground of the banks of the Yukon River. Then the next day we were on our way to Dawson City, YT. This is a town which has tried to remain unchanged since the days of the gold rush. Muddy streets, turn of the century buildings, all in all, quite a pleasure to see and enjoy.

Leaving Dawson City required a trip by ferry across the Yukon River, a service provided free of charge by the Canadian government. We all got up early as we were told that there might be a lengthy delay as the ferry is small and only can accommodate a few vehicles at a time. However the wait was short and the river quickly crossed. Once on the other side, we then began to travel the "Top of the World Highway" This road is appropriately named. The road travels mostly above the tree line and the views are breathtaking. The road through Canada is fairly good. Some "chip seal" and some gravel. After the US Customs, the road turns to dirt and leaves a lot to be desired, but it was exciting as now we were finally in Alaska! Our destination was the town of "Chicken". Again dry camping, but a place that turned out to be nearly everyone's favorite. Year round population of less than 30! Camp ground was new with very congenial owners who really went out of their way to please us. We panned for gold, some of us found some, but no one struck it big!

From Chicken, we traveled back to civilization and cell phones and email at Delta Junction. After washing away the mud of the Yukon and the "Top of the World" highway we then set out for Fairbanks. I will continue from this point on next time.

*Fran & Phil Simmons*  
#9348

## INTERNATIONAL RALLY, LANSING, MICHIGAN ISSUE ONE, JULY 2004

This is my first Region One Newsletter and I want to begin with a big, "THANK YOU", to Anne & Bob Werth, for Anne's six years as A Region Officer, the last two as President. Region One is grateful.

Some of us are really not aware of the time and expense in being a Region Officer, but Cecile knew this when we started.

Some news at the International Rally: At the IBT, (International Board of Trustees), seminar on June 24, nine (9) motions were submitted. These motions were acted upon at the IBT meeting on June 26.

Motion #1: Proposed change in International Caravan Leader badges. Motion passed.

Motion #2: Proposal to delete the word "Mexico" in our Bylaws and Policy. After much discussion, the motion was defeated ten (10) to nine (9), after the Chair voted to break a tie.

Motions #3, #4 and #5 were withdrawn.

Motion #6: Proposal for a new flag for the Northern California Unit. Motion passed.

Motion #7: Proposal for a new flag for the Music City Tennessee Unit. Motion passed.

Motion #8: Motion withdrawn.

Motion #9: Motion was not acted upon because it was a Constitutional change. This motion must go before the delegate meeting AT the IBT on July 5, five (5) motions were brought forward.

Motion #1: Proposed change in the "Rally Report/Application", submitted by International Treasurer, Dick Bartram. Motion passed.

Motion #2: Proposal to add a "Blue Star" on the past Presidents Flag if that person serves as a Unit President again instead of getting another Past Presidents Flag. Motion passed.

Motion #3: Proposal for a slight increase in the expense accounts for all International and Region Officers. Motion passed. On a personal note, Dick Bartram and I voted against the motion.

Motion #4: Proposal that an Airstream owner, who is not a member of WBCCI, may apply to go on a Numbered Caravan, on the condition that they pay a surcharge which automatically makes them Member-at-Large. Motion passed.

On a lighter note, our Region One Luncheon was held in the beautifully appointed Governor's Room at the Lansing Center. Seventy-Three (73) people filled the room to capacity. Theda McGrath did her usual "Lighted Candle Ceremony" to install 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bob Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Franklin Sanders.

There were approximately 1,200 Airstreams at the Rally. The weather in Lansing did not always cooperate, but we had an informative and entertaining rally. We went to many meetings, seminars and socials, and enjoyed the varied evening programs.

Cecile and I, want to thank our Region members for the trust they have placed in our hands, along with Bob and Harriett Thompson and Franklin & Jane Sanders. Your Region Officers and spouse's look forward to serving all Region One members. The next two years promises to be full and exciting with International, Region and Unit activities. Bob, Franklin and I, will work very hard to make Region One, "# 1", the place to be for all our members.

*Raynold Lemaire, President  
Region One  
#203*

### AWARDS AT INTERNATIONAL RALLY LANSING, MICHIGAN

Unit Publication: Cape Cod Mass. Unit "Capers". Honorable Mention

Unit Directory: Cape Cod Mass. Unit. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Québec Unit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Charter Oak CT Unit. 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Photo Print: Linda Andrejewski, New England Unit. BEST OF SHOW

Digital: Linda Andrejewski, New England Unit. Honorable Mention

Airstream: Linda Andrejewski, New England Unit. 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

Hobby (Crochet): Jocelyn Moran, Québec Unit. 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

Hobby (Wood Carving): Tom Angelini, Cape Cod Mass. Unit. First Place

Bulletin Board: Cape Cod Mass. Unit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

White Mountains New Hampshire Unit. Special Award.

Watch for a complete listing in an upcoming Blue Beret.

Cecile Lemaire, Secretary  
Region One  
#203

### AN OPEN LETTER TO MICHAEL & LIANNE RUTTY

On behalf of all the members of Region One, and in particular, all members who attended our Region Rally in Woodstock, CT, Cecile and I want to thank Michael & Lianne for a very successful event. With their guidance, and lots of help from many members of the Charter Oak CT Unit, and some borrowed from other Units in Region One, the rally took on a new dimension. The activities for adults, food, seminars, entertainment, children's activities, socials, and fellowship, were top notch. Michael did the right thing during closing ceremonies, paying due recognition to all the members who worked so hard and diligently to make this rally the success that it was. It's people like this that make WBCCI the great club it is. For this, we are all grateful.

*Raynold Lemaire, Region One President  
and First Lady Cecile*

**POEMS**

In April of 2004 Russell and I engaged in our last WBCCI Caravan. We are giving up towing and instead will spend winters in a "tied-down" 34-foot Airstream trailer at Travelers Rest in Dade City, Florida.

Our last Caravan was named "Civil War Part III." Most of the other participants had been together during Part I and Part II.

One of the group, Nora Guros, wrote two poems about her experiences. I was struck by her ability to create two poems that are both good, with very different contents and styles. Nora gave me permission to reprint them and they are reproduced here.

Dorothy O'Connor

**WAR**

The mom is still, the air is soft.  
I gaze upon this place of beauty, where  
So many perished, enveloped by the  
Screams of bullets, men and beasts,  
Bewildering and horrifying.

The battle is on - Forward, Charge,  
War - we must fall back - No, our  
Commander cries -  
Do not retreat,  
And then we fall, this time over their poor  
dead feet.

Oh war, Oh war, we believe we must,  
For this is how it is and ever was.  
But why, oh why, can we not learn  
to gain our need in ways that are just.

Human to human, we must reach  
To cope with the problems that cause the  
breach.  
Your fragile creatures need your guidance,  
oh God,  
To stay the lance, to find the promised  
peace,  
Paid for by the Blood of the Lamb and  
our Heroes,  
long gone,  
To lead us finally to the place  
Where one is all and all are one and war is  
nevermore.

*Nora Guros*  
#18986

**CIVIL WAR ASIDE**

We ate our way across the South,  
So many foods did please the  
mouth.  
Corn Pudding, Grits, Gumbo too,  
Southern Fried anything would also  
do.

We went to taverns and plantations.  
Had Crayfish, Peppers, hot  
sensations.  
Beaten biscuits with Honey and Jam,  
And Sweet "Taters with Smoked  
Ham.

Collard greens and Pecan Pie,  
Ate so much I thought I'd die,  
So therefore I have reached this  
conclusion  
And wish to settle much confusion.

The Union did prevent the split,  
And so did win the  
conflagration.  
But the Battle, the Battle of the  
Bulge,  
Was won, without doubt, by the  
Confederation.

*Nora Guros*  
#18986

**WEB SITES OF INTEREST**

- www.wbcc1.org (WBCCI Region 1 & Charter Oak)
- www.wbcc1.org (WBCCI International)
- 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)

If you know of a website that would be of interest to the group please let the editors know and we can add it to the list!!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Dick Bartram on his election to International treasurer. Charter Oak is proud to have Dick as the first International officer from our unit. We would like to thank Dick & Eileen for making sure to arrange their busy WBCCI schedule of events to include the 2004 Region One Rally that Charter Oak was hosting.

Congratulations again and we know that you will do a great job as Treasurer.

**THANKS FOR THE HELP!!!**

I would like to thank Fran & Phil Simmons for their response to our request for articles. The Alaska Caravan sounds great!! Keep up the great work!! These are great examples of what you can contribute to the *Chatter*.

Please send in items that your fellow members would enjoy reading. If you go on a trip please send an article of what you did or saw. Your fellow members would enjoy reading these types of articles and give all of us some ideas of where to travel.

Did you go to a great campground locally or on the road across our great country that your fellow members would enjoy visiting?

If you are going on a long trip or caravan we would love to print a journal of your trip. We could put it in over several months so it would not be limited in length.

Did you recently purchase a product for your Airstream or tow vehicle that you think would be a great thing for the others to know about? How about writing a product review?

Did you find a neat trick for fixing something or do you have some knowledge about repairing some items in your Airstream that you would like to share?

The Chatter can only be as good as the information that we get from the members. Please mail or preferably E-mail us your articles, journals, photos, recipes to be included in the Chatter.





# “Goin' To The Fair” Rally

Friday thru Monday  
September 3 - September 6  
Haddam Neck Fairgrounds

**Rally fee includes all camping, continental breakfast, and a 4 day pass to the fair.  
There are no hook ups - please come with full water and empty holding tanks.**

Rally Fee: \$40.00 per person - children under 12 free

**Contests:** The following contests are open to all residents of Connecticut: Quilt, Coffee Cake, Apple Pie, and Photo. In addition to these statewide contests, there are many contests for local judging in the following categories: flowers, vegetables, canning, collections, baked goods, needlework, photography and arts and crafts. If you are interested, please contact The Rutty's for details.

**Directions:**

**From the North and West:**

Take I-91 to route 9 south or route 66 east to the Arrigoni Bridge. Follow route 66 for about 5 miles east to Cobalt and the intersection of route 66 and 151. Take route 151 south for about five miles to Haddam Neck Road. Follow Haddam Neck Road for 1.5 miles to the fairgrounds located on the left.

**From the South:**

Take I-95 to route 9 north. Take route 9 to exit 7 (route 82). Follow route 82 and cross the East Haddam Bridge. After crossing the bridge bear left on to route 149 and follow to the intersection of route 151 in Leesville. Follow route 151 to Haddam Neck Road. Follow Haddam Neck Road for 1.5 miles to the fairgrounds located on the left.

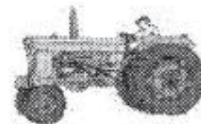
**From the East:**

Take I-395 to route 2 west. Follow route 2 to route 16 in Colchester. Take route 16 to route 66 in East Hampton. Follow route 66 about 1/2 miles west to Cobalt and the intersection of route 66 and 151. Take route 151 south for about three miles to Haddam Neck Road. Follow Haddam Neck Road for 1.5 miles to the fairgrounds located on the left.

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Fun



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Goin' To The Fair Rally Charter Oak Connecticut Rally September 3 - September 6, 2004

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

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Mail to: Wayne Rutty, 34 Rutty Lane, Haddam, CT 06438





# WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY RALLY

JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2005 • SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

### PRE-REGISTRATION SPECIAL

Rally Fees for pre-registrations received prior to January 1, 2005, will be \$210.00 for couples, \$135.00 for singles, and \$75.00 for additional adults.

Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members pre-registering on or before January 1, 2005, will be eligible to participate in a drawing for a total of \$5,000.00 in awards. The award may be redeemed at any Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Facility for parts and service.

Rally Fees received after January 1, 2005, will be \$230.00 for couples, \$145.00 for singles, and \$85.00 for additional adults.

**FEE REFUND POLICY** All refund requests must be postmarked by June 30, 2005, and must include the complete pass receipt. All cancellations will be assessed a \$15.00 administrative fee. No refund request will be honored if postmarked after June 30, 2005.

**ELECTRIC REFUND POLICY** No refunds on 30-amp electric received after April 1, 2005.

Rally Pass Receipts will be mailed beginning January 15, 2005.

For registrars only:	
Amt: _____	Check # _____
Date: _____	Recd. by: _____

### Golden Anniversary Rally Springfield, Missouri June 28 - July 4, 2005



WBCCI NO. \_\_\_\_\_  Life Member  Co-owner

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST/PROV \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Number	Fees prior to Jan. 1	Fees after Jan. 1	Amount	Mark boxes that apply:
30-amp Electric (Note: Pets allowed in 30-amp section)	@\$125.00	@\$125.00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing a dog
Airstream w/2 adults	@\$210.00	@\$230.00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Need my generator
Airstream w/1 adult	@\$135.00	@\$145.00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> First International Rally
Additional adults	@ \$ 75.00	@ \$ 85.00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Radio
Youth (Ages 4 - 19)	@ \$ 60.00	@ \$ 60.00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Call _____
Youth after two full youth pmts:	@ FREE	@ FREE	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Slide Outs: Left__ Right__ Both__
Youth (Ages 4 - 19)	@ FREE	@ FREE	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Vintage Parking
WBCCI Life Members	DEDUCT \$5.00	DEDUCT \$5.00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Parking (Wheelchair & Cane):
(does not include those under Airstream Program)				<input type="checkbox"/> Application on file at Headquarters
TOTAL FEES INCLUDED			_____	OR
				<input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Application enclosed

**FEE REFUND POLICY** All refund requests must be postmarked by June 30, 2005, and must include the complete pass receipt. All cancellations will be assessed a \$15.00 administrative fee. No refund request will be honored if postmarked after June 30, 2005.

**ELECTRIC REFUND POLICY** No refunds on 30-amp electric received after April 1, 2005.

Make checks payable to: WBCCI • Mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334  
Canadian Checks must be stamped "US Funds"

For registrars only:	
Amt: _____	Check # _____
Date: _____	Recd. by: _____



## "IS OCTOBER TOO EARLY FOR MARDI GRAS RALLY?"

**WHAT:** BRING YOUR BUDDIES TO OUR BUDDY RALLY  
**WHEN?** October 1, 2 & 3, 2004  
**WHERE:** LAUREL RIDGE CAMPING AREA  
 OTIS, MASSACHUSETTS  
**HOSTS:** ANNE & BOB WERTH Phone: 860-875-4129  
 LOIS & TED PRICE  
**HAVE FUN:** Decorate your trailer for Mardi Gras

**Directions:** Junction of Routes 8&23, E 3 miles on Rte 23 to Old Blanford Road, E 1 mile to campground.

**Parking:** Safari Field Electric, Water and Dump Station

**Kitty Fee:** \$65; includes, 2 nights parking, 2 breakfasts, salad, breads, desserts, coffee, etc.

**PROGRAM:** Friday You all come!

4:00 Happy Hour

Dinner on your own

7:00 Campfire, fellowship and dessert & coffee

Saturday:

8:00 Breakfast : Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee

Day trips to check out the attractions of the area: Otis Reservoir, hiking, biking, Lee, MA, Great Barrington

4:00 Happy Hour

5:30 Pot Luck...bring a main dish or a veggie dish.

Salad, bread and dessert supplied.

7:00 Campfire, fellowship and dessert & coffee

Rematch of Trivial Pursuit, women against the men!

Sunday:

8:00 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, English muffins

Prepare for departure for home or on the caravan, be safe.



Note: Bring table services to all meals. Thanks!

Thanks for coming and see you down the road!

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 17, 2004, NO REFUNDS AFTER 9/17/04.

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$65 per Airstream

Checks payable & Mail to: Anne Werth, 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084

E-Mail: [annewerth38@mybluelight.com](mailto:annewerth38@mybluelight.com)

**Mardi Gras**



**Mardi Gras**

## NIAGARA AND THE LAKES-FALL CARAVAN

Sunday, October 3rd thru Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

(review article in Chatter for more caravan details)

Departure will be from the site of our Oct rally in Otis, MA. We will overnight about half way to Niagara at Weedsport, NY. We will have a campground within a  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of I90. W&E at each site plus a covered pavilion for a social and caravan supplied dinner. Monday we leave for Niagara Falls KOA with pull thru sites and wes. We will stay here 3 nights. On Thursday we leave for Watkins Glen and a municipal campground next to the lake. Again, wes hookups.

PETS ARE WELCOME AT ALL 3 CAMPGROUNDS

### SCHEDULE

Sunday: Depart Otis, Ma in am. Arrive Weedsport, NY.

4:00 pm social      6:00 Club dinner-Beef Stew

Monday: Depart Weedsport for Grand Isle, Niagara Falls.

4:00 pm Super Social

Tuesday: Guided tour leaves campground at 9:00am. Returns after 3:00pm

Dinner on own

Wednesday: Open day to enjoy areas visited on prior day.

4:00 pm social      6:00 Club dinner-Sausage and pasta bake

Thursday: Depart for Watkins Glen

Winery Tours on own with supplied guide maps

4:00 pm social      Dinner on own

Friday: Watkins Glen State Park and Winery Tours

4:00pm Super Social

Saturday: 8:00 Continental breakfast

Depart for home

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**COST: \$299.00 per couple. Includes campgrounds, guided day-long bus tour with lunch, 2 dinners, 2 super socials and continental breakfast.**

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

Extra people on tour @ \$46.00 Extra people for food service @ \$15.00 (under 12 free)

Send and check payable to: Charles Wilson, 2 Mary Ann Dr., Danbury, CT 06811

Need registration form by: August 15, 2004

There will be a drivers meeting at Otis.

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Charter Oak CT Unit  
476 Milford Point Road  
Milford, CT 06460

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Winter Start/End Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

CB Handles: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

SEPTEMBER 2004



## THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To You All:

I have always felt that the words "thank-you" covered just about every situation. I now find these words to be inadequate when applying them to the Region I Rally. I doubt that I will ever forget my pride in representing Charter Oak during such a wonderful event. Because I was not behind the scenes a great deal (this kind of maneuvering is a gift) I, can only imagine how hard each and every committee worked; from Opening Ceremonies to closing, the list is endless and a sound system that worked!

Help came from other units to bolster the success. Everyone was most generous in their own way and were team players.

I truly do not know how Mike Ruttty did it and how Lianne survived. Ted and I were so stressed from watching them work that we took about a week of R and R at Virginia Highland Haven to recover.

My guilt from having won the beautiful quilt made and donated by Anne Werth has worn off for I know that it has found a worthy home (visitation upon request). There were so many other raffle prizes that Ted and I did not win but we have tried to live with it. I am still waiting for the 2 pounds of Airstream chocolates to be delivered, but as Annette has to make them one by one I suppose it will take awhile!

Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you! One and all!

Labor Day weekend found a few of us camping at the Haddam Neck Fair, Wayne and Susan Ruttty & Rich & Kathy Kushman made us feel most welcome and of course the Mike Ruttys were rushing hither and yon while and chasing James and Sammy. One very nice feature of this rally was the fact that no one really had to use their kitchen. Rich and Susan made sure that we were well fed and watered in the morning and then it was over the fields to the vendors. Time quickly passed and it was time for Happy Hour and all our clever remarks and words of wisdom. Wayne Ruttty won awards for some of his home canned goods and Cynthia Richard won first prize for the beautiful afgan she made for Mike and Lianne.

It was nice to have Ron and Shirley Edmondson pay us a visit (Shirley in a cast), and Kathy Kushman's sister spent time with us, as well. Even a stranger or two couldn't resist the urge to investigate the Airstream community.

Thank you Ruttys & Kushmans!!!

You were previous made aware of money given to our club by Dorothy Freed in memory of Paul. FYI this money will be spent to purchase two new, badly needed grilles and an extra utensil or two which will help all partake of finely prepared meals down the road. We certainly thank Dorothy for her kindness and a letter advising her of how the money will be spent has been sent to her.

The October Rally and Caravan will soon be upon us; this Buddy Rally promises to be another success with Anne and Bob Werth at the helm. The theme is Mardi Gras so do your "thing" if you are in the mood.

After October comes November, and we all know what that means! Remember, Friendship is the double decker sundae in the ice-cream parlor of life.

Bless Your Hearts!

*Lois*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 1-3, 2004**

Buddy Rally  
Laurel Ridge Camping Area  
Otis, MA  
Bob & Anne Werth  
Ted & Lois Price

**October 3-10, 2004**

Fall Foliage Caravan  
Niagara & The Lakes Region  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson  
Ted & Lois Price

**November 7, 2004**

Installation and Fall Business  
Meeting  
Manchester Country Club  
Manchester, CT  
Bob & Helen Sandall  
Ron & Shirley Edmondson

**December 5, 2004**

Holiday Party  
Waverly Inn  
Cheshire, CT  
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz



**BIRTHDAYS**

## September

Jane Ferri	09/04
Bill Mangano	09/05
Deborah Onorato	09/05
Sharon Henschel	09/06
Wayne Moore	09/08
Carolyn L. Knight	09/11
Brian Fuller	09/13
Kathy Griffin	09/13
Rod Dole	09/22
James Taurus	09/25
Michael Link	09/27
Ron Saverese	09/29

## October

Fran Ingallinera	10/05
Dottie Walbridge	10/06
Bill Herpich	10/07
Mark Lupien	10/08
Elsie Nelson	10/10
Dick Bartram	10/12
Carol Hall	10/12
Niels Rosenbeck	10/12
Brian Brosnahan	10/17
Gail Saverese	10/17
Susan Rutty	10/21
Dick Cyr	10/25
Lill Herpich	10/27
Michael Rutty	10/27
Bob Landry	10/27
Fred Newman	10/29
Debi Cocco	10/30

**ANNIVERSARIES**

## September

Donald & Dolores Perry	09/04
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
Reggie & Jackie Brown	09/18
Mark & Marie Lupien	09/23
Rich & Dottie Walbridge	09/24
Michael & Lianne Rutty	09/28

## October

Bill & Winne Mangano	10/02
Robert & Harriett Thompson	10/02
Bard & Kathy Fuller	10/03
Dan & Karen Olah	10/03
Steve & Pamela Pestretto	10/07
Raymond & Cynthia Richard	10/10
Pete & Laurie Soucy	10/10
Roger & Ruth Crockett	10/16
John & Margie Peterson	10/23
Mark & Gail Good	10/24
Mark & Annette Wilson	10/25

**FOR SALE**

**1996 Airstream 30' Land Yacht Motorhome.** 88,000 easy miles. No smokers and no pets. Excellent condition. 6 new tires. \$41,000 or make an offer. Call 860 658-1222. Seb & Juanita Pestretto

**1996 Airstream Ford Cutter, 34 ft. Class A Motorhome.** Full Warranty For another 20,000 Miles(29,000 miles on odometer) Very clean - Many features(2 tv's, cd player, radio, vcr,cb radio) New tires & Fuel pump. Queen bed. Backup camera and alarm. Front and Rear AC. Exterior awning. Multiple storage bins. Non-smoking and no pets with previous owner. MINT CONDITION Price: \$39,000 or best offer. George Slatcher; New Milford, CT Phone: 203-788-1236

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

We are happy to announce the following nominations for 2004-2005 Charter Oak CT Unit Officers:

President: Mark Wilson  
 1st Vice President: Fran Eckles  
 2nd Vice President: Ray Moniz  
 Corresponding Secretary: Annette Wilson  
 Recording Secretary: Fran Simmons  
 Treasurer: Sandy Sasuta  
 2nd Year Directors:  
 Angela Taurus, Gregg Cocco  
 1st Year Directors:  
 Pete Soucy

The election and installation will take place at the November dinner meeting.

Thanks to all who have stepped up to serve our unit. Charter Oak has always been blessed with having great officers to serve in the past and next year's are no exception.

*Michael Rutty, Chairman*  
*Anne Werth*  
*Wayne Rutty*

**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.

Regulars Members

Dick & Linda Cyr  
 137 Mussel Bed Shoal Road  
 Portsmouth, RI 02871  
 401 683-1887  
 Cell: 401 954-4521  
 Dick's Birthday 10/25  
 Linda's Birthday 01/21  
 Anniversary 09/30  
 email: bonkrs@att.net

New Affiliate Members

Terry Clopper & Gayle Shonley  
 418 Middle Road  
 Falmouth, ME 04105-1231  
 207-781-3110  
 Terry's Birthday 04/18  
 Gayle's Birthday 04/03  
 Anniversary 05/14  
 Courtesy Parking Available  
 email: terry@midcoast.com

**CHARTER OAK THOUGHTS & CARES**

Please extend you heartfelt symapathies to following families during their difficult times of the loss of loved ones:

Jean Killian from the New England Unit passed away August 18th. Please keep Wayne and their family in your thoughts & prayers.

June Martin from the Cape Cod Unit passed away September 17th. Please keep Phil and their family in your thoughts & prayers.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from illnesses or surgeries:

Jackie Taylor is at Greenridge ; 1 Elizabeth Court, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Her phone number is 860-571-0490. She would love to see or hear from her fellow members.

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.

## 'FUN'

Tractor pulls, blooming onions, horse pulls, steak sandwiches, equestrian events, delicious French fries, stomach turning rides (for the young and those who dare), animals to pet and frogs to watch jump. The old fashioned Haddam Neck Country Fair proved again to be exciting, entertaining, relaxing, fattening, and just plain fun. Combining all that with the joy of an Airstream rally, where nine units lived at the fair, and laughed into the night leaves you hoping we could do this again and again and again.

Try this out "See More Do More Live More Bike More", maybe that should read "More Bikes". Over the last two years our small group has won three bikes at the Fair which can easily be attributed to Airstreamers living right or could it be, stuffing the box, hmm. This year Sam Ruddy and Juliana Pestretto peddled away with sparkling new bikes after the Saturday and Sunday raffles.

I should mention the tag sales, very close by, where someone else's junk could be, and was, added to our junk at a very reasonable price. Those of you on the Fall Caravan will clearly benefit from a clever purchase by Ted Price remind him. That's it, title says it, this rally was fun

*Richard Kushman*  
#1442



## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The International and Region Legislative Committees operate a two-way information highway. Most of what comes to the units appears in *Blue Beret*. Information found at our local level goes up to International through the Region's Legislative Chairman. As Bob Newhart would so clumsily stutter: That would be me.

If you will be my eyes and ears in your own Region One locations, passing up to <cyrus@thevillages.net> what you experience locally, I will be sure to pass it along to the International Legislative Chairman. How many times, when we gather, do we share tidbits on our trailering experiences? Tolls? Dump stations? State & National Park rules? Municipal parking restrictions? We don't always consider that there is a little part of our Club that is quite interested in what's happening out there. Make a note of your experiences. Pass them along. Thanks

*Russ Melocik*

## HERO AMONGST US...

Pete Soucy, you are our hero. We read the scary story that was featured in the Hartford Courant on Saturday, August 14, 2004. Pete was in a sticky situation with a disgruntled employee only to react, as we would all want to. Pete apparently didn't consider the ramifications and "what ifs" but just went ahead and disarmed the individual. It was after all was said and done that he said that he "would go home and kiss his wife and hug the dog"

Pete, we at Charter Oak Connecticut Unit are glad that you are on our team. Congratulations for your quick thinking and for the successful outcome to the situation. We are proud of you!

*Anne Werth*

## WEB SITES OF INTEREST

[www.wbcc1.org](http://www.wbcc1.org) (WBCCI Region 1 & Charter Oak)

[www.wbcc1.org](http://www.wbcc1.org) (WBCCI International)

[www.koa.com](http://www.koa.com) (KOA)

[www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com) (CT State Park Reservation System)

[www.tldirectory.com](http://www.tldirectory.com) (Trailer Life Campground Directory OnLine)

[www.woodalls.com](http://www.woodalls.com) (Woodalls Publications)

**Be sure to check out the Airstream Factory's new Website!!**

[www.airstream.com](http://www.airstream.com) (Airstream Factory)

**If you know of a website that would be of interest to the group please let the editors know and we can add it to the list!!**

## HEALTHY HIGHWAYS "RULES FOR THE ROAD" #6

Just desserts. Many of us find dessert hard to pass up. Even in health-oriented eateries, desserts are often calorie-laden. Look for lower fat options (sorbet, biscotti), something fruit-based (apple crisp, strawberry shortcake), or a treat with some nutritious ingredients (baked custard, rice pudding). If you can't resist something really indulgent, suggest sharing. Lost Empty calories, fat and sugar.

© Healthy Highways: The Traveler's Guide To Healthy Eating (Ceres Press)



# ROCKIN' TO WOODSTOCK 2004 REGION 1 RALLY



Thanks to Jerry Ingallinera for the photos

INSTALLATION DINNER  
 NOVEMBER 7, 2004  
 MANCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB  
 305 SOUTH MAIN STREET (CT. ROUTE 83)  
 MANCHESTER, CT.

Social Hour 12 P.M. to 1 P.M.  
 Dinner at 1P.M. with Meeting and Installation to follow

MENU

English Cut Prime Rib, Au Jus	\$19.95
Baked Haddock with Lemon Butter Sauce	\$18.95
Stuffed Breast of Chicken	\$18.95

All entrees include a garden salad with house dressing, potato & vegetable, rolls & butter, and coffee. Desert will be ice cream with chocolate sauce.

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

Send check to Bob Sandall, 114 Hollister Street, Manchester, Ct., 06040. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS OCTOBER 29, 2004.

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No.	Entrée	Price	
___	Prime Rib	\$19.95	_____
___	Chicken	\$18.95	_____
___	Baked Haddock	\$18.95	_____
Total			_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_

# RÉGION 1 RALLY 2005

HOSTED BY  
**QUEBEC CANADA UNIT**  
 WBCCI

## QUEBEC HEARTLAND TROIS-RIVIÈRES AUGUST 25 TO 28

Trois-Rivières Fairground  
 1650, boul. des Forges,  
 Trois-Rivières (Québec)  
 Canada G9A 5K8

Quebec Canada Unit invites you to visit "The Quebec Heartland" with it's historical sites and museums. "Les vieilles forges du St-Maurice", Notre-Dame du Cap Sanctuary, Arts, Crafts, Sugar house and city bus tour are some of the things to do. Fun and Friendship is always.

**YOUR RALLY FEE INCLUDES :**

- 3 nights limited electric, water and dump station
- 2 nights of amateur & professional entertainment
- 3 continental breakfast ,2 dinners & ice cream nightly
- Prizes, craft and flea market, happy hours
- Youth program ,fellowship & fun as always
- Pets are welcome- Must remain on leash at all times
- Security -24 hours

**OPTIONAL**

- City bus tour including: these 3visits**
- 1-"Les vieilles Forges du St-Maurice" (\$4.00)
  - 2-"QCP Museum" (\$9.00)
  - 3-"Old Penitentiary" (\$9.00)
  - \$30.00 US per person

**DIRECTIONS**

**From west (ouest)** I-40 exit #199 Boul. des Forges. 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light turn left under the bypass. Second traffic light turn right to the top of the hill. Turn left and go straight under the arch and follow the WBCCI signs.  
**From south (sud)** take I-55 ; after the bridge Laviolette exit 182 to I-40 east (est); exit 199 Boul. des Forges 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light turn left under the bypass; second light turn right to the top of the hill; turn left and go straight under the arch and follow the WBCCI signs .  
**From east (est)** I-40 exit 199 to Boul. des Forges; at the traffic light turn right and go straight ahead under the arch; follow the WBCCI signs.

.....Cut on line.....

2 Adults in Airstream.....	\$140.US =	_____
1 Adult in Airstream.....	\$100.US =	_____
Extra adults.....	\$40.US x	_____ =
Teens – Ages 13-17.....	\$20.US x	_____ =
Children – Ages 0-12.....	Free	_____
Early parking – Tuesday 8/23.....	\$15.US=	_____
Early parking – Wednesday 8/24.....	\$15.US=	_____
Late parking – Sunday 8/28.....	\$15.US=	_____
Bus city tour (Sign up now) (Pay now or at the Rally).....	30.US.per person x	_____ =
(All PRICES IN US FUNDS PLEASE)	<b>Total Rally Fees (enclosed) \$</b>	_____

Make check payable to : **Region 1 2005**

Mail to : **Jocelyne Morand,**  
 141 rue Meunier, est  
 Laval, Qc. Canada  
 H7G 1R8

Information: **Claude Boucher (450) 669-6601 ( [cbouche18@hotmail.com](mailto:cbouche18@hotmail.com) )**

Name.....WBCCI#.....HomeUnit.....

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**Charter Oak  
Holiday Party  
December 5, 2004  
12:00pm**



**Hosts - Ray & MaryEllen Moniz**



**Waverly Tavern  
286 Waverly Ave.  
Cheshire, CT**



**Holiday Dinner Buffet ~ \$35.00 per person**

**A Non-Perishable food donation to  
Bread for Life will be collected.**

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**Ray Moniz  
260 Buckland St.  
Plantsville, CT 06479**

**Please respond by 11/20/04  
(turn over for directions)**



Directions to:                   Waverly Tavern  
 286 Maple Avenue  
 Cheshire, CT 06410  
 (203)272-5998

From New Haven I-91:

Take 91 North to Exit 10, Mt. Carmel. Follow to end and take right @ traffic light onto Whitney Avenue/ Route 10 North. Route 10 North approximately 6-7 miles through center of Cheshire. Super Stop & Shop Plaza will be on the left. Left @ traffic light after Super Stop & Shop onto Hinman Street. Left into parking lot. Rear of Waverly Tavern (White with dark shutters) Waverly Tavern entrance is located on the opposite side of the building. Handicap Accessible entrance around the front of the building (Maple Avenue).

From Hartford I-91:

Take I-91 South. Take 691 (Meriden) to Exit 3 Cheshire Exit. Left onto Route 10 at the light. Head South on Route 10 (Highland Avenue) 3-4 miles. Look for traffic light @ First Union Bank on your right. Take a right @ the light onto Hinman Street. Rear of Waverly Tavern just ahead (White w/ dark shutters) turn left into parking lot. Waverly Tavern entrance is located on the opposite side of building. Handicap Accessible entrance around the front of the building (Maple Avenue).

From Hartford I-84:

West to 691 Connector - Take Cheshire Exit 3 to light. Right onto Route 10 (Highland Avenue) 3-4 miles. Look for First Union Bank on the right. Take a right at the traffic light onto Hinman. Rear of Waverly Tavern just ahead (White w/ dark green shutters) turn left into parking lot. Waverly Tavern entrance is located on the opposite side of building.

From Waterbury I-84:

Route 84 East Cheshire Exit 26 to Traffic light. Continue straight onto Route 70 until intersection and Traffic Light. (Post Office a little to the left facing you). Left onto Maple Avenue. Waverly Tavern entrance located on right hand side (through 2 stone pillars) after the Fire Station.

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OCTOBER 2004



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Anticipation!

In all modesty, Charter Oak did it again!

The Mardi Gras Rally was a huge success. We "did" the beads, the hats, the trailer decorations; New Orleans would have been proud.

Of special note, Ted and I helped with breakfast duty and I got a first hand lesson on using the clubs new grills. I was not too perfect on eggs and pancakes but did real well on sausage...Anne Werth tried to take my spatulas away. I did rise to the occasion, got to work on time and saw the sun rise. As always, thanks to Bob and Anne.

Charles and Jeanne Wilson's caravan thru upper New York State, Niagara Falls and beyond added to our joy. The caravan was well organized, beautifully presented with lots of good humor and good food. It's amazing how much a Bambi will hold! Good job faithful servants!

How good to have Dick and Molly Cherouny with us on the caravan; they have promised to see us more often and I will personally hold them to that promise.

It was on the caravan that we received word that Ruth Crockett had been admitted to Yale-New Haven Hospital. As of this writing she is now at Gaylord; we offer prayers for her and for Roger and their family.

Not wanting to part company, Jessie and Bud Gould led the way to Cooperstown, NY -- where we stayed at "The Famous Family Cooperstown Camp Ground"; you had to see it to believe it. (stay tuned for future stories).

Please be sure to check the October Blue Beret for generous praises regarding our Region I Rally.

I received a note from Dorothy Freed and she is glad that we have purchased our needed equipment using money from Paul's memorial contributions. She is looking forward to many of you returning to TR. TR had some damage resulting from the storms but it is still beautiful.

Jackie Taylor did not feel that she could join us for the Installation Dinner but wants to be remembered to you all. She enjoys reading about us in the Chatter and welcomes phone calls and visits.

Remember: November is Peanut Butter Lover's Month; Fig Week is (1-7); Deviled Egg Day (2); Sandwich Day (3); Bitter Sweet Chocolate and Almond Day (7); Pizza with the works except Anchovies Day (12); Homemade Bread Day (17); Cashew Day (23); Parfait Day (25) and-----November 7<sup>th</sup> is INSTALLATION DAY. Hope you all come! Voting Day is in there somewhere so don't forget to vote.

One thing about being president of the club is no campaigning is necessary, and it only lasts for one year...unfortunately, you don't get to ride on Air Force I either.

Lois

### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7, 2004

Installation and Fall Business Meeting

Manchester Country Club  
Manchester, CT

Bob & Helen Sandall  
Ron & Shirley Edmondson

December 5, 2004

Holiday Party  
Waverly Inn  
Cheshire, CT

Ray & MaryEllen Moniz

### CHATTER CHANGES!!! EDITOR WANTED!!!

After six plus years and over 60 issues of producing the *Chatter* Lianne & I can no longer continue. Due to work and family responsibilities we must relinquish the duties to another member.

The *Chatter* is produced monthly (except July & January) for a total of 10 issues per year. Email & computer skills are a must. We will produce the *Chatter* until the end of the year so the first issue for the new editor will be February 2005. If you are interested please contact us.

Michael & Lianne Rutty  
#16264





**BIRTHDAYS**

October

Fran Ingallinera	10/05
Dottie Walbridge	10/06
Bill Herpich	10/07
Mark Lupien	10/08
Elsie Nelson	10/10
Dick Bartram	10/12
Carol Hall	10/12
Niels Rosenbeck	10/12
Brian Brosnahan	10/17
Gail Saverese	10/17
Susan Rutty	10/21
Dick Cyr	10/25
Lill Herpich	10/27
Michael Rutty	10/27
Bob Landry	10/27
Fred Newman	10/29
Debi Cocco	10/30

November

Sandy Sasuta	11/01
Anne Werth	11/02
Karen Adams	11/06
Ray Moniz	11/06
Walter Holliday	11/07
Theda McGrath	11/07
Sarah Ribiero	11/07
Clarence Gould	11/09
Paul Good, Jr.	11/09
Paul Good	11/10
Beth Petrie	11/10
Winnie Mangano	11/16
Samuel Newman	11/16
John Peterson	11/16
Jeff Blackwell	11/18
Dorcas VanHorn	11/20
Angela Taurus	11/21
Dolores Perry	11/22
Michael Onorato	11/23
Dick Cherouny	11/27
Helen Sandall	11/28
Howard Kuehn	11/30
Dorothy Sherman	11/30

**ANNIVERSARIES**

October

Bill & Winne Mangano	10/02
Robert & Harriett Thompson	10/02
Bard & Kathy Fuller	10/03
Dan & Karen Olah	10/03
Steve & Pamela Pestretto	10/07
Raymond & Cynthia Richard	10/10
Pete & Laurie Soucy	10/10
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
Alan & Joan Beardsley	11/17
Joseph & Rita Tetreault	11/17
Pat & Larry Larson	11/26
Charlie & Sandy Eglise	11/29

**FOR SALE**

**1996 Airstream 30' Land Yacht Motorhome.** 88,000 easy miles. No smokers and no pets. Excellent condition. 6 new tires. \$41,000 or make an offer. Call 860 658-1222. Seb & Juanita Pestretto

**1996 Airstream Ford Cutter, 34 ft. Class A Motorhome.** Full Warranty For another 20,000 Miles(29,000 miles on odometer) Very clean - Many features(2 tv's, cd player, radio, vcr,cb radio) New tires & Fuel pump. Queen bed. Backup camera and alarm. Front and Rear AC. Exterior awning. Multiple storage bins. Non-smoking and no pets with previous owner. MINT CONDITION Price: \$39,000 or best offer. George Slatcher; New Milford, CT Phone: 203-788-1236

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

We are happy to announce the following nominations for 2004-2005 Charter Oak CT Unit Officers:

- President: Mark Wilson
- 1st Vice President: Fran Eckles
- 2nd Vice President: Ray Moniz
- Corresponding Secretary: Annette Wilson
- Recording Secretary: Fran Simmons
- Treasurer: Sandy Sasuta
- 2nd Year Directors: Angela Taurus, Gregg Cocco
- 1st Year Directors: Pete Soucy, Ray Richard

The election and installation will take place at the November dinner meeting.

Thanks to all who have stepped up to serve our unit. Charter Oak has always been blessed with having great officers to serve in the past and next year's are no exception.

*Michael Rutty, Chairman  
Anne Werth  
Wayne Rutty*



**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.

Regulars Members

Peter & Robin Kingsbury  
WBCCI # 5212  
65 Mamasasco Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877  
(203) 431-9119

Affiliate Members

Claude Boucher & Jocelyne Morand  
WBCCI# 23285  
141 rue Meunier, est  
Laval, Quebec, Canada  
H7G 1R8  
450 669-6601  
cbouche@videotron.ca  
Claude's Birthday 03/23

**CHARTER OAK THOUGHTS & CARES**

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from illnesses or surgeries:

Ruth Crockett as continues to recover from some difficult times.

Jim Tarus is recovering from knee surgery.

Shirley Edmondson is recovering from another hip surgery.

Pete Soucy as he recovers from an illness that prevented them from coming to the October Rally.

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 PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER  
ISSUE TWO, OCTOBER 2004**

Dear Fellow Caravaners

This will be an update of activities that have happened in the last few months.

I might start with the very successful Region One rally that was held in Woodstock, CT this past August. We had it all. Mike & Lianne Rutty did an absolute superb job in orchestrating this event. As any of us could have observed, there were many helping hands. From parking, food, entertainment, seminars, children activities, line dancing, bocce ball and many other activities, everything was "Top Notch." It seems to put the next Region Rally host at a "Must do" situation. Be assured, the Québec Unit will rise to the task for the Region Rally at Trois-Rivières, Québec, in 2005. Cecile and I have been to the site where the Rally will be held. NO MUD, guaranteed. Everyone will be parked on Hard Top. It is a very large facility and there will be use of a very large building. I'm sure the Québec Unit will do a super job.

By the time you read this letter, all six Units will have their new officers in place. To all outgoing Unit Officers, THANK YOU for serving and all you have done for your Unit. Five installations were done in September and the Charter Oak CT Unit will have their Installation at a Luncheon the first Sunday of November. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Franklin Sanders, along with spouse Jane, did the Installations for the White Mountains NH Unit and the Cape Cod Mass. Unit. From a personal observation, I might add that Franklin did a superior job for the CCMU. Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bob Thompson, along with spouse Harriett, did the Installation for the New England Unit and will be doing the same for COCU the first Sunday of November. That leaves Cecile and me. I did the Installations in Canada. It turned out to be quite a journey. First we headed for Eastman, Québec, where I did the Installation for the new officers of the Québec Unit. They are the only Unit in Region One, (that I know of), that have a 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. Instead of coming back to CT, we left the rally and headed for Trois-Rivières and had courtesy parking at Marcel & Marielle Chartiers home, right on the St. Lawrence River. WOW. We stayed there a few days and started the trek out to Argyle, Nova Scotia, and a distance of about 750 miles, to make the next weekend rally for the Canadian Atlantic Unit. The rally site was a farm, owned by Greg & Meralynne Gammon, (not their permanent home). I've done Installations in very different settings, but this was my first time doing an Installation in a BARN. It was absolutely fantastic. They are a small Unit, but with a very big heart. Our entire trip, to attend two rallies, was 2,375 miles, or about 3,800 kilometers if you're a metric person.

We are now moving into the winter schedule, which means some of us will winterize our RV's and store them until spring, and some of us will head south to warmer climate. If you are staying Up North, you might want to take in some Luncheons and keep in touch with our WBCCI friends. If you are going south, maybe Florida, you can do the same there and even take in the Florida State Rally, held annually during the month of February, in Sarasota, FL. In any event, STAY ACTIVE.

To all past, and present, International, Region and Unit Officers, I say "Thank You." It's dedicated people like this, and those of you who help out in so many other ways, that make this club what it is. It's a pleasure for me and Cecile to serve our members in Region One. I'm sure the Thompson's and the Sanders feel the same way.

My next newsletter will be after the Midwinter IBT, (International Board of Trustees), which will be held in Montgomery, Texas. The dates are January 10-14, 2005 at the Havens Landing RV Resort in Montgomery, Texas. Any member of WBCCI may attend. There is a coupon, on page 64, of the October 2004 Blue Beret. If you're in the neighborhood, stop by.

May your travels be safe and happy?

*Raynold Lemaire -President  
Region One, WBCCI # 203*



**A POEM OR TWO BY LOIS**

The following was written and presented at the end of the Fall Caravan by "you know who"

Bob and Anne, hosts with pizzaz  
A rally with hats, beads, masks and all that jazz.

Well planned, well done,  
All leading to a mountain of fun.

For the young and for the old,  
And for the shy and for the bold.

Meals served under the tent,  
Social Hours, our time well spent.

The trailers so festive, and laughter galore,  
Truly a Mardi Gras, du jour.

So hats off to the Werth's (a special thanks,  
my dears),  
A wonderful way to end a "rally" good year!

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See the Airstream all in a row  
Who's going first, Enie, Meenie, Miny or Moe?

Off to wine country, to taste and to smell,  
Maybe buy a vintage that will go very well.

Rest assured, a good time was had by all,  
As we caravanned to the Finger Lakes and Niagara Falls.

So much beauty, such awesome sights  
Everything seemed to be planned just right.

Jeanne and Charlie, many, many thanks  
For gathering the troops and closing the ranks.

You led us straight and fed us right  
We enjoyed every mile and every bite.

But now it's time to pack up and go home.  
Wine country, no more to roam.

But do not fret and do not cry,  
Time goes by fast, you cannot deny.

A new year is about to begin,  
And we can get ready to travel again.

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## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

by Dorothy O'Connor

There is no scarcity of people only too willing to describe the trials and tribulations of growing older. They will gladly tell you in great detail about the aches and pains, about the difficulties of remembering names and dates and places, about how long it takes to accomplish some tasks, about the loss of cherished friends and relatives.

In this article I intend to set forth what, to me, are the advantages of being a "senior citizen." Before I begin, though, let me say that I am painfully aware that some of our dear friends have been hit by one misfortune after another. I do not mean, in any way, to minimize those bad times or to diminish the pain they cause. Although acknowledging the sorrowful times of life, the following comments are my own views on this business of aging at this point in my life.

Every so often I have lunch with a group of older women I've known for years. Before we even place our orders, we state our parameters: only ONE "bodily function" story per person, and only ONE grandmother story. That understood, we then go on to discuss absorbing topics such as books read, travels taken, movies seen, inner thoughts.

Think back to those physically and emotionally stressful teen-age years. Isn't it refreshing and wonderful to know, finally, who you are? I remember when I was - oh - from 14 to 18, I was sure the other kids knew how to act and what to say; I was sure that I was the only one who didn't "get it." It took another 15 to 20 years for me to recognize that none of THEM had known the answers, either! Too bad we can't grasp that fact during adolescence. Or maybe it's an essential part of growing up, a step you can't skip.

That was also the time in my life when I was convinced, in spite of my supportive family's attitude, that it was essential to look like a movie star. I remember looking in the mirror and saying to my 14-year old reflection, "You're no beauty! You'll never make it on looks alone, so you'd better develop a winning personality!" Following that maxim, I have had a full, rich, and extremely satisfying life.

Thinking back and reflecting on the hundreds of people I have known, I now understand without a shadow of a doubt that physical beauty is no automatic passport to a happy life. I am not dissing cleanliness and good grooming. I am merely noting that I have known many a plain woman who has led a happy life, brimful of loving and being loved. Sadly, I have also known a number of real beauties whose lives have not been happy or full of love. I wish I could convey that message to the adolescents of today. But maybe it's a lesson that each generation must learn for itself.

Nowadays, as a senior citizen, I am comfortable with myself. I know who I am, and I like myself. If others don't like parts of my personality, that's too bad. It is a refreshing piece of self-knowledge.

One aspect of being at ease with oneself, for me at least, is the ability to focus on the significant parts of life and not fuss over the less important ones. Once in a while I wear mismatched socks downtown. I chuckle to myself when I imagine how my teen-age self would have had a hissy fit about such a "crisis." Usually nobody notices an older woman with mismatched socks, or if they do they're too polite to comment. One of my friends DID get an adverse comment, to which she cheerfully replied, "That's okay; I have another pair just like them at home!"

My two favorite appreciations of being older are "savoring" and "long-lasting friendships". Instead of frantically rushing about, (usually necessary when one is working and raising children), we older citizens can take time to relish the little segments of life that are so delightful. For instance, if I get up at the right time in July and walk out into the kitchen, the morning sun is streaming into the side porch, moving through the dining room window, and illuminating the kitchen in such a way as to bring joy to the beholder.

And how about seeing a child chasing a butterfly? Or watching a child noticing waves breaking for the first time? How about a child's first experience of snow? Or when we see a bright cluster of Shasta daisies? Or the beauty of an ice storm, dangerous as it is. These precious sights are worth relishing and then storing in our memory banks to re-examine in an idle moment or "down" time. Oftentimes in our younger days, we just forgot to take the time to savor those moments, or were too busy, or thought we were too busy.

The long friendships mentioned above are a source of great satisfaction to me. I know several families in which I have met no less than FIVE generations, only one family whose SIX generations I have known, and more than a handful of FOUR generation families. It is fascinating to observe those families, to spot similar characteristics, to note shared personality traits. I enjoy watching the generations unfurl. No thirty-year-old can possibly claim that! It's like watching your own personal *Forayte Saga*.

In conclusion, between the aches and the pains, and the moans and the groans, let us appreciate the everyday wonders of this world.

## WESTWARD HO 111

On Sunday morning, October 3, 2004, thirteen couples left Laurel Ridge Campground as they joined the COCU Fall Caravan. Our leader and caravan organizers were Charlie and Jeanne Wilson. There were eleven from Charter Oak and two from the New England Unit - Claire & Pat Lines and Doug & Janice Henderson. Our first stop was Weedsport, N.Y. where we were joined by Dick and Molly Cherouney. Charlie and Jeanne had prepared a delicious beef stew supper for us at this campground. Needless to say it was well received by the hungry travelers. It was at this point that we were able to dry out the COCU tent that the Werths had taken with them from the rally in Otis, MA. The playground equipment was festooned with the tent and side-curtains. It didn't take long for the moisture to disappear.

Monday morning found us on our way to Niagara Falls, traveling in groups of three or four. Our campground was a KOA on Grand Island, very close to Niagara. Charlie and Jeanne had prepared a Super Social for this day. They had made every bit of the food that was spread out on the table. Meats, cheeses, pickles and olives - you name it and it was there including two types of wine. There was little need for an evening meal.

On Tuesday, we went on a tour of the Falls. First to the American Falls and to ride on the Maid of the Mist getting up close and personal with the Horseshoe Falls. It was hard to recognize each other as we were all dressed in blue ponchos. We had lunch at the Penthouse Restaurant in the Sheraton Hotel. It was located high above the Falls with a magnificent view of the surrounding area.

Wednesday was an open day giving us a chance to revisit the Falls or check out other attractions. Following Happy Hour, we were treated to a delicious sausage and pasta bake prepared by the Wilsons. Back on the road Thursday enroute to Watkins Glen and Clute Memorial Park on beautiful Seneca Lake. The route led us along the shores of the lake through the wine country. The scenery was spectacular.

Many of us took the opportunity to visit the gorge at Watkins Glen. Although we rode to the top of the gorge, we walked down eight-hundred steps back to the parking lot. There were lots of sore legs the next day. This, according to our schedule, was Friday and another Super Social was in the offing. And SUPER it was - wraps, buffalo-wings, chicken nuggets, cold-cuts, etc.. NO SUPPER that night !!!

After a continental breakfast on Saturday, it was time for us to begin the trip homeward. Seven couples proceeded to Cooperstown, N.Y. and Howe Caverns to round out the week. With somewhat warmer weather, we had an impromptu potluck supper outside by candlelight on Saturday evening in Cooperstown.

Many thanks to Charlie and Jeanne for all the effort they put into the SUPER CARAVAN.

Bob Sandal #5593

## OFF TO ALASKA PART 5

At the last writing, we had arrived in Delta Junction, AK. This was a place to call the family (Cell phones now worked). We could scrape the mud off trucks, trailers, cars, motor homes, ourselves, charge camera batteries and do laundry! In other words, prepare for the rest of the trip! I am now back in Connecticut writing this. Not much time for writing en route as after Delta Junction, we were kept very busy!

I will only touch briefly on the sights that we saw from this point on. There was so much to see and each place had its own charm and variety. Just when you think you have seen it all, you came upon something just as spectacular in its own way. It is impossible to describe it all.

I would like to tell you about the caravan itself. It consisted of 39 units totaling over 80 people. We represented 24 states, coming all the way from Hawaii to Texas to Florida! The youngest couple was in their late 40's, the oldest, a woman, age 84 traveling by herself! There were 9 motor homes, including 2 "classics", 30 trailers, ranging from an Argosy, two cute little "Vintages" and the rest ranging from Safari's to big 34 footers. We also had 12 dogs and 2 cats. Two Boxers, a Golden Retriever, "Rennie", two Standard Poodles, a mix of mid-sized and smaller dogs including the Hall's "Tobie" and the very smallest, a Chihuahua named "Tito" who weighed in at a robust 3 pounds!

We were then off to Fairbanks. From there we took flights to the Arctic Circle and a drive back along the Oil Pipeline. Some went to all the way to Barrow, AK. A super cruise on the "River Boat Discovery" and a visit with Susan Bucher's Iditerod sled dogs. More panning for gold at the Eldorado Gold Mine. Again, no one struck it rich! From here we traveled on to the crown jewel of Alaska, Denali National Park. Mount McKinley came out of its usual covering of clouds and shown for us in all it's glory. Momma Grizzly Bear and her cubs entertained us as did moose, Dall sheep and many other birds and animals, especially a friendly male caribou that decided to go for a stroll along side the bus and was in no hurry to get off the road. The stay at Denali was much too short and we were soon off to Anchorage. From there we took a trip on the Alaska Railroad, down Turnagain Arm to Whittier and a cruise to Kenai Fjords National Park. You reach Whittier by land only by traveling through a 2 1/2 mile long tunnel through the mountains only wide enough for one way traffic at a time. It alternates with the train, then cars, then trucks and then reverses the schedule for the return trip. A wonderful meal was served on the boat while you watched all sorts of sea life at play. Whales, Sea Otters, Stellar Sea Lions, Dall Porpoises, among many others. An amazing variety of birds especially Puffins who were feeding on the vast amount of fish and ate so much that they couldn't fly off the water. Beautiful glaciers. Even got to "listen" to them. They are noisy! The crew scooped up ice from the water and made a "special" drink using the glacier ice! Again the stay in Anchorage was much too short. Our time there was saddened by the news of Hurricane Charlie striking Florida. Art & Carol Hall learned of damage to their property and that Carol's sister's house had been completely destroyed. They felt it necessary to leave the caravan and return as quickly as possible to Florida to assist her sister and husband. We all felt terrible to see them go but understood that was the only thing they could do under the circumstances. We missed them very much for the rest of the trip.

From here we went on to Seward, AK. Another trip by boat, similar in some ways to the Whittier trip with glaciers and wild life, but different enough to be very worth while. Then on to Homer, AK and a fishing trip for the men. All caught their limit of Halibut. Shared it and some had it flash frozen and sent home. No one wanted to figure out how much that fish cost per pound! Palmer, AK was next. This is agriculture territory. Incredible vegetables are grown in their short season. The long, long days in summer are the secret. We also visited a Musk Ox Farm.

We then went to Valdez, AK. In many ways, this was one of my favorite places. A lot happened here so I will save it for my final installment.

*Fran Simmons*

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## OCTOBER RALLY REPORT

Laurel Ridge Campground in Otis, MA. was the site of the final COCU Rally for the 2004 season. Twenty-five families were represented. The group included three "buddies", three from the New England Unit, one from the Cape Cod Unit and one from the Berkshire Unit. We were most pleased to welcome our newest COCU members, Dick and Linda Cyr. The Cyrs are not new to camping but this was their first Airstream experience. It was wonderful to see so many young campers in the group.

Upon our arrival at the campground we were shocked to find that their shelter had been demolished by a wind storm. Anne Werth contacted Mike Rutty to have him bring the COCU tent. However, the tent was at his house in Chester while the truck and trailer were with him at work. How she did it remains a mystery but Lianne managed wrestle the tent, side-curtains, poles and stakes into her car and bring it all to Michael. She saved the day.

On Saturday, many people took time to visit the local attractions such as the Norman Rockwell Museum, Otis Reservoir and the Outlet Shops. Close to the campground was a gift shop located at a poultry farm. They had anything from liquor and food to clothing and many things in between.

We had Happy Hour both Friday and Saturday afternoons around a large campfire. The goodies prepared by the camping wives were in abundance. Bud Gould had supplied enough wood to build a small house (or so it seemed) so we had plenty for the evening get-together. Toasted (?) marshmallows were the order of the day along with candy bars (not toasted).

Late Saturday afternoon a cold-front passed through as we were preparing for our pot-luck supper but the rain drops could not dampen the festivities. Once again the COCU cooks and others rose to the occasion. The quantity and quality of the various food items was outstanding. Anyone who went away hungry had only himself to blame.

Each morning our hosts, Bob and Anne Werth along with the Prices and several volunteers saw to it that we started the day with a good breakfast under our belts. Pancakes and sausages one day with scrambled eggs and sausages another day ending with a continental breakfast on Sunday. It's a good thing that scales are not allowed at these rallies.

All too soon Sunday morning arrived and it was time to fold our tent and move out. Most people were headed home but for thirteen couples it was the start of a week-long caravan to Niagara Falls and Watkins Glen, New York.

A big thank-you to the Werths and Prices for another job well done.

*Bob Sandal*  
# 5593

INSTALLATION DINNER  
 NOVEMBER 7, 2004  
 MANCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB  
 305 SOUTH MAIN STREET (CT. ROUTE 83)  
 MANCHESTER, CT.

Social Hour 12 P.M. to 1 P.M.  
 Dinner at 1 P.M. with Meeting and Installation to follow

MENU

English Cut Prime Rib, Au Jus	\$19.95
Baked Haddock with Lemon Butter Sauce	\$18.95
Stuffed Breast of Chicken	\$18.95

All entrees include a garden salad with house dressing, potato & vegetable, rolls & butter, and coffee. Desert will be ice cream with chocolate sauce.

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

Send check to Bob Sandall, 114 Hollister Street, Manchester, Ct., 06040. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS OCTOBER 29, 2004.**

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No.	Entrée	Price
___	Prime Rib	\$19.95 _____
___	Chicken	\$18.95 _____
___	Baked Haddock	\$18.95 _____
	Total	_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_



**Charter Oak  
Holiday Party  
December 5, 2004  
12:00pm**



**Hosts - Ray & MaryEllen Moniz**



**Waverly Tavern  
286 Waverly Ave.  
Cheshire, CT**



**Holiday Dinner Buffet ~ \$35.00 per person**

**A Non-Perishable food donation to  
Bread for Life will be collected.**

**Make checks payable and mail to:**

**Ray Moniz  
260 Buckland St.  
Plantsville, CT 06479**

**Please respond by 11/20/04  
(turn over for directions)**



Directions to:                   Waverly Tavern  
 286 Maple Avenue  
 Cheshire, CT 06410  
 (203)272-5998

From New Haven I-91:

Take 91 North to Exit 10, Mt. Carmel. Follow to end and take right @ traffic light onto Whitney Avenue/ Route 10 North. Route 10 North approximately 6-7 miles through center of Cheshire. Super Stop & Shop Plaza will be on the left. Left @ traffic light after Super Stop & Shop onto Hinman Street. Left into parking lot. Rear of Waverly Tavern (White with dark shutters) Waverly Tavern entrance is located on the opposite side of the building. Handicap Accessible entrance around the front of the building (Maple Avenue).

From Hartford I-91:

Take I-91 South. Take 691 (Meriden) to Exit 3 Cheshire Exit. Left onto Route 10 at the light. Head South on Route 10 (Highland Avenue) 3-4 miles. Look for traffic light @ First Union Bank on your right. Take a right @ the light onto Hinman Street. Rear of Waverly Tavern just ahead (White w/ dark shutters) turn left into parking lot. Waverly Tavern entrance is located on the opposite side of building. Handicap Accessible entrance around the front of the building (Maple Avenue).

From Hartford I-84:

West to 691 Connector - Take Cheshire Exit 3 to light. Right onto Route 10 (Highland Avenue) 3-4 miles. Look for First Union Bank on the right. Take a right at the traffic light onto Hinman. Rear of Waverly Tavern just ahead (White w/ dark green shutters) turn left into parking lot. Waverly Tavern entrance is located on the opposite side of building.

From Waterbury I-84:

Route 84 East Cheshire Exit 26 to Traffic light. Continue straight onto Route 70 until intersection and Traffic Light. (Post Office a little to the left facing you). Left onto Maple Avenue. Waverly Tavern entrance located on right hand side (through 2 stone pillars) after the Fire Station.

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## Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - WBCCI 2005 Dues Notice

Please remit your dues for the year 2005 with this completed form by October 15, 2004 to Sandy Sasuta.

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Milford, CT 06460

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\_\_\_\_\_

**2005 Dues**

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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

NOVEMBER 2004



## THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE LAST LETTER FROM LOIS

Free at last; at last I'm free!! By the time you read this letter the Oval Office in Wethersfield will officially be closed. "The Queen" will no longer be in the parlor. Please direct further business to the new administration. Seriously, it was a very good year for me. Our various events were well planned and well attended/ and our unit has much to be proud of. What a pleasure to have served as president.

Thank you to the Board, - officers, directors and committee chairpersons; for all the help that members gave to dinner, caravan and rally hosts. I would certainly be remiss (and I never want to be that) if I didn't thank my dear Ted; It was not always easy doing it with him but I couldn't have done it without him.

Assuredly, Mark and Annette Wilson can expect the same wonderful support. Mark may not be referred to as "The King" (and hopefully not "The Queen") but respect is not far behind!

Helen and Bob Sandall as well as Shirley and Ron Edmondson hosted the very successful Installation/De-Installation Dinner at The Manchester Country Club.

The second "official" general meeting was held and I appreciate everyone patiently sitting through a rather lengthy agenda.

Our thanks to Bob Thompson and wife Harriett for duly installing the incoming Board. It was a relief to see Mark and Annette come through the door just in time for the ceremonies; I was beginning to think that Ted and I were going to have to start telling some more family stories!

It is hard to be a "has-been" and to give up front page space in the Chatter but I think that I can get used to it. As the saying goes, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

We will all miss Lianne and Mike as "Chatter" editors. What would we do without the Ruttys of the world? Please welcome Ray & Cynthia Richard who willingly stepped right up to the computer. It will be interesting to see how Cynthia knits, crochets and types at the same time!

My congratulations to the new slate and my deepest thanks to you all for making this past year a jolly good one. Ted and I look forward to many more wonderful times as members of the Airstream community.

My beautiful clock will be cherished and when we light the lovely candle and Ted is sipping his gift of beer we will think of our friends in Charter Oak and beyond. I also get a Blue Star for the Past President's flag and the club gets a Merit Award ribbon. Life is good!!

Thus endith one year, and a new year beginith!!

Madam "Ex"

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 5, 2004**

Holiday Party  
Waverly Inn  
Cheshire, CT  
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz

**February 6, 2005**

Dinner Meeting  
Imperial Buffett  
Plainville, CT  
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz

**March 6, 2005**

Dinner Meeting  
Kathy Kushman  
Doreen Fuller

**April 6, 2005**

Dinner Meeting  
Nutmeg Restaurant  
East Windsor, CT  
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera

**May 6-8, 2005**

Rally - Open  
Contact Mark Wilson if you are  
interested in hosting



**BIRTHDAYS**

## November

Sandy Sasuta	11/01
Anne Werth	11/02
Karen Adams	11/06
Ray Moniz	11/06
Walter Holliday	11/07
Theda McGrath	11/07
Sarah Ribiero	11/07
Clarence Gould	11/09
Paul Good, Jr.	11/09
Paul Good	11/10
Beth Petrie	11/10
Winnie Mangano	11/16
Samuel Newman	11/16
John Peterson	11/16
Jeff Blackwell	11/18
Dorcas VanHorn	11/20
Angela Taurus	11/21
Dolores Perry	11/22
Michael Onorato	11/23
Dick Cherouny	11/27
Helen Sandall	11/28
Howard Kuehn	11/30
Dorothy Sherman	11/30

## December

James Rutty	12/01
Lynn Perlotto	12/01
Duncan McDougall	12/03
Jan Miller	12/03
Daphine McDonald	12/12
Dorothy Lowell	12/13
Rene Osterlund	12/15
Carol Potter	12/16
Jeanette O'Donald	12/18
Pat Larson	12/22
Larry Larson	12/27

**ANNIVERSARIES**

## November

Russell Berg & Dorothy O'Connor	11/04
Rip & Elsie Nelson	11/16
Alan & Joan Beardsley	11/17
Joseph & Rita Tetreault	11/17
Pat & Larry Larson	11/26
Charlie & Sandy Eglise	11/29

## December

Greg & Jan Miller	12/17
Michael & Deborah Onorato	12/23
Philip & Frances Simmons	12/26
Fred & Susan Newman	12/28
Ray & Rene Osterlund	12/31
Ron & Gail Saverese	12/31

**FOR SALE/WANTED**

**For Sale: 1996 Airstream 30' Land Yacht Motorhome.** 88,000 easy miles. No smokers and no pets. Excellent condition. 6 new tires. \$41,000 or make an offer. Call 860 658-1222. Seb & Juanita Pestretto

**For Sale: 1996 Airstream Ford Cutter, 34 ft. Class A Motorhome.** Full Warranty For another 20,000 Miles(29,000 miles on odometer) Very clean - Many features(2 tv's, cd player, radio, vcr,cb radio) New tires & Fuel pump. Queen bed. Backup camera and alarm. Front and Rear AC. Exterior awning. Multiple storage bins. Non-smoking and no pets with previous owner. MINT CONDITION Price: \$39,000 or best offer. George Slatcher, New Milford, CT Phone: 203-788-1236

**Wanted:** 1990-1995 model 25ft.w/rear twin beds. Anyone thinking of updating and would like to see their trailer go to a "good home", please call (203) 272-4325 Pat & Brian Brosnahan #8709

**For Sale: 2001 Airstream Excella 31'** wide body. Rear queen bed. Zipdee awning all around. No smokers, no pets, original owners, in excellent condition. Asking \$39,500. Ph. 207-642-2574. Claire & Pat Lines Standish, ME.

**CHATTER CHANGES!!!  
NEW EDITORS!!!**

We are pleased to announce that Ray & Cynthia Richard will be taking over the editorship of the Chatter starting in February.

Please join us in welcoming Ray & Cynthia to their new position.

*Michael & Lianne Rutty  
#16264*

**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.

Regular Members

Val & Aili Galasyn  
WBCCI #8115  
34 Buck Hill Road  
Canterbury, CT 06331  
(860) 546-9298  
Val's Birthday 02/25  
Aili's Birthday 08/04  
Anniversary 07/02

**CHARTER OAK THOUGHTS  
& CARES**

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from illnesses or surgeries:

Marge Peterson as recover from a recent hospitalization.

Reggie Brown as he recovers from an accident at Travelers Rest to his arm.

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



## CHARTER OAK INSTALLATION DINNER MEETING

Charter Oak Installation meeting was held Sunday, November 7th at the Manchester Country Club. There were 57 members in attendance as the officers were installed for the coming year. After a social hour, dinner was enjoyed by all.

Outgoing President Lois Price called the meeting to order and the secretary's and treasurer's reports were accepted and placed on file.

Mike Ruddy summarized the Region I rally held at Woodstock Fairgrounds. He was very pleased with all aspects which included the food, entertainment, parking and programs.

He again thanked everyone who helped make it a great rally. We, in turn, thanked Mike and Lianne for the outstanding leadership in organizing this rally. It was indeed a huge job and Mike and Lianne did a great job. We gave Mike a prolonged ovation for a job well done.

Mike later announced that he and Lianne were resigning as editors of the Chatter. Lois thanked Mike and Lianne for the fine job they have done over the years. Mike also announced that Cynthia and Raymond Richard have volunteered to take over as editors in the new year. We are very fortunate that Cynthia and Ray stepped up to keep publishing the Chatter.

Mike Ruddy, chairperson presented the nominating committee report which was accepted by unanimous vote of the members.

Region I Vice President Robert Thompson and his wife Harriett conducted the installation ceremony.

President- Mark Wilson

1st Vice President- Fran Eckles

2nd Vice President- Ray Moniz

Corresponding Secretary- Annette Wilson

Recording Secretary- Fran Simmons

Treasurer- Sandy Sasuta

Directors- Angela Tauras

Gregg Cocco

Pete Soucy

Raymond Richard

President Mark Wilson presented gifts of appreciation to Lois and Ted Price and then concluded the meeting by reading the list of events scheduled for next year. If anyone wishes to help with any events please contact Mark.

Hosts for this meeting were Bob and Helen Sandall and Ron and Shirley Edmondson.

*Ron Edmondson*  
#2463

## BAKED STIFFED CHICKEN

Here is a chicken recipe that also includes the use of popcorn as a stuffing.. imagine that!

When I found this recipe, I thought it was perfect for people, likeme, who just are not sure how to tell when poultry is thoroughly cooked, but not dried out. This is really good, give it a try and ENJOY!

### BAKED STUFFED CHICKEN

6-7 lb. chicken

1 cup melted butter

1 cup stuffing (Pepperidge Farm is good.)

1 cup uncooked popcorn (ORVILLE REDENBACHERS LOW FAT)

Salt/pepper to taste

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Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Brush chicken well with melted butter, salt, and pepper. Fill cavity with stuffing and popcorn.

Place in baking pan with the neck end toward the back of the oven.

Listen for the popping sounds.

When the chicken's backside blows the oven door open and the chicken flies across the room, it is done.

And, you thought I couldn't cook!!!

*Ted Price*  
#23726

# RÉGION 1 RALLY 2005

HOSTED BY  
QUEBEC CANADA UNIT  
WBCCI

## QUEBEC HEARTLAND TROIS-RIVIÈRES AUGUST 25 TO 28

Trois-Rivières Fairground  
1650, boul. des Forges,  
Trois-Rivières (Québec)  
Canada G9A 5K8

Quebec Canada Unit invites you to visit "The Quebec Heartland" with it's historical sites and museums. "Les vieilles forges du St-Maurice", Notre-Dame du Cap Sanctuary, Arts, Crafts, Sugar house and city bus tour are some of the things to do. Fun and Friendship is always.

**YOUR RALLY FEE INCLUDES :**

- 3 nights limited electric, water and dump station
- 2 nights of amateur & professional entertainment
- 3 continental breakfast ,2 dinners & ice cream nightly
- Prizes, craft and flea market, happy hours
- Youth program ,fellowship & fun as always
- Pets are welcome- Must remain on leash at all times
- Security -24 hours

**OPTIONAL**

- City bus tour including: these 3visits**
- 1-"Les vieilles Forges du St-Maurice" (\$4.00)
  - 2-"QCP Museum" (\$9.00)
  - 3-"Old Penitentiary" (\$9.00)
- \$30.00 US per person

**DIRECTIONS**

**From west (ouest)** I-40 exit #199 Boul. des Forges. 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light turn left under the bypass. Second traffic light turn right to the top of the hill. Turn left and go straight under the arch and follow the WBCCI signs.  
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**Charter Oak  
Holiday Party  
December 5, 2004  
12:00pm**



**Hosts - Ray & MaryEllen Moniz**



**Waverly Tavern  
286 Waverly Ave.  
Cheshire, CT**



**Holiday Dinner Buffet ~ \$35.00 per person**

**A Non-Perishable food donation to  
Bread for Life will be collected.**

**Make checks payable and mail to:**

**Ray Moniz  
260 Buckland St.  
Plantsville, CT 06479**

**Please respond by 11/20/04  
(turn over for directions)**



Directions to:                      Waverly Tavern  
286 Maple Avenue  
Cheshire, CT 06410  
(203)272-5998

From New Haven I-91:

Take 91 North to Exit 10, Mt. Carmel. Follow to end and take right @ traffic light onto Whitney Avenue/ Route 10 North. Route 10 North approximately 6-7 miles through center of Cheshire. Super Stop & Shop Plaza will be on the left. Left @ traffic light after Super Stop & Shop onto Hinman Street. Left into parking lot. Rear of Waverly Tavern (White with dark shutters) Waverly Tavern entrance is located on the opposite side of the building. Handicap Accessible entrance around the front of the building (Maple Avenue).

From Hartford I-91:

Take I-91 South. Take 691 (Meriden) to Exit 3 Cheshire Exit. Left onto Route 10 at the light. Head South on Route 10 (Highland Avenue) 3-4 miles. Look for traffic light @ First Union Bank on your right. Take a right @ the light onto Hinman Street. Rear of Waverly Tavern just ahead (White w/ dark shutters) turn left into parking lot. Waverly Tavern entrance is located on the opposite side of building. Handicap Accessible entrance around the front of the building (Maple Avenue).

From Hartford I-84:

West to 691 Connector - Take Cheshire Exit 3 to light. Right onto Route 10 (Highland Avenue) 3-4 miles. Look for First Union Bank on the right. Take a right at the traffic light onto Hinman. Rear of Waverly Tavern just ahead (White w/ dark green shutters) turn left into parking lot. Waverly Tavern entrance is located on the opposite side of building.

From Waterbury I-84:

Route 84 East Cheshire Exit 26 to Traffic light. Continue straight onto Route 70 until intersection and Traffic Light. (Post Office a little to the left facing you). Left onto Maple Avenue. Waverly Tavern entrance located on right hand side (through 2 stone pillars) after the Fire Station.

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### Editors

Sandy Sasuta  
 Michael & Lianne Rutty  
 Richard & Kathleen Kushman

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# Region One Rally



## Rockin' to Woodstock

**August 5-8, 2004**

Sign up - help out - come and enjoy!

Check the Chatter or the region web site for a sign up form and more information.

Contact Mike Ruty to volunteer.



## Region One Web Page

[www.wbcci1.org](http://www.wbcci1.org)

Visit the web and check out the Airstream stories

**Contribute your stories and pictures**

Email information and pictures to: [region1@wbcci1.org](mailto:region1@wbcci1.org)



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**Corresponding Secretary**

Annette Wilson

**Second Year Directors**

Phil Simmons

Jim Taures

**First Year Directors**

Angela Taures

Gregg Cocco

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Shirley Edmondson

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Michael Rutty

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**Historian**

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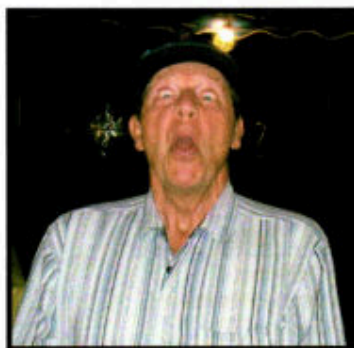


From a 1968 catalog - say hairdo.

## Charter Oak Connecticut Unit

### Past Presidents

- 1971 Emile Raboin
- 1972 Thomas Brennan
- 1973 Donald Metzler (d)
- 1974 Roger Crockett
- 1975 David Clark (d)
- 1976 Edward Sheffield
- 1977 Rundle Bloomer (d)
- 1978 William Curry
- 1979 Elliott Weston
- 1980 Richard Porter
- 1981 Howard (Jim) McLain
- 1982 Charles Eglise
- 1983 Joseph Gatavaski
- 1984 Ruth Crockett
- 1985 Niels Rosenbeck
- 1986 Clarence Nelson
- 1987 James Hegeman (d)
- 1988 Paul Good
- 1989 Michael Sasuta
- 1990 Wayne Rutty
- 1991 Robert Barrett
- 1992 Susan Rutty
- 1993 Richard Bartram
- 1994 Jim Edmondson (d)
- 1995 Eileen Bartram
- 1996 Jim Miller
- 1997 Anne Werth
- 1998 Bob Werth
- 1999 Bob Sandall
- 2000 Bud Gould
- 2001 Ted Price
- 2002 Charles Wilson
- 2003 Mike Rutty



Ted reacts to Lois becoming our new president.



Lois joyfully accepts the gavel from Mike.

## Year 2004 Activities

### **February 1, 2004**

Dinner Meeting  
Sheraton Hotel; East Hartford, CT  
Raymond & Cynthia Richard  
(860) 873-1973

### **March 7, 2004**

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

### **April 4, 2004**

Dinner Meeting  
The Nutmeg Restaurant  
East Windsor, CT  
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera (860) 289-9149

### **April 30-May 2, 2004 Rally**

"Getting Ready to Rock"  
Spring Business Meeting and  
2004 Region 1 Rally Planning  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT  
Michael & Lianne Ruty (860) 526-8011  
Mark & Annette Wilson (203) 746-9756

### **June 4-6, 2004**

Rally - TBD  
Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
Ted & Lois Price (860) 529-9393

### **June 29, 2004**

Region 1 Installation Luncheon  
Lansing Center; Lansing, MI  
Ray Lemaire (860) 376-4678

### **June 28 - July 4, 2004**

"Great Lakes, Great Times, Great City"  
International Rally  
Lansing, MI





## 2004 Activities Continued

### **August 5-8, 2004**

Region 1 Rally  
 "Rockin' to Woodstock"  
 Hosted by: Charter Oak CT Unit  
 Woodstock Fairgrounds  
 Woodstock, CT  
 Michael Rutty (860) 526-8011



### **September 3-6, 2004**

Haddam Neck Fair Rally  
 Labor Day Weekend  
 Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
 Wayne & Susan Rutty (860) 345-4049



### **October 1-3, 2004 Rally**

Laurel Ridge Camping Area  
 Otis, MA  
 Bob & Anne Werth (860) 875-4129  
 Jim & Angela Tauras (860) 872-6234



### **October 3-10, 2004**

Region 1 – Fall Foliage Caravan  
 Niagara & The Lakes Region  
 Charlie & Jeanne Wilson  
 (203) 746-3506



### **November 7, 2004**

Installation and Fall Business Meeting  
 Manchester Country Club  
 Manchester, CT  
 Bob & Helen Sandall (860) 649-0480  
 Ron & Shirley Edmondson  
 (860) 742-7975



### **December 5, 2004**

Holiday Party  
 Waverly Inn  
 Cheshire, CT  
 Ray & MaryEllen (860) 621-1536

## Connecticut Unit Members by Number

90	Knight, Howard & Carolyn	7115	Meyer, Edward & Kathleen
210	Rutty, Wayne & Susan	7161	Wilson, Mark & Annette
213	Dole, Rod & Shirley	7326	Wilson, Charlie & Jeanne
281	Bartram, Dick & Eileen	7534	Potter, Joseph & Carol
293	Werth, Bob & Anne	7596	Larson, Pat & Larry
318	Fuller, John & Ruby	7656	McDonald, Chuck & Daphne
332	McGrath, Theda	7700	Taurus, Jim & Angela
1001	Sasuta, Mike & Sandy	7752	Bradley, Leland & Claire
1018	Lines, Claire & Patricia	7880	Holiday, Walter & Dee
1099	Clark, Betty	7898	Eglise, Charlie & Sandy
1201	McGoldrick, Fred & Dale	8360	Berg, Russell & O'Conner, Dorothy
1328	Osterlund, Ray & Rene	8509	Nelson, Rip & Elsie
1378	Lemaire, Raynold & Cecile	8625	Ribeiro, Joe & Sarah
1409	Sanders, Franklin & Jane	8627	Crockett, Roger & Ruth
1442	Kushman, Richard & Kathleen	8709	Brosnahan, Brian & Pat
1445	Richard, Raymond & Cynthia	8988	Onorato, Michael & Deborah
1548	Pestretto, Steve & Pam	9348	Simmons, Philip & Frances
1586	Moffo, Richard & Rosalie	9480	Barrett, Bob & Carolyn
1745	Fuller, Russ & Rhona	9581	Thompson, Bob & Harriett
2463	Edmondson, Ron & Shirley	9705	Lamontagne, Larry & Pat
2478	Gould, Bud & Jessie	11374	Freed, Paul & Dorothy
2787	Link, Michael & Adria	12051	Brown, Reggie & Jackie
2813	Griffin, Richard & Kathy	12461	Hall, Art & Carol
3045	Rawson, Don & Pat	13992	Edmondson, Laura
3371	Walbridge, Rich & Dottie	14033	Good, Mark & Gail
3427	Sherman, Anthony & Dorothy	14964	Guthman, Frank & Patty
3468	Clark, Leila	15116	Moore, Wayne & Linda
3569	Lowell, Lin & Dorothy	16264	Rutty, Michael, Lianne and James
3611	Kelly, Stephen & Carol	17702	Tetreault, Joseph & Rita
3718	Santos, Joe & Carmella	18081	Ingallinera, Jerry & Fran
3788	Williams, Paul & Ferri, Jane	20566	Levinson, David
3990	Landry, Bob & Jean	20567	Levinson, Gary
4087	Cocco, Gregg & Debi	23726	Price, Ted & Lois
4088	Perlotto, Bill & Lynn	23728	Cherouny, Dick & Molly
4104	McDougall, Duncan	24115	Rosenbeck, Niels & Lydia
4873	O'Donald, Bill & Jeanette	25573	Sikes, Arthur & Arlene
4922	Pestretto, Sebastian & Juanita	25707	Mangano, Bill & Winny
5082	Terry, Robert & Kim	26410	Olah, Dan & Karen
5247	Duesel, Earl & Elaine	26824	Henschel, Bob & Sharon
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From a 1968 brochure.

## 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*



Passing the colors.  
A loving moment for all who remember Jim.

## 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.



Did you get one of these?



## 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.



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## 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 from responsibility for loss or damage to property applies regardless of whether that property has been received by any member or officer or left upon the premises.

## Article X

### **Amendments**

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Executive Board by two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to all members of the Executive Board in writing at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

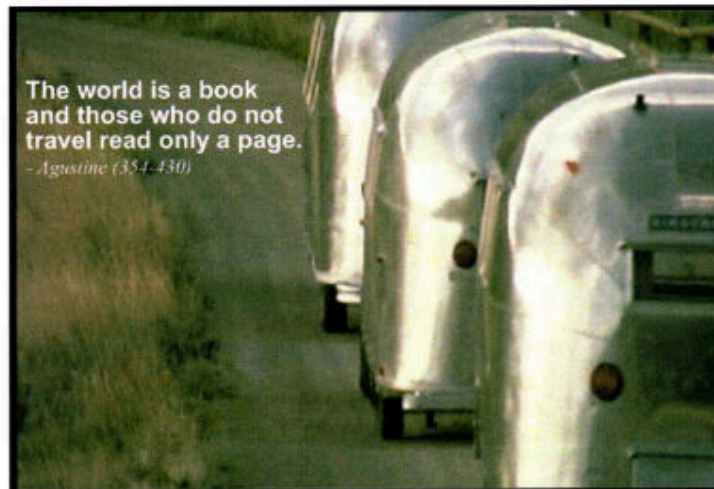
Section 2: Such amendments shall become effective upon adoption.

## Article XI

### **Dissolution**

Section 1: In the event of dissolution of this Unit, the members shall, through the President, assign all assets to the International Club, or in the case of an incorporated unit, to such other trustee appointed in accordance with the laws governing non-profit corporation in the State or province of their incorporation, to be held in trust until such time as the charter is restored, the unit is reorganized, or a new charter is issued when such assets shall be returned or transferred to the newly functioning unit. This procedure is in accordance with the meaning of Section 501 © (7) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. None of the funds shall enure to the benefit of any member and the Unit Charter and all International club property shall be returned to International Club Headquarters.

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



## 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.

OhioMeadow 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.

OklahomaCherokee 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.

OregonDufur 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.

PennsylvaniaPenn 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. Emile De L'Energie South on 131 for 5 miles. Park is located 26 miles north of Joliette and 60 miles from Montreal.

South Carolina**Palmetto Cove**

Star Route, Box 87  
 521 Table Rock Road  
 Cleveland, SC 29635  
 (864) 836-9221

Directions/Location: From Greenville North on 276, South on 8 for 600 feet, Right on River Road (do not cross bridge). From Charlotte, NC South on I-85 to Gaffney, SC, West on 11, on 8 for 600 feet, Right on River Road (do not cross bridge). Park is on south side of River Road.

Tennessee**Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Campground**

Route 5, Box 285  
 158 Airstream Circle  
 Crossville, TN 38555

Directions/Location: From Chattanooga North on U.S. 127 for approximately 70 miles, West at sign at bridge crossing Daddy's Creek for 4.7 miles, South at sign for 2.1 miles. From I-40 South on U.S. 127 for approximately 16 miles, West at sign at bridge crossing Daddy's Creek for 4.7 miles, South at sign for 2.1 miles.

Texas**North Texas Airstream Community**

P.O. Box 1224  
 200 Walnut Hill Avenue  
 Hillsboro, TX 76645  
 (254) 582-5566

Directions/Location: From I-35 Take Exit 368A and go East on Highway 22. After .4 miles, turn right on Walnut Hill Street. Park is on right.

**El Valle Del Sol**

P.O. Box 1668, R.R. 4  
 2500 East Business 83 #12  
 Mission, TX 78572  
 (956) 585-5704

Directions/Location: From East or West Expressway 83 North on FM 494, East on Business 83 for 1,000 feet. Park is located between Mission and McAllen.

**TA-HI, The Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc.**

Box 200, Route 2  
 Zavalla, TX 75980  
 (409) 897-3413

Directions/Location: From U.S. 69 East on 63 for .7 miles, Left (northeast) on 147 for 4.5 miles, Left at TA-HI sign for .6 miles. From Southwest 147 Right at TA-HI sign (2 miles after bridge over reservoir) for .6 miles.

**Virginia****Tall Pines Harbor, Inc. (Temperanceville, VA)**

P.O. Box 5  
 Sanford, VA 23426  
 (757) 824-0777

Directions/Location: From Temperanceville West on 695 for 7 miles.

**Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park**

R-1, Box 154C  
 Copper Hill, VA 24079  
 (540) 651-9050

Directions/Location: From the North on I-81 Take 581 through Roanoke, South on 220 to Blue Ridge Parkway, South on Blue Ridge Parkway to Adney Gap (mile post 136), South on 221, Right on 610 for 1 mile, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the South on I-81 Take Route 8 to Floyd from Christianburg, North on 221, Left on 610, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the South on I-77 North on 221 in Hillsville through Floyd, Left on 610, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the East on 460 or from the South on 220 South on Blue Ridge Parkway to Adney Gap (mile post 136), South on 221, Right on 610 for 1 mile, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the west on 460 and West VA Turnpike Take I-81 South, South on 8 past Christianburg to Floyd, North on 221, Left on 610, turn onto 6490 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles.



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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.

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## 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.



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## 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.

### Town/City    Member/Number    Phone

**Connecticut**

Chester	Michael & Lianne Rutty #16264	(860) 526-8011
Coventry	Bob & Jean Landry #3990	(860) 742-8069
East Windsor	Jim & Corinne Burnham #31109	(860) 623-9752
Goshen	Bill & Lynn Perlotto #4088	(860) 491-3608
Haddam	Wayne & Susan Rutty #210	(860) 345-4049
Gales Ferry	Robert & Doreen Fuller #6465	(860) 464-8110
Middletown	Bud & Jessie Gould #2478	(860) 347-5731
New Fairfield	Mark & Annette Wilson #7161	(203) 746-9756
Plantsville	Ray & Maryellen Moniz #5381	(860) 621-1536
Simsbury	Seb & Juanita Pestretto #4922	(860) 658-1222
Southington	Russ & Rhona Fuller #1745	(860) 747-1193
Wethersfield	Ted & Lois Price #23726	(860) 529-9393

**New York**

Newburgh	David Levinson #20566	(914) 562-0091
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**Rhode Island**

Hopkinton	Howard (Mike) Kuehn #30883	(401) 377-1069
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**Texas**

Roanoke	Mark & Gail Good #14033	(817) 379-5806
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Reasons to join.

## Charter Oak Birthdays

### January

John Fuller	01/03
Donald Perry	01/03
Rip Nelson	01/05
Jerry Ingallinera	01/16
Howard M. Knight	01/16
Jane Sanders	01/18
Mark Wilson	01/18
Carmella Santos	01/19
Annette Wilson	01/23
Lianne Rutty	01/24
Joseph Tetreault	01/25
Ray Osterlund	01/26
Laurie Soucy	01/27
Arlene Sikes	01/28
Rita Tetreault	01/29
Raynold Lemaire	01/30
Linwood Lowell	01/30

### February

Susan Newman	02/01
Richard Griffin	02/05
Samuel Rutty	02/05
Bill Perlotto	02/09
Pat Brosnahan	02/10
David Levinson	02/13
Leila Clark	02/16
Patricia Lines	02/18
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
Dee Holliday	03/06
Juanita Pestretto	03/06
Larry Lamontagne	03/07
Lydia	03/08
Sandy Eglise	03/11
Jessie Gould	03/15
Elaine Duesel	03/17
Rhona Fuller	03/17
Linda Moore	03/17
Keith Adams	03/18

Roger Crockett	03/21
Frances Simmons	03/21
Ruth Crockett	03/22
Kim Terry	03/22
Leland Bradley	03/23
Rich Walbridge	03/23
Steve Kelly	03/25
Francis Eckels	03/30
Anthony Sherman	03/30
Margie Peterson	03/31

### April

Cynthia Richard	04/03
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	04/24
Franklin Sanders	04/24
Ruby Fuller	04/26
Bob Henschel	04/27
Joseph Potter	04/29

### May

Bard Fuller	05/01
Mark Good	05/03
Pat Lamontagne	05/03
William O'Donald	05/05
Jean Landry	05/11
Michael Newman	05/11
Ron Edmondson	05/13
Raymond Richard	05/17
Molly	05/21
Paul Williams	05/26
Don Rawson	05/27



## Birthdays Continued

### June

Sebastian Pestretto	06/03
Gregg Cocco	06/11
John Hatch	06/14
Joe Ribiero	06/14
Joe Santos	06/16
Chuck McDonald	06/17
Russ Fuller	06/20
Pete Soucy	06/20
Philip Simmons	06/23
Arthur Sikes	06/25
Gail Good	06/26
Reggie Brown	06/28
Maureen Eckels	06/28
Frank Guthman	06/28

### July

Jim Burnham	07/01
Ted Price	07/03
Kathy Kushman	07/05
Cecile Lemaire	07/06
Dale McGoldrick	07/06
Earl Duesel	07/14
Rosalie Moffo	07/15
Rob Terry	07/19
Megan Fuller	07/21
Carol Kelly	07/21
Harriett Thompson	07/22
Richard Moffo	07/23
Claire Lines	07/23
Judy Good	07/26
Lois Price	07/26
Kathy Fuller	07/29
Dorothy O'Connor	07/30

### August

Robert Fuller	08/01
Steve Pestretto	08/05
Doreen Fuller	08/06
Fred McGoldrick	08/08
Jeanne Wilson	08/08
Shirley Edmondson	08/09
Jackie Brown	08/16
Adria Link	08/18
Pam	08/21
Patty Guthman	08/23

Bob Thompson	08/24
Dorothy Freed	08/27
Pat Rawson	08/27
Wayne Ritty	08/27
Art Hall	08/28
Rich Kushman	08/29
Gary Levinson	08/29
Charlie Eglise	08/30

### September

Jane Ferri	09/04
Bill Mangano	09/05
Deborah Onorato	09/05
Sharon Henschel	09/06
Chuck Bleakney	09/08
Wayne Moore	09/08
Carolyn L. Knight	09/11
Brian Fuller	09/13
Kathy Griffin	09/13
Rod Dole	09/22
James Taurus	09/25
Michael Link	09/27
Ron Savarese	09/29

### October

Fran Ingallinera	10/05
Dottie Walbridge	10/06
Bill Herpich	10/07
Dick Bartram	10/12
Carol Hall	10/12
Elsie Nelson	10/12
Niels Rosenbeck	10/12
Brian	10/17
Gail Savarese	10/17
Susan Ritty	10/21
Lill Herpich	10/27
Michael Ritty	10/27
Bob Landry	10/27
Fred Newman	10/29
Debi Cocco	10/30

### November

Sandy Sasuta	11/01
Anne Werth	11/02
Karen Adams	11/06
Ray Moniz	11/06

## Birthdays Continued

### November (Continued)

Walter Holliday	11/07
Theda McGrath	11/07
Sarah Ribiero	11/07
Clarence Gould	11/09
Paul Good, Jr.	11/09
Paul Good	11/10
Winnie Mangano	11/16
Samuel Newman	11/16
John Peterson	11/16
Dorcas VanHorn	11/20
Angela Tauras	11/21
Dolores Perry	11/22
Michael Onorato	11/23
Dick Cherouny	11/27
Helen Sandall	11/28
Howard Kuehn	11/30
Dorothy Sherman	11/30

### December

James Rutty	12/01
Lynn	12/01
Duncan McDougall	12/03
Daphine McDonald	12/12
Dorothy Lowell	12/13
Rene Osterlund	12/15
Carol Potter	12/16
Jeanette O'Donald	12/18
Pat Larson	12/22
Larry Larson	12/27



We have fun.

We have talent.

## Connecticut Member Anniversaries

### January

Earl & Elaine Duesel	01/01
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera	01/20

### February

Dorothy & Linwood Lowell	02/01
Ray & Mary Ellen Moniz	02/03
Paul Williams & Jane Ferri	02/10
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
Anthony & Dorothy Sherman	03/04
Clarence & Jessie Gould	03/17

### April

Bob & Carolyn Barrett	04/11
Dick & Molly Cherouny	04/15
Chuck & Daphne McDonald	04/15
Paul & Dorothy Freed	04/19

### May

Larry & Pat Lamontagne	05/02
Charles & Pamela Bleakney	05/06
Rob & Kim Terry	05/19
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

Fred & Dale McGoldrick	06/01
Bill & Lill Herpich	06/03
Robert & Doreen Fuller	06/05
Russ & Rhona Fuller	06/08
Frank & Patty Guthman	06/15
Jim & Corinne Burnham	06/17
Bob & Sharon Henschel	06/17
Richard & Rosalie Moffo	06/17
Franklin & Jane Sanders	06/18
Joe & Carmella Santos	06/18
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 Taurus	07/03
Charles & Jeanne Wilson	07/04
Brian & Pat Brosnahan	07/06
Joe & Sarah Ribeiro	07/07
Steve & Carol Kelly	07/13
Dick & Eileen Bartram	07/14
Raynold & Cecile Lemaire	07/26
Gregg & Debi Cocco	07/28

### August

John & Ruby Fuller	08/01
Keith & Karen Adams	08/10
Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight	08/17
Walter & Dee Holliday	08/22
Art & Carol Hall	08/28

### September

Donald & Dolores Perry	09/04
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
Reggie & Jackie Brown	09/18
Rich & Dottie Walbridge	09/24
Michael & Lianne Rutty	09/28

### October

Bill & Winne Mangano	10/02
Robert & Harriett Thompson	10/02
Bard & Kathy Fuller	10/03
Dan & Karen Olah	10/03
Steve & Pamela Pestretto	10/07
Raymond & Cynthia Richard	10/10
Pete & Laurie Soucy	10/10
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
Joseph & Rita Tetreault	11/17
Pat & Larry Larson	11/26
Charlie & Sandy Eglise	11/29

### December

Michael & Deborah Onorato	12/23
Philip & Frances Simmons	12/26
Fred & Susan Newman	12/28
Ray & Rene Osterlund	12/31
Ron & Gail Sava rese	12/31

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

## 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

