



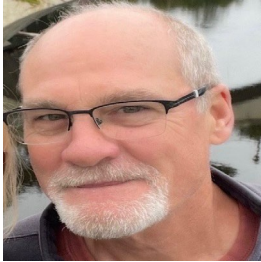
Club Capers



Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club

Summer 2024

President's Corner



The camping season got off to a great start! Rallies ramped up and the weather has been nice the last few weeks. Our annual Pets and Paws Rally held in P-Town provided a fun start in April. Thanks to Sandi Gould, Rick Cipot, Tess McShane, Todd Brink and Tye Mott for all their efforts. A fun time was had by all and there were lots of wagging tails!

The Region1 Gathering sponsored by Region 1 President, Bard Fuller in Wales, MA near Brimfield in May was a great success! There was a little rain upon our arrived...LOL, but it did not deter folks from getting caught up after the long winter months. Folks from every Club in Region 1 attended this sold-out event. We enjoyed happy hours, breakfasts prepared by the CT, New England and our own Cape Cod Crew, a trip to a new Airstream dealership for lunch and a musical Happy Hour with Tom Callinan. Thanks to Kathy Fuller for all the support she has given to Bard and the Region over the past several years!

In June, we were at Scusset Beach for the first time since the 1980's (see article). We had 36 Trailer and 71 members at the rally. It sure was cooler at the beach than it was inland! There were several new members at the rally, in fact, newcomers Kristyn Primo and Cole Pirelli were largely responsible for working with DCR, Major's RV and preparing goody bags for all. It's great to have new co-hosts! Hope to make this rally an annual event.

There are two events presently posted that are still open for registration. **Bruce and Betsy Frey** are hosting a rendezvous **Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, MA** in western Massachusetts, **August 2-4**. The campground is in the Berkshire Mountains on the Mohawk Trail, the first scenic road in New England opened in 1914. Things to do include driving the trail; hike or drive to the top of Mt. Greylock (highest point in Massachusetts); The Bridge of Flowers in nearby Charlemont; white water rafting along the Deerfield River; zip lining, biking, and mountain coaster at Berkshire East Ski Area; and visiting Yankee Candle & Kringle Candle (see the flyer in this newsletter)

In September you might join **Karen Skow and Craig Moran** in Conway, NH, **September 19-22**. Join us in celebrating the wonderful fall colors of NH. We will be staying at **The Beach Camping Area in North Conway, NH**. We have an optional ride on the Conway Scenic Railroad (see flyer in this newsletter).

Finally, on behalf of the Club, I am happy to report and excited to have new members and some long-time members coming out to rallies, helping with cooking, planning and leadership. What I have found over the time that I have been part of the Cape Cod Club as well as the International Club, is that once members get out to a rally or club event, they are more likely to come out a second and third time to join in the fun and fellowship. Our Membership is now at 112 trailers, 61 regular and 51 affiliated member trailers which translates into 217 members! I report this to you, not to put you to sleep with numbers, but just so you know that we are a thriving Club. Many Thanks to Kathy Rowe, our Secretary who hopefully puts a smile on your face with a her Thank you for renewing or New member's welcome note.

Tech Talk***Replacing the converter in your Airstream may be easier than you think.***

On March 30th, knowing that our first camping trip would be the 24th of April, I stopped by our 2018 Flying Cloud just to be sure everything was working properly.

The first thing I checked was the voltage on the trailer, to my surprise the voltage meter read 10.5 volts. Knowing I just installed 2 new DURACELL AGM batteries a few weeks before, I knew there was a major problem. The voltage on the trailer batteries should be anywhere from 12.1 to 13.6 volts if the battery converter was working properly. I now knew the converter had to be replaced.

I'm not a licensed electrician, however, I do know that electricity is dangerous, so making sure my shore power to the trailer was disconnected along with the batteries were very important.

After confirming there was absolutely no power going to the trailer, I then began to check all the fuses and connections to see if I could find the problem. All seemed to be fine at that point, so I knew the airstream needed a new converter. I then made a few phone calls to RV dealers in the area to see if they could do the repair and give me an average quote. I found out quickly that the average price to replace a converter was between \$500 to \$650 Installed. That seemed to be very expensive, so I decided to see just how much a replacement converter would cost. I then googled it online and found the average price for the converter with no installation was \$200.00.

The power source in most of our Airstreams is the WFCO power unit. The model number on the unit in my trailer is Model WF-8955PEC-J. I went on Amazon and looked up converters for my model number. According to Amazon, the replacement for my converter was number WFCO WF-8955-AD-MBA which was an upgrade to the one that was currently in the trailer. The price of the converter was \$200.95. The AD-MBA upgrade converter automatically detects what type of batteries are installed on your Airstream trailer (Lead acid, AGM or Lithium) when connected. If you're looking to save up to \$400.00 and want to see just how easy it is to install the new upgraded converter, go to YouTube and type in: (Bradley Gane Replace wf-8955 RV Converter) the video is only 2 minutes long. After looking at this video, I was extremely surprised to see how easy it was to replace. Only 4 screws and 5 wires. It took only 20 minutes to install. The converter is now working perfectly. The nice part of this repair is the next time the trailer needs a new set of batteries, I will purchase lithium, knowing now I have the correct converter for lithium type batteries. Hope this information helped.

Roland St. Laurent BRN 5105

Scusset Beach Boondocking Rally

Our recent rally to Scusset Beach was a great way to beat the early summer heat in June. The temperature at the beach during our rally was generally ten degrees cooler and there was a nice steady breeze! We had 36 trailers with 65 members in attendance from all around the New England states, Florida and New York. We lined the Safari field in the shape of a horseshoe, started parking on Thursday afternoon with twenty rigs on the field by evening. Thursday night many folks were able to catch up with old and new friends. By Friday afternoon, all our participants had arrived and were ready for the Heavy Happy Hour, where everyone brought their "A game" of appetizers!

During the weekend folks were able to get out and explore the local area, have a lobster roll, see Plymouth, P-Town and Martha's Vinyard. On Saturday night we had a barbeque with hotdogs, hamburgers and corn, followed by an ice cream social sponsored by Major's RV. Everyone had a great time; the laughter and fellowship went on well into the evening hours. At 8:30pm Cole fired up the projector and we enjoyed a movie under the stars with Robin Williams starring in RV. We could all relate to some of our first time driving and dump station antics. Too funny!

Sunday morning brought a little overcast for breakfast and departure of all our friends until the next time, and by Sunday at 1 pm the field was just about clear except for Kristyn, Cole, Paula and me. Hope we can all do it again next summer!



Upcoming Events, Rallies & Rendezvous

July 28, 2024- 7 pm Zoom

Annual Meeting

August 2-4, 2024

Country Aire Rendezvous Country Aire Campground,
Charlemont, MA
Hosted by Bruce & Betsy Frey
(See Flyer for Details)

September 19-21, 2024

Fall Foliage Rally
The Beach Camping Area,
N. Conway, NH
Hosted by Karen Skow & Craig Moran
(See Flyer for Details)

October 5-11, 2024

67th International Rally
Missouri State Fair Sedalia, MO

October 11-14, 2024

Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving Rally
Coastal Acres Campground, Provincetown, MA
Hosted by Trevor & Gale Lake, Tye Mott
(Registration Coming)

November (TBA)

Annual Pre-Holiday Luncheon

Mark the dates and book early!!

Many events fill up quickly

Got a great place to camp you might want share with Club

We are always looking for new Rallies!

Gary Conboy 1st VP will be looking for new place and events for the 2025 Camping Season... Let Gary know if you would like to host or even co-



History of Scusset Beach and our Club- Present Day

A little history of the Cape Cod Club and Scusset Beach. Many of us have been meeting at Scusset Beach Reservation for rendezvous for last several years and many of us know the Reserve America reservation platform is never a guarantee of insuring a spot in state parks as popular as Scusset Beach. To add to that out of states fees are prohibitive for many folks in most State Park systems and Massachusetts is no exception.

The Scusset Beach Boondocking Rally was the result of several months of planning and working with MA DCR (Dept. of Conservation & Recreation) and Scusset Beach Reservation Staff by Cole Pirelli (new member) to secure the Safari Field and Pavilion. Cole also secured sponsorship from Major's RV in Bourne, logistics, signage for the rally, while Kristyn put together goody bags for all. I want to "Thank" them both for providing a great event for the Club and hope they will continue to Host in the future. "Thank You for a great time!"

History of Scusset Beach Rally provided by Bard Fuller



Hi Cole,

Thank you, Cole and Kristyn for a delightful weekend on the Cape Cod Canal. It is heartwarming to see younger couples like yourselves taking such leadership roles in our club!

In our conversations with Eddie Carll, we were trying to put a historical connection to the group use field at Scusset Beach Park and the Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club over the years. This field had originally been known as the ballfield and I was told that the Airstream group was the first to be given permission to dry camp on the field. The first year I have records for this is 1988. I believe all the permission was granted to Arnold Marshall from the New England Unit. For some 20 plus years it was a mainstay for the New England and Cape Cod Units to have sole use of the field on either the 3rd or 4th weekend of June. Attached is the "Blue Beret Directory" listing for rallies (rendezvous) for both clubs in 1988. Also, the May 1988 "Cape Cod Capers" newsletter with its information sheet stating it would be on the ballfield.

This location was a favorite with our family when growing up in our 17-foot 1970 Caravel Airstream. To this day both of our kids have fond memories of the annual ride with their bikes down to the Canal bike path to the Sagamore bridge and having the big pancake breakfast at McDonalds at the old Sagamore Circle. The first photos that I found with my family's involvement were from 1990. Yes, the "babe" in the pictures is Kathy along with our kids Brian and Megan.

Hope this helps putting a historical spin on a favorite Cape Cod rally site.

Bard Fuller

Region 1 President

Also, Past President of the Cape Cod Unit

A WEEKEND ON CAPE COD



DATE: June 10, 11 and 12, 1988

PLACE: Atlantic Oaks Campground, Route 6, Eastham, Mass. 02642
(Note: No pet restrictions)

DIRECTIONS: Take Mid Cape Highway (Route 6) towards Provincetown.
Campground is 3.9 miles north of Orleans-Eastham Rotary, on
right hand side of road.

Activities: Friday night (optional) - fish fry at nearby Elks Club.
Coffee and goodies at campground later.
Saturday - continental breakfast; sightseeing, beach walking, etc.
during day; dinner at nearby restaurant in small groups; candle-
pin bowling after dinner (optional).
Sunday: Full breakfast; Church of choice; decamp by noon.

COST: Campground - \$14.40/night providing for electricity, water, sewer
and cable T.V.
Bally fee: \$5/person
Total for weekend (2 people / trailer) \$38.80.

Send checks to: Joseph A. Knaus, 6 Stone Ridge Rd., Brewster, MA 02631
NO LATER THAN MAY 31.

CAPE COD RENDEZVOUS

DATE: JUNE 23-27, 1988

LOCATION: Scusset State Park in the Ballfield on Canal

FEE: Approx. \$6.00 per trailer per day

AVAILABLE: Fishing on the canal, bike trail full length of Canal,
Cape Cod beaches, flea markets and the Cape's many attractions.

DIRECTIONS: From West: take I-95 to I-195 to State Route #25 to U.S.
Rte. #6. Follow Scusset signs from Sagamore Rotary.
From North: take Rte. #3 South to Exit #2 at Cedarville.
Follow Scusset signs to Camp.

RESERVATIONS: Not necessary but helpful

CO-Hosts : Arnold & Mildred Marshall Duke & Dot Jackson
46 Sweetfern Rd. 97 Arlington St.
Warwick, R.I. 02888 Winchester, MA 01890

COME EARLY-STAY LATE & AVOID THE WEEKEND TRAFFIC!



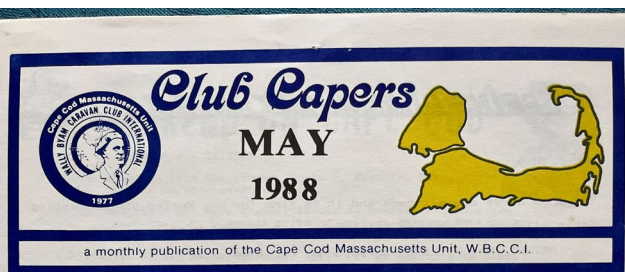


The Fuller's on Scusset - 1988



CANADIAN ATLANTIC UNIT — 122		CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT — 025	
Pres — John Burns	12829	Pres — Paul Good	29883
1st Vice Pres — Ben Robichaud	12038	1st Vice Pres — Michael Sauter	22438
2nd Vice Pres — Dunward daSilva	23870	2nd Vice Pres — Wayne Rutty	16284
3rd Vice Pres — Cyril MacEachern	31088	3rd Vice Pres —	
Corr Sec — Barbara Service	19825	Corr Sec — Janet Hegeman	7159
Rec Sec — Lisa Stairs	14392	Rec Sec — Sandra Sauter	22438
Treas — Barbara daSilva	23670	Treas — Bob Henschel	26824
Membership Chm — Barbara daSilva	23670	Membership Chm —	
May 27-30	Rally, Silver Acres, Kentville, NS	Feb 7	Dinner, Crockett Estate, Harwington, CT
Jul 15-17	Rally, Stairs Property, Chilton, PEI	Mar 8	Dinner, Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT
Aug 28-29	Rally, Pine Cone Camp, Penobscot, ME	Apr 10	Dinner, Mr. Steak, Avon, CT
Oct 7-10	Rally, Woodhaven Camp, Hammonds Plains, NS	May 6-8	Rally, Wolff's Den, E Haddam, CT
		Jun 3-5	Rally, Salem Farms, Salem, CT
		Jul 15-17	Rally, Knight's Knoll, Alfred, ME
		Aug 5-7	Rally, Seaport Camp, Mystic, CT
		Sep 10-12	Rally, Hammonasset Beach SP, Madison, CT
		Oct 7-9	Rally, Normandy Farms, Foxboro, MA
		Oct 10-16	Caravan, Leaf Peeking N-E-W-S, Nov 8
			Installation, Ye Old Lantern Rest, Mahopac, NY
		Dec 4	Party, Rutty's Inn, Haddam, CT
CAPE COD MASSACHUSETTS UNIT — 187		NEW ENGLAND UNIT — 064	
Pres — Thomas Petric	18767	Pres — Roderick Dole	15525
1st Vice Pres — Donat Kerouack	14375	1st Vice Pres — Linwood Lowell	3569
2nd Vice Pres — Philip Martin	12527	2nd Vice Pres —	
3rd Vice Pres —		3rd Vice Pres —	
Corr Sec — Claire Bradley	7752	Corr Sec — Laurie Darsney	4625
Rec Sec — Mary Knaus	14749	Rec Sec — Maud Peterson	9719
Treas — William Griffin	10642	Treas — Robert Darsney	4625
Membership Chm —		Membership Chm — Laurie Darsney	4625
Feb 3	Lunch, Melbourne, FL	Apr 30	Spring Break, Calif's Cuisine, Danvers, MA
Apr 6	Lunch, Travelers Rest, FL	May 11-17	Salmon Fishing, Packards Camp, Bernardston, MA
Apr 23	Dinner, N. Kingstown, RI	Aug 7-14	Caravan, Vernon, VT-Johnson, VT
May 12-15	Flea Market Rally, Palmer, MA	Aug 12-14	Rally, Lemoyne Field Days, Johnston, VT
May 28-30	Rally, W. Woodstock, CT	Sep 2-5	Region Rally, Topfield, MA
Jun 10-12	Cape Cod Rally, Brewster, MA	Sep 23-25	Lobster Rally, Arundel, ME
Jun 23-27	Rendezvous Rally, Scusset SP, MA	Oct 7-10	Rally, Mendon, MA
Jul 15-17	Rallying Rally, The Forks, Maine	Oct 21-23	Dinner meeting, Salem Inn, Salem, NH
Jul 29-31	Hawalan Rally, W. Townsend, MA	Dec 11	Party, Country Inn, Spencer, MA
Aug 3-8	Seacoast Rally, N. Hampton, NH		
Aug 9-15	Heritage Rally, Salem, MA		
Aug 25-28	Buddy Rally, Eastford, CT		
Sep 2-5	Rally, Topsfield, Mass.		
Sep 18-Oct 2	Caravan, Danbury, CT		
Oct 7-10	Apple Festival, Southington, CT		
Dec 17	Xmas Dinner, Sutton, MA		

Blue Beret Rall Listing



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE SHOUARDS ARE HOME AND OUR RALLY SEASON WILL BE STARTING. WE HAVE A GREAT SEASON SCHEDULED. MILT UEGARZ WILL BE TAKING US TO THE SUPER BRIMFIELD FLEA MARKET ON MAY 12 TO 15. THEN THE KEROUACK'S WILL HOST THE SPRING DINNER MEETING IN BEAUTIFUL WEST WOODSTOCK, CT ON MAY 26 TO 30. ON JUNE 10 TO 12, WE WILL BE TRAVELING TO BREWSTER MA ON THE CAPE FOR A WEEKEND WITH OUR SUPER HOSTS THE KNAUS'S. THEN WE ARE OFF TO THE INTERNATIONAL IN HUNTSVILLE, AL. FOR THOSE WHO WILL REMAIN IN NEW ENGLAND, THE MARSHALL'S WILL HOST THE CAPE COD RENDEZVOUS AT BEAUTIFUL SCUSSET STATE PARK ON JUNE 23 TO 27.

THE CAPE COD UNIT TRIES TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AT THE INTERNATIONAL RALLY EACH YEAR. MARY ANN AND GORDON PUFF MANAGE THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM. THE KEROUACK'S WILL MANAGE THE WELCOME COMMITTEE. SOME OF OUR MEMBERS HELP IN OTHER AREAS OF THE RALLY AND WE HAVE A LARGE GROUP WHO JOIN IN THE FUN SUPPORTING THE PUFF'S AND THE KEROUACK'S. WE ALL HAVE A SUPER TIME SO DO JOIN THE FUN AND COME TO THE INTERNATIONAL AT HUNTSVILLE.

AS YOU KNOW YOUR OFFICERS VOTE FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE. YOUR PRESIDENT MUST VOTE AS MEMBERS DIRECT HIM TO VOTE. WE WILL BE BRINGING YOU INFORMATION ON THE CANDIDATES AT EACH CLUB FUNCTION. OUR OWN THEA MCGRATH WILL BE RUNNING FOR INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY. THE BLUE BERET WILL ALSO CARRY ARTICLES ON THE CANDIDATES. IF YOU CAN'T EXPRESS YOUR OPINION OR VOTE AT A CLUB FUNCTION, PLEASE WRITE TO ME AT MY PROSPECT, CT ADDRESS.

AT THE INTERNATIONAL WE REQUIRE A CLUB BULLETIN BOARD AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO CREATE SOME DESIGNS. I WOULD LIKE TO PREPARE THE BOARD AT OUR CLUB FUNCTIONS SO WE CAN TAKE IT TO THE INTERNATIONAL. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS AS WE NEED YOUR HELP.

ANTOINETTE AND I EXPECT TO BE HOME APPROXIMATELY APRIL 26 OR 27 AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR FRIENDS AND NEW CLUB MEMBERS.

Antoinette + Jon



Kathy Fuller and the Kids on the Cape cod Canal Bike Path - 1988



Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club - Country Aire Rendezvous

August 2-4, 2024

[Country Aire Campground](#)

1753 Mohawk Trail, Charlemont, MA

Come join us for a fun weekend with lots to do! The campground is located in the Berkshire Mountains on the Mohawk Trail, the first scenic road in New England opening in 1914. Things to do include: driving the trail; hike or drive to the top of Mt. Greylock (highest point in Massachusetts); The Bridge of Flowers in nearby Charlemont; white water rafting along the Deerfield River; zip lining, biking, and mountain coaster at Berkshire East Ski Area; and visiting Yankee Candle & Kringle Candle.

Friday August 2nd

1:00 p.m. arrival

Pot luck dinner 6. p.m. at the pavilion

Evening, group campfire at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion

Saturday August 3rd

8:30 a.m. BYOB (coffee) and enjoy one of Country Aire's homemade donuts

Afternoon, pick your activity from above or enjoy the campground's new pool complex

Evening, group campfire at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday August 4th

Morning, breakfast on your own Leave by checkout time which noon

To make a reservation you need to call the campground at 1-413-625-2996 or fill out the online form. Rates are \$49 for full hookup or \$41 w/e. Be sure to mention you are with the Airstream Club. We will be camping in the field area for w/e sites or the sites next to the field for full hookup. A limited number of sites are available. The campground will hold a designated number of sites until June 15th. After that date, you may not be able to get a site.

After you make a reservation, please contact Bruce Frey so that we know you are coming. You can email Bruce at: hsgsports@mac.com. This is important so that we know who's coming and can plan accordingly. If you have any questions – send Bruce an email.

2024 Fall Foliage Viewing

September 19-22, 2024

The Beach Camping Area
776 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH 03860

Hosted by: Karen Skow & Craig Moran

Cape Cod Mass Airstream Club

For any questions, please contact Karen at 508.410.8837 or karen.skow@icloud.com



Thursday, September 19	1:00 pm	Arrival
	4:00 pm	Meet/greet, appetizers provided
	6:00 pm	Bring soup, chowder and bread to share
Friday, September 20	Morning	Sleep in/Breakfast on your own
	12:30–2:30 pm	Conway Scenic Railroad (\$59/person) eat lunch early or box lunch offered on the train \$20, cannot bring your own lunch or alcohol
	Evening:	Campground offering music on the Saco River beach
Saturday, September 21	8:00 am	Breakfast (French toast with bacon)
	4:30 pm	Progressive Dinner: Cocktails, appetizers, salad, rolls, main course & dessert (Closer to the date you will receive a sign up sheet)
	Evening	Campground offering music on the Saco River beach
Sunday, September 22	Morning	Sleep in/Breakfast on your own
	Departure	Contact the campground directly if you want to stay extra nights or come early

After the Rally Karen and Craig will be heading to other foliage destinations, let Karen know if you would like to join them

Registration online at [FALL FOLIAGE 24](#) or Use Form Below

2024 Fall Foliage Viewing

Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

WBCCI No: _____ Rig Size: _____ Plate Number & State: _____

Tow Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Plate Number & State: _____

Rally Fees (three night stay): \$169.00 (includes \$25 kitty fee) _____

Scenic Railroad: \$59/person _____

\$20 per box lunch (optional) _____

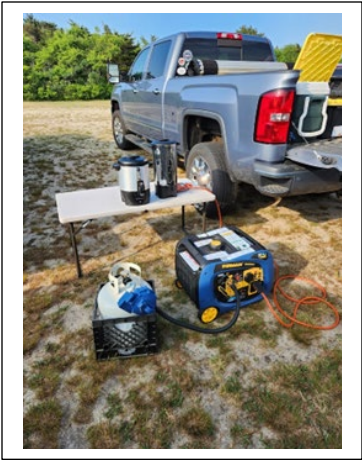
Dog Fee (2 dog max) Rabies certif. \$5 per night dog fee (2 dog max) _____

necessary Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Complete the flyer and email or mail with your check, to Trevor Lake
trevorlake19@gmail.com. All checks should be mailed to Trevor Lake, 238R Main St.,
Kingston, MA 02364

Please make checks payable to CCMAC

Scusset Beach Boondocking Rally



Let's go camping!

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