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# Charter Oak Chatter



## The WBCCI Airstream RV Association February, 2009

On line at <http://Connecticut.wbccci.net>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March Luncheon

**March 1, 2009**  
**Max Amore**  
**Hosted by Jeff and Lynn**  
**Blackwell and Charlotte and Gene**  
**Hickey - LaRocca**

#### April Luncheon

**April 5, 2009**  
**Marco Polo Restaurant**  
**East Hartford CT**  
**Hosted by Jeff and Lynn**  
**Blackwell**

#### April Rally

**April 17 - 19, 2009**  
**Brialee Campground**  
**Ashford CT**  
**Hosted by**  
**Raymond and Cynthia Richard**

#### May Rally

**May 1 - 3, 2009**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Brialee Campground**  
**Ashford CT**  
**Hosted by**  
**Raymond and Cynthia Richard**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our first Chatter of 2009 and welcome to a new year filled with airstream adventures, fun, and fellowship. As you know, Charter Oak has lots of activities planned this year, just review the "year's activities at-a-glance" that was included in the December Chatter. You can also visit our website for details on the schedule and to download the rally registration flyers. I know all our hosts would appreciate receiving confirmation and payment in a timely manner.

I am sure all that attended the February dinner rally hosted by Michael & Lianne Ruty at the Dock and Dine Restaurant had a great time. I know Cynthia and I enjoyed the food and the good company of Airstream friends. Well done Mike and Lianne, many thanks. If you missed it please look at the enclosed flyer for our upcoming dinner rally on March 1<sup>st</sup> hosted by Charlotte and Gene Hickey-LaRocca and Jeff and Lynn Blackwell. This promises to be a great time as well. The dinner rally is at Max Amore in Glastonbury. Try not to miss any opportunity for fun and fellowship, as life is too short, even if you live to be over a 100. Next is Marco Polo on April 5 also hosted by Jeff and Lynn Blackwell. Good food and friends, what could be better than that.

The April 17 Buddy Rally is coming up soon, so invite a RV friend to join us. The weather could be hot, warm, cold, blustery, damp, and wet or any combination of the above during the weekend. All these factors and more are "conspiring" to test our mettle. I am sure we are all up to the challenge. Review the flyer for details, and sign-up soon, the camping fee of \$15.00 per night sure is priced right. Brialee Campground is hosting high stakes bingo. We will also have our own version of the TV show "Top Chef", a camp-chef competition lead by Wayne Ruty. Hope to see you there to help judge the culinary creations!

I have been working closely with the two other tri-hosts for the up coming Fort Schuyler rally. This is a must attend rally based on the uniqueness of this location and the many activities; please don't miss this one.

These days you need look no further than the evening news for evidence that the resiliency of America is being tested. Let's not forget our pull-tab collection and our other fund raising activities for 2009. See ya soon.

Raymond Richard - 1445

Bob, an RVer from Omaha, travels in his motorhome with a talkative but foul-mouthed parrot. One day the bird's swearing got to be too much. He grabbed it by the throat and yelled "Stop it!" But only minutes later the bird was swearing again. The next day, the bird yelled so loudly that the couple next door stopped by to complain. Desperate, he locked the bird in the kitchen cabinet. But it didn't help. The bird kept right on swearing. The next day, the bird was even worse. So, as a last resort he threw the parrot in the freezer. After five minutes, all was quiet. Worried the bird might be freezing, he took it out. "I'm sorry", confessed the suddenly polite bird. "I promise to never swear again." Bob was astonished at the change of attitude of the bird. Then the parrot said "by the way what did that chicken in the freezer do?"



**THOUGHTS AND CARES**

Raynold Lemaire

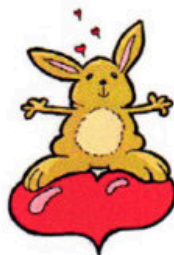
Francis Simmons




Airstreams have been converted into almost everything imaginable: guest houses, garden sheds, offices, art studios and businesses of many kinds. There's a bookmobile, a contemporary art gallery, a movie theatre, a hearing test station and an award-winning solar demonstration home, to name a few.

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## February Luncheon

February 4, 2009

Submitted by Lianne Rutty

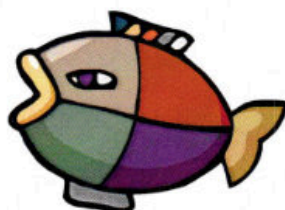
### Dinner Meeting At Dock and Dine In Old Saybrook

Those of us that tough it out in the winters of the north know that February 1, 2009 was an almost balmy 40 degree day on the water at Saybrook Point when 23 adult Airstreamers and 2 child size Airstreamers gathered at the Dock and Dine Restaurant. It was great for everyone to get together and enjoy a nice meal and fantastic company. Catching up on everyone's news is always good for a few smiles. It was really good to see, Jim & Corinne Burnham, Bob & Sharon Henschel, Phil & Fran Simmons, Jeff & Lynn Blackwell, Ray & Cynthia Richard, Seb & Juanita Pestretto, Wayne & Susan Rutty, Bob & Helen Sandall, Gene Hickey & Charlotte LaRocca, Debi Cocco and to meet the Larry & Pat Larson from New Fairfield. Everyone gathered and caught up with one another until it was time for our lunch. The baked Cod was the most popular choice, actually the cod has been the most popular choice all four times that the club has held a function at Dock and Dine. As we all enjoyed the warm apple crisp and coffee President Raymond Richard briefed us on the upcoming spring rallies. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Lynn Blackwell also reminded us of upcoming spring dinner meetings for March and April.



In lieu of a door prize or table favors, a \$50 donation in the name of COCU was made to Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries so they may purchase food from the CT Food Bank to help area residents in need.

It was a treat for Michael and I to host this event this year and see so many come to the shore for our dinner meeting. As James and Samuel grow we find more and more of our time is spent with sports, school events and Cub Scouts, and they ask if we are going to a rally as we clean and pack the trailer each spring. We hope to see you all at a rally soon!



### Twilight but True Zone

By: Richard Kushman

#### Officer Rescue

The sweet spring breeze gently filled the motel room. They were snuggled and lost in the sleepy dreams of a much needed holiday – then sudden terror. Pop pop pop – that sound, from battle, from a James Bond movie – familiar and threatening.

He immediately rolled off the bed and hit the deck, instinctively putting his soldier training to use. Protect your territory, protect your family. His young bride, get her safe, she joins him on the floor suddenly awake and gripped with fear. “Keep your head down Franny!” he utters with authority.

Remain low, use the elbow crawl, use your training - make Patton proud. Grab the phone, bring it down and keep hugging the rug – call the police. Hold on now, just stay low and wait, wait for Clint to bring his magnum and make the day.

The knock comes and the image of a hooded, drooling, and drug crazed essence of evil slips through the warrior’s brain a split second before a grinning Officer Rescue fully armed and ready for action asks - “You folks from the city?” ... How could he know? ... “Them June bugs zipping at the screens sure do make a racket.” June bugs - not steel jacketed puffs of death? The rush of adrenalin bleeds away leaving weak knees and the sudden realization that the entire police force of a quaint coastal New England town will soon have a story and not merely a laugh, a cachinnation, a rip roaring belly laugh and - for a long long time.

TBT Zone contains true stories from members of Charter Oak Connecticut. Call me or email me with any story you think fits the zone. Anonymity can be arranged.

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The [Grand Daddy Hotel](#) in Cape Town, South Africa just added a rooftop trailer park, with each classic Airstream customized by local artists. Each of the polished chrome trailers sleep two people, and are embellished with design themes that include, among others, polka dots and the Three Bears. The “penthouse” trailer park is nestle beneath the backdrop of Table Mountain.

Each of the 7 two-sleeper trailer suites have been conceptualized and designed by local artists and makes for an accommodation destination like no other and will be fitted out with cabinetry, couches, bathroom fittings etc making it a true 4 – star hotel experience. This trailer park experience is more trailer park flash than trailer park trash with many amenities (including bathrooms) required for the hotel to [earn](#) a 4 Star hotel rating."





### Russ Melocik Reinstated as First Vice President

At your President's invitation, Russ Melocik has rescinded his resignation as First Vice President of Region 1. This restores your Region 1 officer team to its full complement. We welcome Russ back.

### Win an Airstream Trailer and Pickup Truck!

Sign up now for the 52nd International Rally in Madison, Wisconsin. When you register at the rally, you will be offered a free, optional 'scratch-off' entry in the raffle of a 2009 Airstream 31-ft., front kitchen, trailer and a Dodge or Ford ¾-ton pickup truck. (Raffle rules will be available upon registration.)

Sign up a new WBCCI Member for the 52nd International Rally, for the chance to win your 2009 Rally Fee – Paid! (See *Blue Beret*, Int'l President's Letter, September 2008.)

### Region 1 Luncheon in Madison, Wisconsin

This year's Region 1 Luncheon will be held at Great Dane Pub and Brewing Company, 123 Doty Street in Madison, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$17 per person; those who sign up and pay for their tickets before June 1st will pay only \$15 each. Sign up with Dan Dureiko, Region 2nd VP. Send your check, and an SASE for your tickets, to Dan at 106 Whippoorwill Hollow Road, North Franklin, CT 06254, today.

### Region 1 Rally 2009 "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

Cape Cod MA Unit plans a superb Region 1 Rally, to be held August 5-9, 2009 at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, VT. Support your favorite sports team! Enjoy a cruise on Lake Champlain! Learn how to lead a unit caravan! Just have fun with friends. In any

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case, sign up now, using the form elsewhere in this newsletter.

Rich Walbridge asks your help in achieving a successful rally: Donate a door prize – something useful for camping or traveling, or a gift certificate at a camping store. Knit or crochet a warm blanket or work of art. Volunteer to be the Youth Coordinator, Medical Aid Coordinator, or a part of the Welcoming Team. Contact Rich Walbridge, Rally Chair, at: [Region1Rally09@Gmail.com](mailto:Region1Rally09@Gmail.com), or by telephone: 781-254-6399.

### 33 Airstreamers at Region 1's Palm Bay Luncheon

Thirty-three past and present Region 1 Caravanners gathered for the Palm Bay, Florida luncheon and social. Each had the opportunity to share travel experiences and light humor. As usual, the Golden Corral dessert table took a beating. All had a wonderful time. Look for additional snapshots on the Region 1 website: <http://region1.wbcci.net>.

### New Member Leads

Teresa Taylor-tenBerge, International Membership Chair, is arranging for Airstream Company to place postage-paid postcards in each new trailer. The postcards will offer to connect prospective WBCCI Members with a unit near the prospect's home, based upon zip codes. Cards returned to Teresa will be forwarded promptly to the unit's membership chairman for follow-up.

Units will be offered the same cards, and are asked to arrange with nearby Airstream dealers to place these cards in used Airstreams they have for sale.

### Send Unit Newsletters to Members-at-Large – and Gain Members

Region 5 has demonstrated that mailing newsletters to Members-at-

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## Region 1 Newsletter January, 2009

Region 1 Website:  
<http://www.region1.wbcci.net>

Large in its region creates interest in joining its units, and brings in new members. We encourage units in Region 1 to follow this lead and mail unit newsletters to Members-at-Large shown on lists distributed by Headquarters to unit treasurers, and to 'new' MALs shown on the new-member lists e-mailed frequently to unit membership chairs.

### Use Media Kits to Promote Rallies – and Attract New Members

WBCCI units report good results from use of the Media Kits created by the Public Relations Committee and available on the [wbcci.org](http://wbcci.org) website. The Media Kits are not only useful for inducing coverage by local media, but also through the increasing number of internet sites created by newspapers and other media - which results in spreading the word far beyond local media markets. Imagine your adult child in a foreign country bringing a local (U.S.A.) Airstream event to your attention! It happened! Give PR a try.

### Mid-Winter IBT and International Rally

Your International and Region Officers were joined by Airstreamers from all regions at the recent mid-winter IBT meeting hosted by Region 9 and its units. Cool but clear weather contributed to a productive atmosphere for the meeting.

### Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: Joe Bubliss, Chairman, reviewed results for the six months ended December 31, 2008, expressing concern that declining income accompanied by increasing costs was causing increasing deficits for the International Club.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Darryl Ewles, Chairman, remarked upon the ongoing failure of several units to maintain up-to-date constitu-

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## Region 1 Newsletter

January, 2009

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tions or bylaws. Ralph Forrester noted the risk to the not-for-profit status of the club presented by such failures.

International Rally - 2009: Jerry Larson, International President, reported 686 units signed-up for the 52nd International Rally in Madison, WI, of which 471 had selected 30 amp. electric service.

International Rally - 2010: Tom Collier, International 1st VP, reported plans for the 2010 Int'l Rally in Gillette, WY were on track.

Planning Guide and Merit Award Program: Jim Haddaway, Chairman, proposed that qualification for a Unit Superior Merit Award be conditioned upon the unit showing a net increase in membership for the year. The proposal was rejected by the IBT based upon objections of the region presidents that such a requirement was contrary to the objectives of the program related to unit planning and operations.

Electronics Committee: Charlie Burke, Chairman, presented a proposal for updating the WBCCI.org Forum, including prescription of Terms of Service for the site. The report received favorable comment, but was returned to the committee for refinement prior to formal adoption, likely at the IBT Meeting on June 26th.

2020 Long Range Planning Committee: Bill Schrader, Chairman, summarized its lengthy report, which has been widely circulated via e-mail and internet postings, and has received widespread recognition for the quality of the committee's work. An action item, to create Vision and Mission Statements for WBCCI was presented. (See below.)

### New Business:

International Marketing Committee: The International Executive Committee approved formation of an International Marketing Committee with the purpose of increasing internal and external awareness of WBCCI through the *Blue Beret* and the Web. The committee, which presently has six members, chose Fred Richardson, currently President of

the Texas Gulf Coast Unit, as its Chairman. The committee has been asked to confer with the WBCCI webmaster, 2020 Committee Chair, Bill Schrader, *Blue Beret* Chairman Theda McGrath, and Corporate Manager Cindy Reed to formulate a plan of action for recruiting and retaining members.

Delegates Meeting Representation: Four similar motions, asking the IBT to propose to the 2009 Delegates Meeting that units be permitted to appoint delegates who were not their regular members, were filed for consideration at the IBT meetings.

At the request of President Larson, the authors met, revised one motion, and presented it for consideration; the other three motions being withdrawn. The motion presented permits a unit to appoint an Alternate Delegate who must be an Affiliate Member of such unit and a Regular Member of a unit in the same region. The revised motion also proposed necessary changes in the Bylaws, to address voting restrictions otherwise affecting Affiliate Members so appointed.

The IBT approved the revised motion and forwarded it to the 2009 Delegates Meeting.

Dues Increase: International Treasurer Ralph Forrester's motion to increase International Dues from \$55 per year to \$70 per year received no support at the Seminar, and was withdrawn before the formal IBT Meeting. The difficult financial situation of the International Club was recognized by all, but the consensus was that increasing membership deserved further attention, and that increasing dues would be counterproductive.

Travel Expenses: Int'l Treasurer Ralph Forrester's motion to clarify that an international or region officer's personal car expense was acceptable in the same manner as rental car expense, and that rally meals with separate charges were acceptable expenses - so long as they were an integral part of the rally, was adopted by the IBT.

Conflict of Interest Policy: Ralph Forrester proposed that the WBCCI Bylaws be amended to adopt a "conflict of interest" policy applicable to all officers and trustees of WBCCI, and that the policy, which tracks IRS-suggested wording, be set forth as Appendix 16. The IBT adopted the motion. The conflict of interest policy will be incorporated in the Model Unit Constitution & Bylaws at its next revision.

WBCCI Badges: Region 2 President Don McKelvey presented three related motions, proposing revised identification strips in badges for Teen Queens, Past Region Officers, and Past International Officers, to emphasize the unit affiliations of these persons, and reduce misperceptions that past region officers were past international officers. These Bylaw modifications were adopted by the IBT.

Unit Territories, Names and Flags: Several motions were adopted, which would (1) extend Region 10's territory to include the Northwest Territory of Canada (where Air-stream owners have been observed); (2) rename the Tri-County California Unit as Central Coast California Unit and approve its new flag; and (3) approve a new flag for the Virginia Unit.

Vision & Mission Statements: International 2nd VP Norm Beu presented a motion to adopt Vision and Mission Statements proposed by the Long Range Planning 2020 Committee. Following thorough discussion of the Statements, it was agreed that they should be included in Article III of the International Constitution, be made more concise, and be forwarded to the 2009 Delegates Meeting for adoption. The revised Statements were so approved.

International Convention/Rally 2011: International Second VP Norman Beu was authorized to contract with one of three proposed sites for the 54<sup>th</sup> International Convention/Rally, namely: Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, VT; DuQuoin State Fairground, DuQuoin, IL; or State Fair of West Virginia, Lewisburg, WV.

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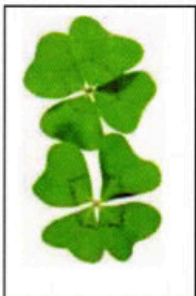
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## WBCCI - Charter Oak Unit

THIS IS THE "TBA" YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR !!!



HOSTS: Charlotte & Gene Hickey-LaRocca  
Lynn & Jeff Blackwell  
Invite you to a St. Patrick's Luncheon

**Sunday, March 1, 2009**  
**Cocktails at 12:00 Noon (Cash Bar)**  
**Lunch at 12:30 p.m.**  
**Max Amore @ Somerset Square**  
**450 Glastonbury Blvd, Glastonbury, CT**

\*Choice of:

- Max a Penne ~ wood grilled chicken, escarole, plum tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil and grana parmigiano
- Chicken Piccata ~ sautéed chicken breast over garlic mashed potatoes with zucchini, yellow squash, plum tomatoes and white wine caper sauce
- Wood Grilled Salmon ~ roasted Yukon gold potatoes, escarole, sweet garlic cream
- Melanzana Portafoglia ~ crisp breaded eggplant layered with smoked mozzarella and oven dried tomatoes over spinach and tomato butter sauce

Plus Dessert and Coffee; Tiramisu or Flourless Chocolate Cake

**Directions:** Rt 2 to Glastonbury; Rt 3 S ; 1<sup>st</sup> exit to Glastonbury. 1<sup>st</sup> Left on Putnam, 1<sup>st</sup> Left on Naubuc, 1<sup>st</sup> Left on Glastonbury, Right at 1<sup>st</sup> light into mall. (Next door to Talbots)

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Order from the Menu  
the day of the luncheon*

Enclose: \$26.00 Per Person

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RSVP by: Sunday, February 21, 2009



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*Sunday, April 5, 2009 @12 Noon*

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860 289-2704*

*Freshly baked rolls, breads and muffins \*  
Omelets, \* Corned Beef Hash \* French Toast \* Bacon and  
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*\$24.00 per person*



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*Lynn Blackwell  
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S. Glastonbury, CT 06073  
860 657-9386*

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*Name:\_\_\_\_\_Phone #\_\_\_\_\_*

*No. attending\_\_\_\_\_Amount enclosed\_\_\_\_\_*



# Dust Them Off

## Buddy Rally

### Brialee RV Park

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Charter Oak CT Unit Spring Event

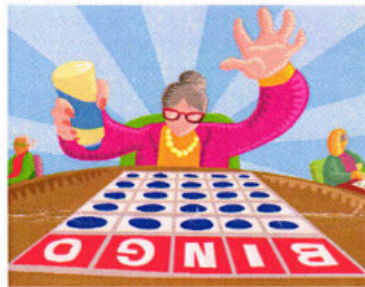
Spring-fed Stocked Private Lake Trout Fishing (no license needed)

Bring the Kids and/or the Grandkids and invite your RV friends to join us!  
There are lots of activities that we can do together while we start the 2009 camping season

Brialee RV Park  
174 Laurel Lane  
Ashford, CT 06278



TOP CHEF COMPETITION  
SATURDAY, 2 PM



HIGH STAKES  
BINGO WEEKEND  
All are Encouraged to Participate

**AGENDA**  
Friday - arrive after 2 pm  
Happy Hour - 4 pm  
Dinner with our Buddies - 6 pmt  
At The Wooden Spoon Ashford CT

**SATURDAY**  
Continental Breakfast - 8am  
Lunch on your own  
Top Chef Competition - 2 pm  
Happy Hour - 4pm  
Pot Luck Dinner - 6 pm  
High Stakes Bingo - 8pm

**SUNDAY**  
Muffins and Coffee - 8am  
Depart at your leisure

**Park Features:**

- Olympic-size pool
- Outdoor Covered Pavilion
- Spring-fed private lake
- Stocked Trout - Fishing (no license needed)
- Sandy Beach
- Boat Rentals (no motors)
- Hiking, Biking & Walking Trails
- Nipmunk Trail Access
- Huge Recreation Hall
- Game Room / Arcade
- Shuffleboard courts
- Basketball & Volleyball Courts
- Softball Field & Game Field



Your Hosts President and First Lady Raymond and Cynthia Richard

Camping Fees \$15.00 per night	x _____	= _____
Rally Fee per adult \$27.50	x _____	= _____
Rally Fee per child (12 & Under) \$7.50	x _____	= _____
		<b>TOTAL = \$ _____</b>
We invited our buddy: Name _____		
Please send checks by April 1 to:		
Cynthia Richard		
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**Champlain Valley Exposition**

**Aug. 5 - 11, '09**

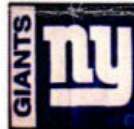
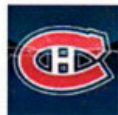
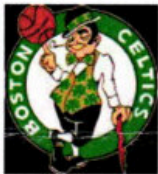


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Children Attending Rally?  
(Children 12 & Under Free)

Additional Guests Attending Rally?  
(\$75 each guest over 13 years old)

Base Rally Fee: \$230  
(One in an Airstream)

Base Rally Fee: \$290  
(Two in an Airstream)

Children 12 & Under Attending  
Lunch on the Lake: \$13 Each

Yes No  
Handicap Parking?  
(circle one)

Yes No  
Vintage Parking?  
(circle one)

(Example: 2 in an Airstream no guests & no kids under 12= \$290)  
(Example: 1 in an Airstream, no guests & no kids under 12= \$230)  
(Example: 2 in an Airstream, one kid under 12 and one 13= \$290+\$75=\$365)  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### April Luncheon

**April 5, 2009**  
**Marco Polo Restaurant**  
**East Hartford CT**  
Hosted by **Jeff and Lynn**  
**Blackwell**

#### April Rally

**April 17 - 19, 2009**  
**Brialee Campground**  
**Ashford CT**  
Hosted by  
**Raymond and Cynthia Richard**

#### May Rally

**May 1 -3 , 2009**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Mineral Springs Campground-**  
Hosted by  
**Raymond and Cynthia Richard**  
**Stafford Springs, CT**

#### May Caravan

**May 11—17, 2009**  
**Caravan to Largest Computer**  
**and Ham Radio Event in the**  
**World - the Dayton Hamvention**  
**Dayton, OH**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Outstanding! Sure enjoyed the dinner rally at Max Amore in Glastonbury hosted by Charlotte and Gene Hickey – LaRocca and Lynn our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and her husband Jeff Blackwell. The weather was almost spring-like during the day, with the snow holding off till that evening. Everyone in attendance had a good time and enjoyed very good food. Well done Charlotte, Lynn, Gene and Jeff, many thanks; you made a good choice for the restaurant.

If you have not already signed-up for the April dinner rally hosted by Lynn and Jeff Blackwell covering for the Ingallineras at the Marco Polo Restaurant, then look at the attached flyer. The food, fun, and fellowship are always great at the Marco Polo.

I am also looking forward to our *"Dust Them Off"* Buddy Rally that starts April 17. Invite a non-Airstream RV friend or family member to join us. Even if the weather is damp, cold, or raining I believe a day in the Airstream reading a book or visiting with friends is better than sitting in the house watching the rain. So let's push the envelope and go *AIRSTREAMING* that weekend. The high stakes bingo sounds like fun. Remind me and I will tell you of the time I barely escaped a lynch mob in Wauchula, Florida.

Also be sure to attend our business meeting in May, see flyer for details. In addition to our business meeting, we will have a guest entertainer who will sing to us Saturday evening. We will also have an introduction seminar to Amateur radio that will explain how this great hobby can dovetail with our passion and past time of Airstreaming. Later in May I will lead a caravan to Dayton, Ohio where we will attend the World's Largest gathering of radio enthusiasts at the Dayton Hamvention. There is so much to see and do in Dayton, even if you don't have an interest in Ham Radio or computers, there are many museums to visit. See the our website for all the details of activities and use the attached flyer for some details.

Let's start something new. During 2009, write a short essay or note expressing your experience at a recent rally. Explain what you enjoyed about the *"Airstreaming"* event, what was fun, or a good idea. Use your email to send me your thoughts. Also, describe activities that need improvement, suggest ways we can heighten fun, fellowship, and adventure. If you wish to be incognito write or type a note, and mail the response or suggestion to me. This will be a good test to see if anyone actually reads my column.

One last bit of info, Rich Kushman tells me the cost of our Club Directory this year was \$314.79 including all postage. Our Treasurer will confirm.

Take care until we meet again!

Raymond Richard - 1445

Cattitude is everything



Cynthia, the Beret is Blue not Pink

**Twilight but True Zone**

By: Richard Kushman

**Remember Mama**

Mothers are creative, and thoughtful. Mothers, especially middle twentieth century mothers, waste little, pinch pennies, and are just plain frugal. They can often surprise their children with interesting, unique, and inventive methods of problem solving.

When Sandy visited, there was mom, cleverly tackling a new can of worms. You see, Mom had been to the deli where she purchased a pound of sliced ham. The slices were uniform and looked delicious so enjoying a taste before storing it in the meat locker was almost an obligation.

There are many types and brands, boiled ham, honey ham, baked ham, and what turned out to be salty ham. Too salty for mom, but a trip back to the market to complain and return the meat could not and would not enter her mind. Self reliance and that "greatest generation" spirit demanded a self invented solution.

So picture Sandy with eyes and mouth wide open watching Mom's genius, like Thomas Edison or the Wright Brothers, mom offered a fresh new look at what might be perplexing to many. She carefully washed the ham in clear cool water and with a gentle practiced touch, using her clothespins, attached each slice to her clothes line, and then one by one pushed them off into the yard toward the far pulley. Little pinkish flags drying and flapping in the gentle breeze offering a once in a lifetime picture of fabulous creativity. Mama – we all remember Mama.

TBT Zone contains true stories from members of Charter Oak Connecticut. Call me or email me with any story you think fits the zone. Anonymity can be arranged.



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## March Luncheon

March 1, 2009

Submitted by Cynthia Richard



### Dinner Meeting At Max Amore in Glastonbury

Established in 1995, Max Amore is located in the center of Glastonbury.. Max Amore was name the “Best New Restaurant” in 1995 by Connecticut Magazine.

On March 1, 19 Airstreamers experienced the allure of Max Amore. Hosted by Lynn and Jeff Blackwell and Charlotte LaRocca and Gene Hickey it was a great opportunity for us “snow dwellers” to met and catch up on news. In addition, the food and service were excellent.

There was lots of discussion on upcoming events and everyone seems anxious to get their Airstreams on the road again. To that end, President Ray Richard reminded everyone about the “Dust ‘Em Off” Rally , April 17—19. This will be a “Buddy Rally” and he encouraged everyone to invite a friend who has a SOB to join us. We are planning a lot of fun and fellowship.

He announced that Fran Eckels will be having surgery on March 16 which hopefully will put him back to complete recovery and active in the club again. Fran Simmons is recovering very well from her hip surgery and Raynold Lemaire seems to be on the path to recovery also. Our thoughts were also with Ray Moniz. MaryEllen’s birthday was Sunday.

It was nice to see our new member, John Bon Signore and we are looking forward to seeing him again real soon. Our other newer members, Gilles and Joyce Rousseau., are looking forward to their first trailer rally which is the “Dust ‘Em Off” Rally.

Thanks to our hosts Lynn and Jeff and Charlotte and Gene for a job well done!



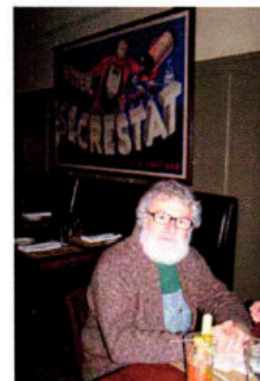
Charlotte LaRocca and our fourth Host Gene Hickey



Jeff and Lynn Blackwell, with Charlotte LaRocca, 3 of our Hosts



Jim and Corinne Burnham



Our newest member, John Bon Signore

## KOA AND AIRSTREAM JOIN FORCES

Driven by troubled times and eager to find a silver lining, the Airstream trailer people and the KOA campground people have struck up a new relationship. Not only are they spending nights together, they'd like us to join them.

In recent months, [Airstream](#) has sold an armada of 25 shiny silver trailers to Kampgrounds of America, including 10 to the Las Vegas KOA [campground](#) near the Circus Circus [Hotel](#), within walking distance of the Strip.

Now the KOA is hoping travelers will come — out of nostalgia, or appreciation for cool design, or frugality, or just plain curiosity — and sleep in them.

**Cost:** Rates for the brand-new units start as low as \$45 nightly (that's the special rate through Feb. 28), and each of the 25-foot-long Vegas Airstreams sleeps up to four people on one queen bed and two twins. Units features bathrooms, kitchen, plates and linens.

"We've already sold out Valentine's Day weekend," says Greg Dunagan, manager of the KOA Las Vegas site, which opened up its first Airstream on Dec. 23.

This new campaign, a spokesman says, will give travelers a chance to rent those sleek silver trailers in at least three U.S. cities, and may later expand. (The KOA-Airstream sites are campgrounds owned by the Billings, Mont.-based Kampgrounds of America Inc. Most of the roughly 450 KOA sites in North America are owned and operated by franchisees.)

You have to imagine that lately Airstream is having some trouble selling those 25-foot luxury trailers, which typically sell for about \$65,000. And clearly, some among KOA's hundreds of campgrounds in North America have enough room to do a little experimenting. As KOA's Dunagan says, "We've seen the same effects that everybody else has."

So comes this chance for travelers to sleep in a handsome retro icon without having to drag one up the road, or park it, or even deal with the hookups.

Besides Las Vegas, Airstream rentals are earmarked for KOA

campgrounds in [Sugarloaf Key](#), Fla. (which already has units renting); and [Bar Harbor](#), Maine, which will open up its trailers in the spring. Though no California venues have yet been named, an Airstream spokesman said, several more cities are expected to join the list before summer.

Surely this move shows how frantic hospitality companies are to woo customers outside their usual corner of the marketplace. But keep in mind, trailer-tolerant bargain hunters, that many KOA sites have been renting out cabins and other facilities for years. Also, the KOA people are not the first to look at a trailer and see a potential hotel room.



## THOUGHTS AND CARES

**Fran Eckels**

**Fran Simmons**

**Raynold Lemaire**

**Laura Edmondson**



Our deepest sympathy to Lynn Perlotto and her family on the passing of Bill.





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860 657-9386*

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*Name:\_\_\_\_\_Phone #\_\_\_\_\_*

*No. attending\_\_\_\_\_Amount enclosed\_\_\_\_\_*



# Dust Them Off

## Buddy Rally

### Brialee RV Park

April 17 - 19, 2009

Charter Oak CT Unit Spring Event

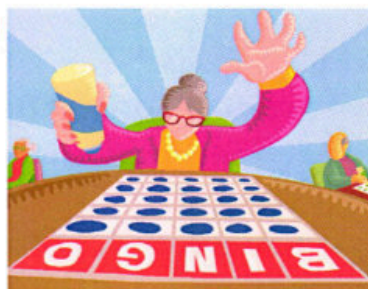
Spring-fed Stocked Private Lake Trout Fishing (no license needed)

Bring the Kids and/or the Grandkids and invite your RV friends to join us!  
There are lots of activities that we can do together while we start the 2009 camping season

Brialee RV Park  
174 Laurel Lane  
Ashford, CT 06278



TOP CHEF COMPETITION SATURDAY, 2 PM



HIGH STAKES BINGO WEEKEND  
All are Encouraged to Participate

**AGENDA**  
Friday - arrive after 2 pm  
Happy Hour - 4 pm  
Dinner with our Buddies - 6 pmt  
At The Wooden Spoon Ashford CT

**SATURDAY**  
Continental Breakfast - 8am  
Lunch on your own  
Top Chef Competition - 2 pm  
Happy Hour - 4pm  
Pot Luck Dinner - 6 pm  
High Stakes Bingo - 8pm

**SUNDAY**  
Muffins and Coffee - 8am  
Depart at your leisure

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Rally Fee per adult \$27.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee per child (12 & Under) \$7.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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

We invited our buddy: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please send checks by April 1 to:  
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**MUCH MORE TO DO IN DAYTON - SEE BACK PAGE**



### **Kitty Fee Covers**

One Night at Penn Wood Airstream Park  
Wood for 4 Camp Fires with Ice Cream Socials  
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**\$36.00 per 2 Person Rig**

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Tickets are good for all three days

Friday thru Sunday May 15, 16, and 17

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Advance Admission Ticket \$20.00

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Bus Tickets from the KOA Tall Timbers RV Resort to the Hamvention

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## **I have made Reservations at both KOA Campgrounds**

You must call each KOA directly to transfer reservation to  
your name and confirm with your credit card



We will rendezvous on Monday May 11 at the Newburgh-New York City North KOA. **Step 1:** You have the option to meet us here on Monday May 11, or take advantage of this special "Come Kamp & Care With US Weekend". Join your Charter Oak Caravan leaders on Friday May 8 and spend the weekend exploring the area and support the charity auction. You will also receive one night FREE. Pay for Friday May 8 and camp Saturday May 9 FREE! Call the KOA to confirm your own reservation for one or four nights. Tell them you are with Charter Oak Caravan or tell them your with the Ray Richard party. **PLEASE MAKE THE CALL SOON**, as space is filling up quickly. As they say on TV commercials, Call Now!

Call (845) 564 - 2836

For the sixth year, KOA kampgrounds will be collecting donations and holding fund-raising events to benefit **KOA Care Camps** for children with cancer, the official charity of the KOA Owners Association. This network of 35 specialized summer camps gives children with cancer, and their siblings, a chance to experience the joys of camping while continuing their treatments. Last year, KOA kampers contributed to a record \$250,000 in KOA donations for this truly special charity.



The Caravan will depart the Newburgh-New York City KOA on Tuesday May 12 and arrive at the Penn Wood Airstream Park in Limestone, PA. This one night camping cost is included in the Caravan Kitty Fee. The next morning we will drive to the KOA in Dayton.



**Tall Timbers - Dayton KOA**  
(937) 833 - 6510

**The Tall Timbers KOA will be our destination for Wednesday May 13. From here we will visit the many attractions around Dayton. You pick your activities, the options are many!**

You may elect to attend the Amateur Radio and Computer activities beginning Thursday morning through Sunday, or attend the "Stitch Gathering" for cross stitch and craft enthusiasts, or you choose to visit the Wright Patterson Air Force Base, the Air Museum, or shop at all the Antique malls. The choices are almost limitless. On the front of this flyer I have provided the web sites to explain the Amateur Radio/Computer options. You pick the activities and make the payments directly. Bus service from the KOA to the Hamvention and a shopping mall is available for \$3.00 per day or \$8.00 for 3 Days. Purchase at the HAMVENTION website. The WBCCI Ham club has an informal rally at this KOA. We will have the option of joining other Airstreamers for dinner at a local eatery.

You must call the KOA directly at (937) 833 - 6510 to transfer the reservation to your name and confirm with your credit card. If you have a KOA Kamp Kard will save 10 PERCENT.

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I will send via email or hand deliver an information package to those Airstreamers that pay their Kitty Fee. Questions? Just call or send me email.

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**June 5 -7 , 2009  
At the Skylark Airpark  
Hosted by  
Jim and Corinne Burnham  
and  
Pete and Laurie Soucy**

#### June Rally

**June 11 -14, 2009 - Fort Schyler  
Bronx, New York  
Tri-Hosted By  
Ray and Cynthia Richard - COCU  
Leo and Gail Garvey - Metro NY  
Sue and Hunt Jones - Watchung NJ**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Great food and conversation was enjoyed by all attendees on April 5th during our COCU gathering in East Hartford at the Marco Polo hosted by Jeff and Lynn Blackwell standing in for Jerry and Fran Ingallinera. I sort of missed Jerry's stories of jet engines and famous East Hartford landmarks. Jerry will just have to double-up the stories he tells at the Cabela Rendezvous he and Fran are hosting on July 24 - 26. It was also great to see a few new faces that we have not seen recently including Art and Carol Hall, and to see Fran Simmons up and about. That brought a smile to my face, but all the discussions of Airstreaming made me anxious and eager for the COCU caravan to Dayton and the International Rally in Madison, Wisconsin (hope you are attending).

April is the first month to have two scheduled COCU events, and I think it was great having two opportunities to see everyone. We will continue this "dual-event month" approach through October, so please don't miss an opportunity for fun, friendship, and adventure. The idea is not to attend every event, but by offering more outings we should limit schedule conflicts and increase the chances that you will be able to attend.

Our 2009 rally season started with a 16 at our "Dust Them Off" Buddy CT. We had 12 rigs and 28 people in or so guests stopping by as well; 10 Oak and two buddy rigs joined in for



on Thursday April Rally in Ashford, attendance with six rigs from Charter the fun and the best CT weather you could expect to have in mid-April (mid 70s during the day). This was the first time I was able to fly the President's Flag at a rally (running through the house with the President's flag worn as a cape yelling here comes the Pres does not count).

**President's Message Continued**

I would also like to thank Charlotte and Gene Hickey-LaRocca for their very generous donation of fire wood for our campfire. Thank you sponsors! Read Susan Ruttly's article for all the buddy rally details, but I think most everyone was a bit disappointed to see the Buddy Rally end on Sunday, I know I was. Our Past President Fran and Maureen Eckels stopped by for a visit on Saturday in time to watch the Top Chief competition. It sure was nice to see that Fran is doing so much better, and able to drive again. I believe we all look forward to the Eckels joining us with their Airstream at an upcoming rally. Best wishes Fran to your continued recovery.

Our COCU Business rally is set to begin Friday May 1 with the Business meeting scheduled for 10 AM Saturday morning. It is not too late to sign-up and send in your check; see the attached flyer for details.

You can come in just for the Business meeting and not attend the rally if that accommodates your plans. All COCU members are welcomed and encouraged to attend and cast your vote for the International slate. You may also vote by mailing or emailing your completed ballot to me, any Unit Board member, or designee. The postmark if mailed or time stamp if emailed must be prior to midnight Thursday April 30, 2009 for your vote to be counted. An agenda for the meeting as well as the ballot is also printed in this issue of the Chatter.

Hope to see you all soon, Raymond Richard - 1445



Spring at last!

**THOUGHTS AND CARES**

Sally Kerr

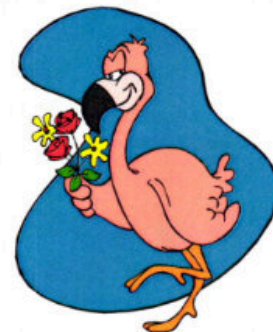
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Thank you to everyone who remembered me on my birthday and during my recuperation after my fall with a card or telephone call.



You are all so kind!

Laura Edmondson

### APRIL DINNER MEETING

Though the weather outside was cool and brisk, the ambiance within the Marco Polo restaurant, where 22 members of Charter Oak gathered for their April 2009 Meeting, was most inviting as friends discussed Airstream adventures past and future before they indulged at an elaborate buffet. This annual spring get together, the last before the start of the regular camping season, was graciously hosted by Jeff and Lynn Blackwell assisting Jerry and Fran Ingallinera who had a schedule conflict. Once again the Marco Polo provided a relaxing and pleasant atmosphere for all in attendance. The service and the food were very pleasing, and more importantly, the fellowship enriching as always. Our afternoon began with drinks and finding bags of jelly beans at each place setting before venturing to the "brunch buffet" meal.



Our President Raymond Richard spoke briefly about the upcoming May Business Meeting/ Rally set for the weekend of May 1-3 at the Mineral Springs Family Campground in Stafford Springs. Raymond encouraged us to get our reservations in as there was still room. Flyers were available for several of the up-coming rallies.

Jim Burnham provided details and a flyer for the June Buddy Rendezvous at the Skylark Airpark which he and Corinne will host; a must attend. Please encourage any RV owners to join us as "buddies". Space is limited so send in your check to reserve a space.



Our absent co-hosts  
Jerry and Fran Ingallinera  
We Missed You!

With fond farewells and friendly hugs, we left this gathering with a promise to "see you down the road"...soon!



The private dinning room was  
absolutely lovely!



What a great time we had for the opening season of our rally schedule. Raymond and Cynthia did a wonderful job with all of the arrangements for the event. The campground was great with large level sites complete with water and electric. The weather was very nice and it certainly cooperated for all of the activities. The ONLY time we had a little rain was when we were all tucked away for a good nights rest.

Our happy group included the following: Raymond and Cynthia Richard - our fearless leader and first lady, Jeff and Lynn Blackwell, Charlotte LaRocca and Gene Hickey, John and Serafina Bachar, Bud and Jessie Gould, Bob and Bette Lou Pease, Steve, Pam, Julianna and Michaela Pestretto, Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, Bill and Evelyn Watts, Susan and Wayne Rutty and buddies Mike and Eileen Daling, and Bruce, Jennifer, Joseph and Daniel Bouchard.

We gathered on Friday for a Happy Hour before traveling a short distance to the The Wooden Spoon for a delicious buffet dinner. On Saturday morning we had a full breakfast served to us by the campground 'kitchen' crew.

On Saturday afternoon 'The Chairman Wayne Rutty' kicked off the Top Chef competition. Our 'Chef' Charlotte LaRocca and her assistant Lynn Blackwell and Chef Joyce Rousseau and her assistant Gilles Rousseau entertained us with their culinary skills. They cooked up some delicious and very creative appetizers using ingredients provided as well as some secret ones of their own. It was lots of fun and we all enjoyed watching the excitement to see who would be crowned "Top Chef".

Our judges Bud Gould and Mike Daling had their work cut out for them. But they rose to the challenge judging for taste, presentation, originality and quantity.

By a close score Wayne announced the judges decision of Chef Joyce Rousseau and her assistant and husband Gilles winning the TOP CHEF AWARD (an Airstream Bird House). The two runner ups were each awarded a Sheraton Teddy Bear. Thanks to both teams for providing us with a fun afternoon. And best of all we all got to taste the fruits of their labors.

That evening we enjoyed a pot luck dinner and campfire complete with ice cream treats.

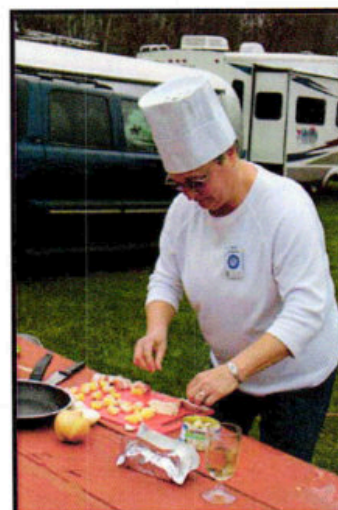
Sunday morning Raymond and Cynthia warmed up homemade pumpkin bread and muffins with hot coffee to send us all on our travels home.

Thanks so very much to Raymond and Cynthia for a wonderful rally. It was lots of fun and I know our buddies, Mike, Eileen, Jennifer, Bruce, Joseph and Daniel want to paint their motor homes silver and join our wonderful club! Thanks to everyone for making them feel so welcome!!

Susan Rutty

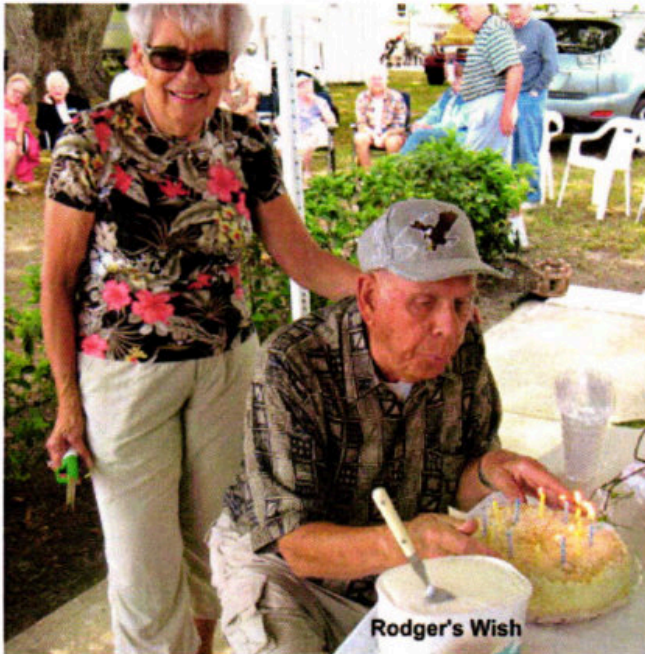
## April Buddy Rally

April 16 - 19, 2009



Queen Be decked out with flags greets everyone

### Roger Crockett's Birth Day Bash



### Charter Oak Party Animals are Everywhere





## Region 1 Newsletter March 31, 2009

### Region 1 Luncheon at 52nd International Rally

This year's Region 1 Luncheon will be an informal picnic "under the awning". A survey of Region 1's U.S. units indicates very limited attendance at this year's International Rally in Madison, Wisconsin, which makes a formal luncheon impractical. Your Region 1 officers and spouses/partners in attendance at the rally, Franklin & Jane Sanders, and Dan Dureiko & Bob Butler, will host the Region 1 Luncheon at one of their trailers – depending upon location. We plan to serve sandwiches and an ice cream dessert, and to offer frosty Margaritas, iced tea and iced coffee. BYO chairs and other drinks! The price will be nominal – to cover our out of pocket costs.

Look for Region 1's sign-up table after you register for the rally. You will need to sign up, so your officers will know how much food and drink to order! We will invite an International Officer to join us, and everyone is invited to register and attend!

We expect to return to a more formal sit-down luncheon in 2010, when Region 1 will be installing its 1st and 2nd VPs in Gillette, Wyoming.

### Region 1 Rally 2009 "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

Don't miss this year's Region 1 Rally at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, Vermont. Cape Cod MA Unit will be putting on a great event, including "Fantastic Fan Day", a "Lunch on the Lake" cruise on nearby Lake Champlain, and "All Star" entertainment. If you haven't signed up yet, now is the time to act! Registration forms are available on the Region 1 Website at <http://region1.wbcci.net/region-one-rally/>.

### Region 1 Rally 2008 Refunds

The Region 1 Board held a meeting via e-mail in late March to consider a Motion by Region 1 President Franklin Sanders to refund rally fees

to four members who cancelled their registrations for compelling reasons, as well as the fee of the bagpiper who 'piped' the Parade of Flags at the Region 1 Annual Meeting. The Region 1 Rally lost money and had insufficient funds to make the payments. Payment of the refunds and bagpiper's bill was unfortunately delayed by time required to complete a financial report for the rally and to resolve the fairness of the refund requests.

The Region 1 Rally Report, including financial results, will be prepared and distributed later this Spring.

### Annual Delegates Meeting June 30, 2009

WBCCI International Headquarters recently advised WBCCI Unit Presidents of questions to be decided at this year's Annual Delegates Meeting, forwarding two proposed constitutional amendments, and also forwarded the Report of the 2008-2009 Nominating Committee for International Officer and 2009-2010 Nominating Committee positions.

**Amendment No. 1:** The International Board of Trustees proposes to revise the Constitution, Article III, to add Vision and Mission Statements reflecting the work of the 2020 Planning Committee. The Vision Statement would read:

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The Mission Statement would read:

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#### Rationale:

A common theme during 2020 Committee conversations over the past year has been that WBCCI suffers from a lack of vision, a strategy to achieve the vision, and a way of providing continuity of management in implementing the

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## Region 1 Newsletter

March 31, 2009

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strategy. The Committee's first priority has been to create Vision and Mission Statements for the organization that provide direction for the future.

**Amendment No. 2:** The International Board of Trustees has proposed to amend the Constitution, Article XII, Delegates Meeting, Section 4, to read as follows:

**Sec. 4** Each Unit shall be represented at the Delegates Meeting by one Delegate or an Alternate. The Delegate shall be a Regular Member of the Unit represented; the Alternate may be a Regular Member of the Unit represented or an Affiliate Member of the Unit to be represented and a Regular Member of a Unit within the same Region as the Unit represented. No Delegate or Alternate may represent more than one Unit at the Delegates Meeting.

**Rationale:**

As the cost of travel increases, several of our Units, on the fringes of the North American Continent, and several smaller Units have no one in attendance at the International Rally. Thus, their members are not represented and votes not cast at the annual Delegates Meeting. A method is needed to provide members of Units who do not have a Regular Member in attendance at the International Rally and annual Delegates Meeting to cast their votes.

This change allows a unit to designate a Regular Member to be its Delegate (no change), and also allows an Affiliate Member of the Unit *who is a Regular Member of a Unit within the same Region* to be designated the Alternate Delegate.

Allowing *any* Affiliate Member of a unit to be the Alternate Delegate is unacceptable. It is too easy to become an Affiliate, obtain a Delegates credential and know absolutely nothing of the culture of the Unit to be represented and to use the authority to support the personal agenda of the Alternate – not necessarily that of the unit's members. By requiring that the Alternate Delegate be a Regular Member of a Unit within the same Region, there is reasonable expectation that the designated Alternate Delegate will have a familiarity with the membership and culture of the represented unit and could, thus, more accurately interpret and vote the unit's actual desires if so required.

***The preceding proposed amendments to the constitution were accompanied by a report***

***of the International Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Unit Presidents received a copy of the report, which is favorable to the proposed amendments.***

**Nominating Committee Report**

The 2008-2009 Nominating Committee will propose the following slate for consideration by the Delegates:

International President	Tom Collier
International 1st Vice President	Norm Beu
International 2nd Vice President	Barry Heckenswiler
International 3rd Vice President	Don Clark
International Recording Secretary	Anne Werth
International Treasurer	Myron Fischer
Nominating Committee	Roy B. Bernd
Nominating Committee	Don McKelvey

Other candidates for these offices may run from the floor, according to WBCCI Constitution, Article XIII, Sec. 5.

**Resumes for the above slate of officers are included in the April issue of *Blue Beret*.**

### Spring Visitations By Region 1 Officers

Region officers plan to participate in the following unit events in the Spring of 2009:

**Franklin Sanders:**

Québec Canada Unit Sugar House Party	April 5th
New England Unit Spring Business Mtg.	April 25th
White Mountains NH Unit Spr. Bus. Mtg.	April 26th
Charter Oak CT Unit Spring Bus. Mtg.	May 2nd
Québec Canada Unit Spring Lunch	May 17th
White Mountains NH Unit Rally	May 29th-31st

**Dan Dureiko**

Cape Cod MA Unit SBM Rally	May 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>
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**Russ Melocik** is unable to travel north this Spring, or to attend the 52nd International Rally in Madison, Wisconsin, because of scheduled bilateral hip replacement surgery (in Florida) on April 24th. Russ & Cynthia hope to be able to join us for the Region 1 Rally 2009, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game", August 5th – 9th; however, their ability to travel, and to tow their Air-stream trailer, will be subject to the speed of Russ's rehabilitation from the surgery. Let's flood him with get-well cards, in late April, at 17877 SE 91 Freedom Court, The Villages, FL 32162-0819.



**Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - WBCCI**  
**May 2, 2009 Business Meeting - 10:00 AM**



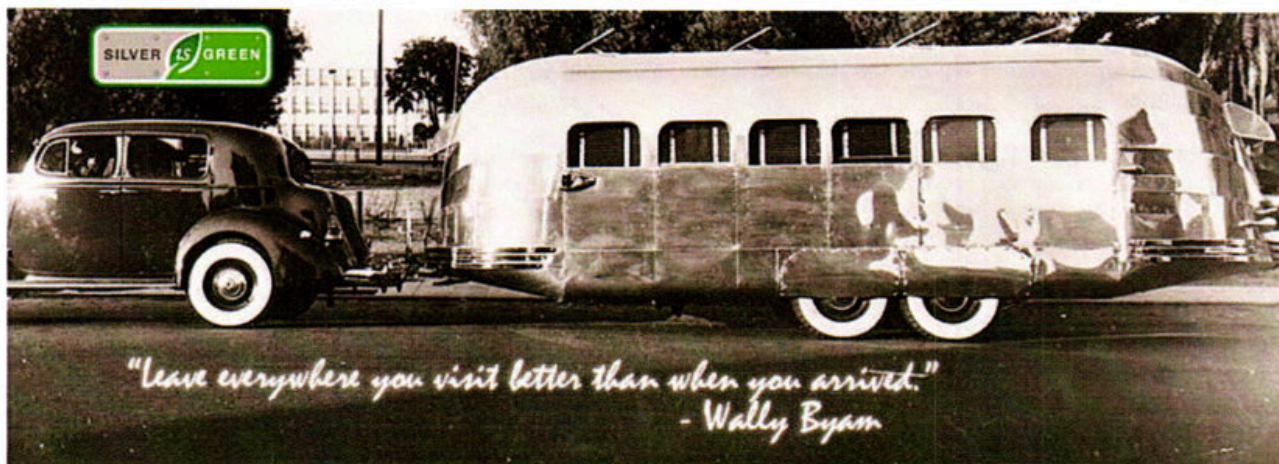
**Mineral Springs Family Campground**

**135 Leonard Road**

**Stafford Springs, CT 06076**

**AGENDA**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Executive Board and Determination of Quorum
4. Region One President - Franklin Sanders - Comments
5. Recording Secretary - Frances Simmons - Reading of Last Meeting Minutes
6. Corresponding Secretary - Kathleen Kushman - Presents Correspondence Report
7. Treasurer - Sandy Sasuta - Presents Treasurer's Report
8. Membership Chairperson - Evelyn Watts - Presents Report
9. Unfinished Business
  - Unit By Laws
10. New Business
  - Select one Delegate and one Alternative Delegate for International Rally
  - Approve Funds for International Unit Social
  - Open Discussion of the International Nominees and Candidate
  - Discussion of Proposed Amendments to WBCCI Constitution
  - Vote for International Officers
  - Discussion of International and Region One Rally
11. Announcements
12. Adjournment







**Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - WBCCI**

**May 2, 2009 Business Meeting**

**Mineral Springs Family Campground**

**Stafford Springs, CT**

**Voting Instructions:**

You may use this two-sided ballot form to cast your vote. This two-sided ballot form will also be available at the Business meeting for your convenience. **PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS BALLOT.**

Article VI, Section 5 of our Constitution states: 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.

Article VI, Section 6 of our Constitution states: A ground mail or email ballot may be used to submit a Unit members vote on a proposal. The mail or email ballot must be submitted to a Unit board member or designee and must be postmarked or time stamped no later than midnight two days prior to such vote.

For this purpose the postmark or time stamp must be prior to midnight Thursday April 30, 2009.



**CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT**

**International Election 2009 Ballot**

International President	Tom Collier	Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
International 1st Vice President	Norm Beu	Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
International 2nd Vice President	Barry Heckenswiler	Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
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International Treasurer	Myron Fischer	Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nominating Committee	Roy B. Bernd	Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nominating Committee	Don McKelvey	Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nominating Committee	Leo Garvey	Candidate	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Vote for Only Two  
Nominating Committee  
Members**

SIDE ONE of BALLOT



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May 2, 2009 Business Meeting

Mineral Springs Family Campground

Stafford Springs, CT

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### Annual Delegates Meeting June 30, 2009

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## CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT

### Guidance and Direction for Delegate and Alternate Delegate

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**JUNE BUDDY RENDEVOUS**  
 Hosted By  
**Jim and Corinne Burnham And Pete and Laurie Soucy**

**WHAT TO DO**

Skypark Airpark will be in operation and banners load and unload in view of our camp East Windsor Trolley Museum. The conductor will pick us up at our camp and take us to the museum to purchase a ticket for our ride and the museum. 

Soapstone Mountain in Somers with a lookout tower. You can drive or hike to the top

Bradley Air Museum in Windsor Locks

Newgate Prison in East Granby

Walmart 3 miles

**COST**

\$40.00 includes two nights dry camping, 2 campfires, coffee and muffins Saturday morning and coffee on Sunday.

Friday night dinner on your own — Saturday dinner — grills will be available to cook your own meat and bring a dish to share.

**DIRECTIONS**

Take I-91 North to exit 45 - Northbound turn right at end of ramp on Rt 140 - Southbound turn left on Rt 140—Go approximately 2 miles and turn right on Wells Road. Airpark is on the right. Follow Wally Byam sign to dirt road just past the runway. Follow dirt road to the end. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE RUNWAY!**

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## Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. 52nd International Convention/Rally June 28 - July 4, 2009 Madison, Wisconsin

### PRE-REGISTRATION SPECIAL - SAVE UP TO \$25.00

Rally Fees received prior to January 1, 2009, will be \$115.00 per Adult and \$40.00 for Parking an Airstream. A SAVINGS of up to \$25.00.

Through the courtesy of the Ewald's Airstream Dealership, all members REGISTERED and ATTENDING this Rally, are eligible to participate in ONE FREE opportunity to win a new 2009 Front Bedroom 27' Classic Airstream Trailer with a new 2009 3/4 Ton Tow Vehicle and hitch.

Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members pre-registering on or before January 1, 2009, will be eligible to participate in a drawing with up to \$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, 2009, will be \$125.00 per Adult and \$45.00 for Parking an Airstream.

**PARKING SERVICES** Includes Rally Water, 3-Amp Electric (or 30 Amps, if purchased below), Holding Tank pump outs about every 3-4 Days, & Dump Station.

**PARKING POLICY** You must select only one (1) Parking Area below: The running of Generators is permitted only with exhaust extensions that DO NOT expel exhaust gasses into another RV. The parking area for the running of Generators may be located in a remote area. Handicap (Wheelchair or Cane Only) must have an application on file at Headquarters or enclose a Handicap Application. In the event that there are less than 12 Applications for any one area, those requests may be combined with another area. ALL RV spaces MUST be filled resulting in different areas being in the next row or beside you.

FREE Parking in the Badger Den is available with no services and is permitted for one (1) night on, or the day before, your parking date. Additional nights in the Badger Den and early arrivals on site will be charged at the rate of \$20.00/night with a minimum of \$100.00 if a Rally Fee and Airstream Parking Fee is not paid.

ALL arrivals will enter the Rally Site through the Rally Verification Committee in the Badger Den. Once cleared, you will be parked between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. On Sunday, there is ONLY self parking in the Badger Den.

The Parking, Water, and Electric Crews will do their best to park and connect you to water and electric on the day you arrive. But, it could be the next day, (excluding Sundays) depending on your arrival time and the number of arrivals on that day. So make sure your batteries are fully charged, water tank is full, and holding tanks are empty before you arrive.

**REFUND POLICY** All refund requests must be written, postmarked by May 1, 2009, and must include the complete pass receipt. All cancellations will be assessed a \$25.00 administrative fee. Refund requests after May 1, 2009, will be at the discretion of the International Rally Committee. 30-Amp Electric Service must be obtained by April 1, 2009, is NOT TRANSFERABLE, with NO refunds if postmarked after April 1, 2009.

		Each Adult	Each Youth	Conditions
<b>GUEST DAY PASSES</b> <small>(WBCCI MEMBERS ARE NOT GUESTS)</small>	ONE Day Pass	\$15.00	\$10.00	Day Time Hours ONLY (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) for ONE Day
	All Events ONE Day	\$20.00	\$15.00	Includes ONE Day Pass and that Night's Entertainment

Rally Pass Receipts will be mailed beginning January 15, 2009.

<small>For registrars only:</small>	
Amt: _____	Check # _____
Date: _____	Rcvd. By: _____

Parking Preference (Circled) General-Dog-Handicap-Vintage-Generator-Offsite

June 28 - July 4, 2009 Madison, Wisconsin

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LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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MARK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY	FEES		AMOUNT
	Prior to Jan 1	After Jan 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> My First International			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rally Fee/Adult Number of Adults = _____	\$115.00	\$125.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Rally Fee/Youth (Ages 6-19) Number of Youths = _____	\$60.00	\$60.00	_____
	<small>Only first 2 Youths are charged, 3rd and more are Free</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Airstream Parking (WBCCI) <small>(Requires at least 1 Adult Rally Fee)</small>	\$40.00	\$45.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric (30 Amps) <small>(Must Register, or Cancel, by April 1, 2009 for 30 Amp Electric)</small>	\$255.00	\$255.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> WBCCI Life Members	-\$5.00	-\$5.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Not a WBCCI Member w/Airstream	\$75.00	\$75.00	_____

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MARK ONLY ONE (1) BOX	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	VINTAGE PARKING <small>(Airstreams 25 Years Old or Older)</small>
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAY RUN MY GENERATOR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staying OFF-SITE (i.e. Rally Motel)

<small>For registrars only:</small>	
Amt: _____	Check # _____
Date: _____	Rcvd. By: _____

Make checks payable to: WBCCI. Canadian checks must be stamped "US Funds".



**Charter Oak Connecticut Unit**  
**Wickford Village Rendezvous**  
**September 25 thru 27, 2009**  
 Hosted by  
**Robert and Bette Lou Pease**

The rendezvous will include a visit to the historic Wickford Village, a delightful harbor side village with over 50 shops that remains much as it was a century ago. Wickford Village is located on scenic Route 1A in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

We are staying at the Quonset Air Museum, Friday afternoon after 3:00 PM through Sunday Morning. If you arrive before 3:00 PM stay at Compass Rose Beach Park - GPS coordinates can be provided. This is dry camping among WW2 and vintage airplanes on the tarmac along side the active Air National Guard runway. Camping Fee is \$25.00 per night.



The only rendezvous planned group event will be a 2 hour Buffet Dinner Cruise on Narragansett Bay aboard the Majestic Saturday night. Cost for the dinner cruise is \$40.00 each, paid in advance. Dinners responsible for their own transportation to Bowen's Ferry Landing in Newport, R.I. Boarding is at 7:15 PM. Visit web site at:

[www.bayqueen.com/majestic08/uploads/majesticBro.pdf](http://www.bayqueen.com/majestic08/uploads/majesticBro.pdf)

Upon receipt of payment you will receive an area brochure listing GPS coordinates to the Quonset Air Museum, and many points of interest such as the historic village of Wickford. Yankee Steam-Up at the NE Wireless & Steam Museum, Navy's Seabee Memorial, Smith's Castle, Gilbert Stuart Museum, plus many more. You may also take a high speed ferry to Martha's Vineyard.

**No Refunds after June 30, 2009**

Send Camping Fee and Dinner Cruise payment by June 30, 2009 made out to:

Robert C. Pease Tel: 1-401-295-7398  
 109 Terre Mar Drive  
 North Kingstown, RI 02852

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length of Airstream: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trailer or Motor home: \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Fee	\$25.00 X	_____	=	\$ _____
Dinner Cruise	\$40.00 X	_____	=	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>

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June, 2009

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June Rally

June 11 - 14, 2009  
Fort Schyler, Bronx, New York  
Tri Hosted by  
Metro New York Unit,  
Watchung New Jersey Unit and  
Charter Oak CT Unit

### International Rally

June 28 - July 4, 2009  
Maidson, Wisconsin

### Free Rendezvous

July 24 - 26  
Cabella, East Hartford, CT  
Hosted by Jerry and Fran  
Ingallinera

### Region One Rally

August 5 - 9, 2009  
Essex Junction, VT  
Hosted by Cape cod Unit

### Haddam Neck Fair Rally

September 4-7, 2009  
Hosted by Wayne and Susan  
Rutty  
and Bud and Jesse Gould

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All I can say is our Hosts Jim and Corrine Burnham assisted by our Co-Hosts Pete and Laurie Soucy did such an incredible job organizing the Skylark Airpark Buddy Rally. I am sure it was enjoyed by all 11 rigs in attendance. It was especially nice to visit with both Bard and Kathy Fuller, and Niels and Lydia Rosenbeck as it has been awhile since we have had this opportunity. It was also great to visit with everyone including Jim and Tanda Perry, our non-Airstream buddies that attended. I hope they will join us again at a future Buddy Rally. It was a great time mixing multiple modes of transportation with terrific weather on the weekend. The trolley car and fire truck museum is a must see if you have not done this yet. Here is a picture of the Fuller's Airstream and a plane making a successful take-off. See the article for details. Job well done and thanks again Hosts and Co-Hosts - your efforts were outstanding and have provided lasting fond memories!

**WOW!**



Charter Oak also tri-hosted the Fort Schuyler Rally this month with the Watchung NJ and Metro NY Units. There were 37 Airstream rigs in attendance; 11 were from our Unit. Cynthia and I attended last year, and made this rally a "must return". On Friday 5 people took a Circle tour of Manhattan Island departing from Pier 83 on 42nd Street. Then on Saturday, 11 of us were picked up in a van and whisked off to Battery Park where we saw the Clinton Castle and caught the ferry to tour the Statue of Liberty and then Ellis Island. Our tour guide did a great job fielding questions, providing directions, and getting us from one Island to the next.

President's Message cont'd

The Region One Rally is very soon (August) PLEASE send your check and registration form, you don't want to miss this Region One Rally. The Rally is close by, at a very nice facility, has lots of planned events to attend and needs our support. Hope to see all of you there.

Well, Cynthia and I are off to Madison, WI to meet the Food Drive Challenge, represent COCU at the Delegates meeting and enjoy the International Rally seeing many old friends and perhaps making a few new friends. Take care, enjoy life's many adventures, use your Airstream, and see you at the Cabela Rendezvous on July 24 hosted by our next President and First Lady Jerry and Fran.

Raymond Richard

WBCCI - L 1445

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Jackie Keitchan, daughter of Bud and Jesse Gould had heart surgery earlier this month.

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CHARTER OAK CHATTER



**Skylark Rendezvous**

**June 5 - 7, 2009**

On a dreary rainy Friday afternoon 10 Air-streamers, hopeful for clearing skies showed up at the Skylark Airport for the June Rendezvous. All their hopes were rewarded with great weather and fun times. It was hosted by Jim and Corinne Burnham with co-hosts Pete and Laurie Soucy. After a showery Friday afternoon and evening, the skies did clear, and Saturday and Sunday were beautiful.

Our hosts really outdid themselves. It was very apparent that a lot of planning and work had gone into this Rendezvous. The tent was up with table and chairs, the fire pit was ready and plenty of wood on hand. The coffee pots were set up and ready to go.

Fran and Maureen Eckels attended and Fran towed the trailer himself. Which was a great to see considering how ill he was. We look forward to seeing them often at future rallies.

We had one buddy in attendance, Jim and Tanada Perry. We enjoyed meeting them and their dog Riley. They fit right in and seemed to enjoyed all of the activities. Perhaps we will see them at a future Buddy Rally.

Unfortunately we had two cancellations due to illness. Bob and Helen Sandall and Art and Carol Hall could not attend. We hope Bob and Art are feeling better and that we see them real soon.

A monetary contribution was made to support the Airpark from donations and rally fees. We have been invited back next year by the Airport Owner thanks to the hard work of our Hosts and the good behavior of all the attendees.

There was also a collection for the "Ton of Food Challenge". Everyone was generous and we collected \$30 toward our donation of food at the up-coming International Rally in Madison.

On Sunday we gathered for a final continental breakfast and last minute visits. Then it was time to clear camp. Everyone pitched in and helped get everything down, loaded and ready to roll. Kudos to Jim for making sure it looked like we were never there.

It was a great weekend and a perfect example of a well planned event. Thanks Jim and Corinne for a job well done.



Our Hosts—Jim and Corinne Burnham



Co-Hosts Pete and Laurie Soucy



Group shot at the Trolley Museum



A good shot of the beautiful field we used



The party is over :(

# THE CARAVAN OF ONE

The “Caravan of One” to the largest Amateur Radio Convention in the world held annually in Dayton, Ohio, was lead by Raymond and Cynthia Richard, left on May 8. What we lacked in numbers we certainly made up for with eagerness and enthusiasm.

We arrived at the KOA in Newburgh, NY for the first stop, and stayed in the area for three nights. During that time we visited Orange County Choppers (from the TV show), the Rhinebeck region of upstate New York, as well as the Vanderbilt Mansion, FDR’s summer home and the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park. We also supported the KOA fund raiser effort for the Kamping Kids Cancer Kamp.

From Newburgh we traveled to Mercer, PA. Mercer has a large Amish population. We visited the local area and enjoyed our stay at a very nice KOA with many amenities.

Then it was on to our final destination, Dayton and the Hamvention. We arrived on Wednesday, just in time for Raymond to get to the QRP meetings and activities.

There is a Stitch Club for the wives who are not Hams and that is where you found Cynthia. Stitching, shopping and having lunch with the ladies.

On Saturday night we had a wonderful dinner with the WBCCI Ham Radio Intraclub and the Service Nets group.

As with all things that are fun the days passed quickly and it was soon time for the caravan to end and start our trip home. There were a few disgruntled caravaners that did not want to leave.

It was a enjoyable trip and we hope that some of you will join in future caravans to Ham Radio Mecca.

Submitted by Cynthia Richard - L 1445



Mickey, Paul Jr., the Prez and First Lady, and Paul Sr.



Queen Bea at OCC



KOA Mercer PA—great site with Upper Wood Deck and Lower Patio



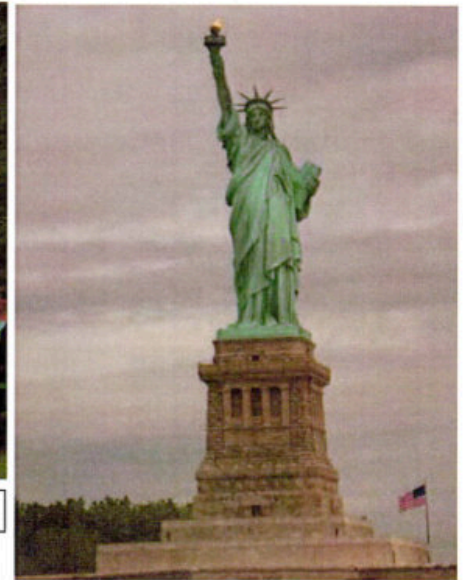
Just a few of the Crafty Ladies at Work



Open Air Market



Group shot taken by our own Jerry Ingallinera via delay shutter



Last year Raymond and I were the only rig from our unit to attend the Fort Schyler Rally in the Bronx. It was such a delightful experience that we volunteered our unit to tri-host, joining Metro New York and Wachung New Jersey as hosts. We also told everyone about it and as a result this year we had 12 units from Charter Oak attending. We tied with Metro NY for number of units. In all there were 35 rigs there and I think everyone enjoyed the experience of camping in the Bronx.

The setting is beautiful, right on the East River and on the campus of the Maritime University part of SUNY. Although the weather did not cooperate totally it was not a washout.

There were planned activities, as well as many things to do on your own. Friday afternoon there was a trip to NY Pier 83 for a 3-hour circle cruise around Manhattan. We went under 18 bridges including the Brooklyn and George Washington Bridges. Of course we saw the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and many other landmarks of the New York boroughs including the Colgate Clock.

On Saturday some choose to navigate the NY Transit system and went into Manhattan to see a play. Others took a tour of Arthur Street and City Island.

Eleven others signed up for the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Tour. We were picked up at 6:30 am and delivered right to Battery Park and our tour guide. First we went to see Lady Liberty. What a sight! I had never seen her before and I felt quite honored and proud. Then it was on to Ellis Island which was educational, inspiring, and heart wrenching. Jerry and Fran Ingallinera were on the tour with us and we were able to see Jerry's grandfather's name on the Wall of Remembrance.

Several people including Charlie and Jeanne Wilson decided to leave Ellis Island early and return to Manhattan to visit Ground Zero and some of the other NYC sights. At exactly 4pm our van arrived for the trip back to our Airstreams parked at Fort Schyler. After all expenses were paid, a \$21.00 per person refund was given. It was a good day and everyone enjoyed the experience.

Dinner was served Friday and Saturday nights and breakfast Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. Thanks to all the COCU people who helped us serve breakfast, clean up and take down the tent Sunday morning. I think this rally story is told best in pictures so enjoy the ones we have included. Be sure to mark your calendars for next year so that you can say you have camped in the Bronx once, twice or three times.

The COCU Roving Reporter - Cynthia Richard



Throgs Neck Bridge in background

## CHARTER OAK JUNE 2009



East Windsor CT  
June 5 - 7 2009

**FUND RAISER**

Our first fund raiser of the year added **\$140.40** to the Unit's coffers thanks to the generosity of many WBCCI members throughout Region One that will be proudly sporting a hat, apron, shirt, or Beach Tote embroidered with the Skylark Buddy Rally logo. There is still time to place your order, so don't miss out on these great COCU memorabilia and an opportunity to support our Unit.

Well done All and many thanks for making our first 2009 COCU fund raiser  
a **Great success!**





Weekend July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Join us for a Rendezvous at Cabela's,  
East Hartford – Silver Lane Exit #58 off I 84

There is no fee.....It's free.

Friday – Arrive anytime after 1 PM

4:30 PM Happy Hour

6:30 PM Dinner - room reserved for us at the  
Cabela's Cafeteria (exotic meats)

Saturday –

Shop Cabela's or visit Mark Twain's Home in Hartford

4:30 PM Happy Hour

6:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner – grills available. Bring something  
to grill and a dish to share.

We'll be holding a raffle for gift cards at Cabela's - \$10 a ticket.

While there is no fee we need a count so reserve your spot by calling **860 289-9149** or emailing [Airstream1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Airstream1@sbcglobal.net) by **July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Co-Hosts: Jerry and Fran Ingallinera      Jeff and Lynn Blackwell

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**Take Me Out to the Ballgame**



**Region 1 Rally 2009**

**Champlain Valley Exposition**

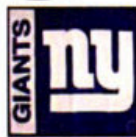
**Aug. 5-9, '09**



\$290 fee includes:

- 4-nights of camping
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- Air-conditioned seminar & game rooms
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- "All Star" entertainment

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Children Attending Rally?  
(Children 12 & Under Free)

Additional Guests Attending Rally?  
(\$75 each guest over 13 years old)

**Base Rally Fee: \$230**  
(One In an Airstream)

**Base Rally Fee: \$290**  
(Two In an Airstream)

Children 12 & Under Attending  
Lunch on the Lake: \$13 Each

**Yes No**  
**Handicap Parking?**  
(circle one)

**Yes No**  
**Vintage Parking?**  
(circle one)

(Example: 2 in an Airstream no guests & no kids under 12= \$290)  
(Example: 1 in an Airstream, no guests & no kids under 12= \$230)  
(Example: 2 in an Airstream, one kid under 12 and one 13= \$290+\$75=\$365)  
(Example: 2 in an Airstream, two kids under 12 attending Lunch on the Lake=\$290+\$26=\$316)  
(Note: Lunch on the Lake is included with Adult Guest's Fee).

**Total Payment**

# "GO'IN TO THE COUNTRY FAIR"

## HADDAM NECK FAIR 2009



**Charter Oak CT Unit Rally**  
 September 4-7, 2009  
 Haddam Neck Fairgrounds  
 Haddam Neck, CT



Co-Hosts: Wayne and Susan Rutty & Bud and Jessie Gould

### Directions to Fairgrounds:

#### From the North and West:

Take I-91 to route 9 south or route 66 east to the Portland-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.

**Rally Fee of \$40 per Adult (Kids 12 & under: free) includes: Three (3) Nights Dry Camping (Come full & Empty), Two (2) Breakfasts, Sunday Dinner and a four day pass to the fair.**

Pets welcome but must remain on leash and in your camping area at all times.

All Guests must check in with Rally Host

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## "GO'IN TO THE COUNTRY FAIR"

**Charter Oak CT Unit Rally September 4-7, 2009**

Haddam Neck Fairgrounds

Please mail by August 24, 2009

Make Check Payable and mail to: Wayne Rutty; 34 Rutty Lane; Haddam, CT 06438

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_

### Events for the Weekend

#### Come and enjoy a great country fair!!

We have left the days and evenings open so you can enjoy all that the fair and the area has to offer.

#### *All Times by Fair Clock*

#### Friday:

- Please arrive after 2:00 pm
- 4:30 pm - Happy Hour - Bring your beverages and a snack to share
- Dinner on your own. Enjoy some great fair food!!

#### Saturday:

- 8:30 am Breakfast
- 4:30 pm - Happy Hour - Bring your beverages and a snack to share.
- Dinner on your own. Enjoy some great fair food!!

#### Sunday:

- 9:00 am Breakfast
- 4:30 pm - Happy Hour - Bring your beverages and a snack to share.
- Dinner to follow Happy Hour

#### Monday (Labor Day):

- Depart at your leisure and thanks for coming!!!





**Fort Schuyler Joint Rally**





**LET'S GO CAMPING!**



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# Charter Oak Chatter



## The WBCCI Airstream RV Association August 2009

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Haddam Neck Fair Rally**

September 4-7, 2009

Hosted by Wayne and Susan Rutty  
and Bud and Jesse Gould

#### **Joint Rally with Cape Cod**

September 11 -13, 2009

Charlie Brown Campground  
Route 198 Eastford CT

#### **Rhode Island Rendezvous**

July 25—27, 2009

Hosted by Bob and Bette Lou Pease  
Wickford Village, RI

#### **Leaf Peeping Fall Rally**

October 2 - 4, 2009

Hosted by Mike and Sandy Sasuta  
and Rich and Kathy Kushman  
Water's Edge Campground  
Lebanon, CT

#### **Fall Caravan to Bar Harbor**

October 4 - 10, 2009

Hosts are  
Raymond and Cynthia Richard  
Bob and Helen Sandall



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Charter Oak historically does not publish the Chatter in July, so there is a lot to comment about in this edition. I represented COCU at the Delegates meeting held during the International Rally in Madison, WI, supported by our Alternate Delegate John Bachar. Nothing controversial to report at this year's Delegates Meeting. The Rally itself was very enjoyable; Madison is a great City to visit with opportunities for day trips to many interesting attractions. Serafina, and John Bachar, Cynthia and I spent the day together exploring the Wisconsin Dells via a guide boat and also an amphibious "duck". Of course we purchased a substantial amount of cheese and fresh sausage at several outlets around Madison, but also at the downtown Farmers Market within the Capitol's Square.; an excellent shopping opportunity. After attending ten different "happy hours" during and since the International, we are still eating cheese. I hope you are planning to attend the International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming next year. The camping complex should be spectacular. Consider traveling out there with the Region One caravan. We are planning on it.

Needless to say, Fran and Jerry once again hosted an outstanding Rendezvous at Cabela's in East Hartford. We had 22 rigs parked and several visitors dropped by over the course of the weekend. The rendezvous was well attended by members of the Cape Cod unit as well as Sally Kerr from the Mohawk Unit. Jerry surveyed the attendees and estimates that our group spent approximately \$1,800 at Cabela's in merchandise and food. Cabela's gave each rig a \$10.00 discount coupon and use of a meeting room. Great job Jerry and Fran and my thanks to your co-hosts Lynn and Jeff Blackwell for a wonderful time.

Be sure to sign-up for the Haddam Neck Fair Rally, the joint Rally with Cape Cod at Charlie Brown's Campground, our Wickford R.I. rendezvous, the Rally at Water's Edge which will be the jumping off location of our Fall Unit Caravan to Bar Harbor, ME during the first week of October. All five flyers are in this Chatter, so please sign-up soon. One last note, I have been nominated for Region One 2nd Vice President. I hope I will have your vote at the Fall Business Meeting.




Raymond Richard - 1445



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**Cabela's Rendezvous  
July 23 - 25, 2009**

Cabela's of East Hartford welcomed Charter Oak once again this year – and because of the rave reviews from last year, a total of 22 rigs were arrayed on the runway of the now defunct Renschler field. No need for a level, either. Hosted by Jerry and Fran Ingallinera, with Jeff and Lynn Blackwell on reserve as co-hosts, the event was relaxed and sociable. The location is a pleasant grassland with lots of good bird watching – and only a few “strafing runs” by the overfed Canadian geese. The open area delivered delicious prevailing breezes both evenings, making for open Airstream windows all weekend.

The shiny, clean, navy and white striped Club canopy was raised by members of both COCU and Cape Cod. Also aiding in site preparation (but not attending) was Rob Terry and his son, Travis (who is our standing host at the April Marco Polo event, and apparently does not hold a grudge about Lynn leaving the restaurant this year without paying....) assisted by a non-Airstreamer friend of the Host couple, Nick Samela. Larry Burns, an East Hartford neighbor, helped put up WBCCI signs.

Cabela's Events Coordinator Diane Bazzano helped by putting together nice “goody” bags for the event – love the Cabela's lanyard. She also dropped in to welcome the group. Our Emcee/Host ran an entertaining raffle – having sold tickets to total strangers who stopped in driving SOBs – to see the Airstreams. One of those visitors who purchased a ticket actually won: Mr. Richard Jackson. We have to just trust Jerry that he actually has an address for the (ahem...) “winner”. Congratulations to Bill & Evelyn Watts who got the first prize of \$150, and \$100 winners, Lisa and Allison Price (daughters of Ted & Lois who all came for Friday dinner at Chez Cabela).

The Saturday night potluck and “grill yer own” was graced with many honored visitors; Sandy and Mike Sausuta who delivered an update on the 2010 Regional at Durham Fairgrounds. Please make plans to sign up to help and to attend so that we have the critical mass to plan and deliver a first class event next year. Everyone enjoyed the surprise visit by Charter Oak Past Presidents, Ray Moniz and Mark Wilson. Ray admired the Club canopy and reminisced about personally scrubbing it clean the last time he was up close to it. Subliminal message to Ray: ‘get rid of the toy hauler and come back to WBCCI’

Our intrepid hosts calculated the amount of money spent by the group at Cabela's; between food and goods and the raffle prizes, an impressive total of \$1,800. Mayor Melody Curry sent a proclamation welcoming all of us to East Hartford – and we were all happy to return with old friends and new to the East Hartford Cabela's.

By Lynn Blackwell



**Bob and Helen Sandall  
and Juanita Pestretto  
enjoy the potluck dinner**



**Our Hosts, Fran and Jerry Ingallinera  
with friends Winnie and Willie Mangano**



**Group Photo**

# INTERNATIONAL RALLY

## Madison, WI

### September 28 - July 4, 2009

This year's International Rally was held at the Alliant Center in Madison, WI. The City and surrounding area is absolutely beautiful. We parked over 900 units surrounding the conference center and coliseum.

The day we arrived had a temperature of 101 degrees. The parking went smoothly and within 30 minutes we were parked in President's Row and the air conditioning was running.

There were only two units from the Charter Oak CT unit, the President and First Lady, Raymond and Cynthia Richard and John and Serafina Bachar. This was the Bachar's first International.

As the week progressed the weather cooled down and we had some very beautiful and cool days. Our President carried the Unit Flag at Opening Ceremonies with pride. He also represented our unit at the annual delegates meeting. John Bachar served as the Alternate. Since there were no volatile issues the meeting went smoothly with no surprises to report.

Only twelve units from Region One attended this year's International which made for a small but cordial Region One Luncheon. Region One President and First Lady, Franklin and Jane Sanders hosted.

The four COCU attendees spent one day visiting the Wisconsin Dells. While the town is extremely commercial the river rides exposed us to the beautiful sights of the Dells.

According to Native American legend it was a great serpent, wriggling down from the north and his home near the Big Lake, that formed the bed of the Wisconsin River. Crawling over the forests and the fields, his huge body wore an immense groove in the land and the water rushed in behind him. When he came to the sandstone ridge where the Dells begins he thrust his great head into a crevice between the rocks and pushed them aside to form a narrow, winding passage. At his approach, lesser serpents fled forming the canyons which lead off from the main channel. It was these timid, lesser serpents that formed Coldwater Canyon and Witches' Gulch, so the legend goes.

The true story is just as exciting. When the great glacial lake of Wisconsin started to break free from its large ice dam the waters rushed free in a catastrophic flood and carved out the great rock formations we see today. It is hypothesized that the noise of the rushing water would have been heard up to six states away.

Along with the sightseeing and the activities at the International it was a very full week. We think it was one of the better International we have attended. Next year's International will be in Gillette, WY. We are planning to attend and hope you are too!

Submitted by Cynthia Richard - #1445



President & First Lady ready for the President Appreciation Dinner.



Serafina and John Bachar enjoy their first International Rally



## REGION ONE RALLY ESSEX JUNCTION, VT August 5—9, 2009



This year's Region One Rally was hosted by the Cape Cod Unit. The Rally Chairs were Rich and Dottie Walbridge with co-chairs, Brad and Kathy Fuller. The Rally was held August 5—9, 2009 in Essex Junction, Vermont. Kathy Fuller did an excellent job as Emcee.

There were sixty seven units in attendance and the theme "Take me Out to the Ballgame" was thoroughly embraced. Everyone wore their favorite team's apparel as well as decorated their units to show off their favorite teams. There was everything from the Toledo Mud Hens (don't you dare call them chickens) to the old Brooklyn Dodgers. Of course the Red Sox, Yankees and UConn were well represented also. Prizes were awarded to the best Fantastic Fans and the best decorated units. Aiden Harper, grandson of Franklin and Jane Sanders, Region One President and First Lady, won the Fantastic Fans men's division.

The weather was beautiful, with warm days and cool nights. Everyone had their windows open and the sleeping was good.

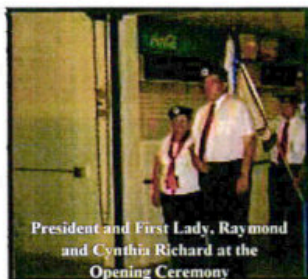
There were many activities to keep everyone busy. Dottie Walbridge lead two craft sessions which were well attended. There were seminars and games galore. Ben, the grandson of Aili and Val Galasyn, won the Bocce Ball championship in the face of fierce competition. On Thursday we went on a lunch cruise on Lake Champlain. Cape Cod assisted by COCU really put on a great rally. The food was good and plentiful and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

The raffle is always a big event and this year was no different. There were plenty of hand made items and the raffle was a great success. Rich Walbridge donated four folding tables with the Rally logo on them. Cynthia Richard donated two afghans and Larry Lamontagane donated several hand made items. There were two quilts, one donated by Cecile Lemair. Mark and Marie Lupien donated quite a few items. In addition Air-stream donated items which were given to membership by a drawing.

On Saturday night the entertainment was provided by David and Duncan Yandell. Duncan has been playing the violin since he was four and studying fiddling since he was seven. He is regarded as an expert in Cape Breton fiddle music. He was extremely talented and gave a show to remember. Many danced to the beautiful waltzes he played as well as to some of the reels and jigs. Everyone had a great time.



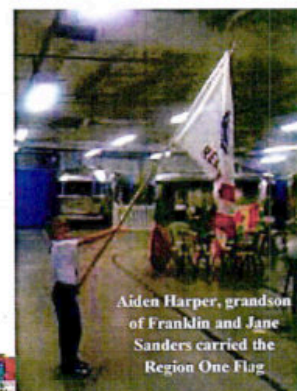
Rally Chairmen Rich and Dottie Walbridge



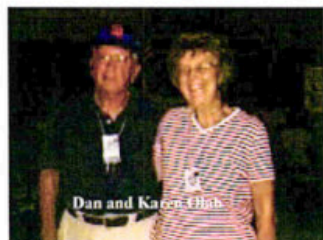
President and First Lady, Raymond and Cynthia Richard at the Opening Ceremony



Niels Rosenbeck COCU Flag Bearer



Aiden Harper, grandson of Franklin and Jane Sanders carried the Region One Flag



Dan and Karen Elhab



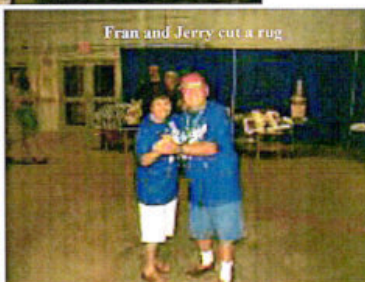
Phil Simmons does a little housekeeping



Val and Aili Galasin



Fran Westlinera and Eleanor Watts



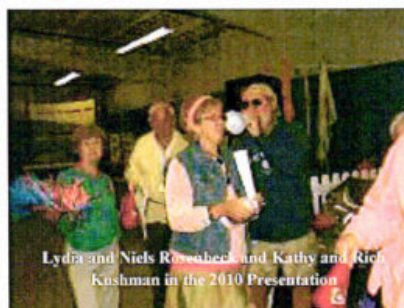
Fran and Jerry cut a rug



Carol and Art Hall



Charlie Wilson, Bard Fuller, Robi Crockett and Sammy Sasuta participate in the 2010 Presentation



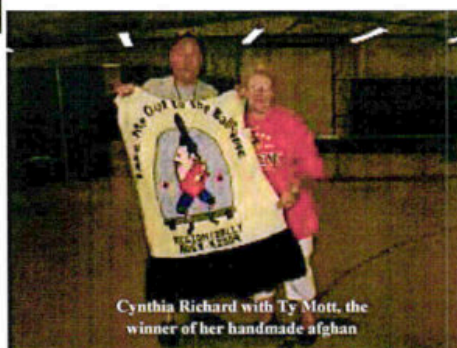
Lydia and Niels Rosenbeck and Kathy and Rick Kushman in the 2010 Presentation



Dorie Wallbridge teaches craft to Cynthia Richards, Gail Lake and Joan Beardsley



Gene Hickey sports his Georgia Bull Dog Hat



Cynthia Richard with Ty Mott, the winner of her handmade afghan



Region One Board Meeting

Who's better than us?



August 4, 2009

Mr. President  
Board of Directors  
Nominating Committee Members  
Nominees

Re: 2010 Region One Officer Nominations

The Region One Nominating Committee for the years 2010-2012 is pleased to announce the following list of Region One nominees. We feel that these nominees will best serve the 6 Units of Region One in their capacities as Region Officers and will work to insure the WBCCI is well positioned as the premier Airstream club in the future.

President - Russell Melocik

First Vice President – Daniel Dureiko

Second Vice President - Raymond Richard

Respectively submitted,

Michelle Plunkett-Lupien,  
Committee Chair  
New England Unit

Richard Geschwindner,  
Committee Member  
New England Unit

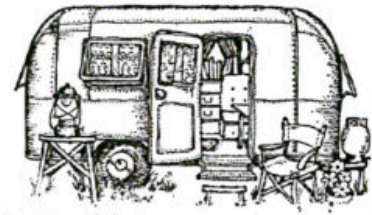
David Olivier  
Committee Member  
Canadian Atlantic Unit

# "GO'IN TO THE COUNTRY FAIR"

## HADDAM NECK FAIR 2009



**Charter Oak CT Unit Rally**  
 September 4-7, 2009  
 Haddam Neck Fairgrounds  
 Haddam Neck, CT



Co-Hosts: Wayne and Susan Ruty & Bud and Jessie Gould

### Directions to Fairgrounds:

#### From the North and West:

Take I-91 to route 9 south or route 66 east to the Portland - 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.

### Events for the Weekend

#### Come and enjoy a great country fair!!

We have left the days and evenings open so you can enjoy all that the fair and the area has to offer.

#### *All Times by Fair Clock*

#### Friday:

- Please arrive after 2:00 pm
- 4:30 pm - Happy Hour - Bring your beverages and a snack to share
- Dinner on your own. Enjoy some great fair food!!

#### Saturday:

- 8:30 am Breakfast
- 4:30 pm - Happy Hour - Bring your beverages and a snack to share.
- Dinner on your own. Enjoy some great fair food!!

#### Sunday:

- 9:00 am Breakfast
- 4:30 pm - Happy Hour - Bring your beverages and a snack to share.
- Dinner to follow Happy Hour

#### Monday (Labor Day):

- Depart at your leisure and thanks for coming!!!

**Rally Fee of \$40 per Adult (Kids 12 & under: free) includes: Three (3) Nights Dry Camping (Come full & Empty), Two (2) Breakfasts, Sunday Dinner and a four day pass to the fair.**

Pets welcome but must remain on leash and in your camping area at all times.

All Guests must check in with Rally Host

## "GO'IN TO THE COUNTRY FAIR"

**Charter Oak CT Unit Rally September 4-7, 2009**

Haddam Neck Fairgrounds

Please mail by August 24, 2009

Make Check Payable and mail to: Wayne Ruty; 34 Ruty Lane; Haddam, CT 06438

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_



We'll enjoy an "Ethnic" themed rally; we'll wear costumes, bring photos, play musical instruments, fly your ethnic flags, show us your artifacts, share some family recipes and maybe a sample dish, and demonstrate your favorite dance. Join in the fun and reveal your ethnic background.

Hosted by:  
President, Cecile Lemaire &  
1st Mate, Raynold

Co-Hosted by:  
Dan Dureiko & Bob Butler

We will be flying  
our pride & joy!



Schedule for the weekend:

**Friday:**

Check in after Noon  
Happy Hour 4pm  
Social Gathering 7pm w/ coffee & goodies  
We'll be wearing our "ethnic garb" & playing  
music our grandparents left us.

**Saturday:**

Breakfast is served 8-9am  
(Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee & tea).  
Sidewalk Café  
Business Meeting 9:30am-Elections  
Lunch & Tour the area on your own  
Happy Hour 4pm  
Supper is served 6pm  
Installation of Officers  
Evening activity: Story-telling, WBCCI media kit  
video, campfire, joker, etc.

**Sunday:**

Breakfast is served 8-9am  
Depart By 1pm.  
Drive carefully & we'll see you down the road.

Nearby Attractions: Mystic Seaport, Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun Casinos, Bradley Playhouse, Goodspeed Opera House, Stafford & Thompson Motor Speedways, Natchaug State Forest, Old Sturbridge Village.

Want Something to Eat?: Mid-Way Restaurant & Pizza, The Harvest Restaurant, Pizza 101, The Vanilla Bean, The Courthouse Bar & Grill, Stoggy Hollow, Willimantic Brewing Company, Sharpe Hill Vineyard, JD Cooper's, Woodstock Inn, Still River Café.

**Directions:**

- From I-84 Exit 69--Exit onto Rte. 74 East, take LEFT onto Rte. 44 to RIGHT turn onto Rte.198 South for .75 mile to CG on left.
- From I-395 Exit 91--Exit onto Rte. 6 West for 15 miles to a right turn onto Rte. 198 North for 7 miles to CG on right.
- From I-395 Exit 93--Exit onto Rte. 101 West toward Pomfret. Continue on Rte. 101/Rte. 44 West to a left turn onto Rte. 198 South for .75 miles to CG on the left.

Location:  
98 Chaplin Rd. Rte. 198  
Eastford, CT 06242  
Phone: 860-974-0142  
Toll Free: 877-974-0142

Please make checks payable to:  
Cape Cod Mass. Unit  
and mail to:  
Treasurer, Trevor Lake  
315 Oak St. Marshfield,  
MA 02050

Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

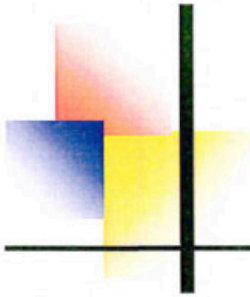
City/Town/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Kitty Fee: \$10 per person (Children Free)

Camping Fee: \$39 per night (\$78 for the weekend)

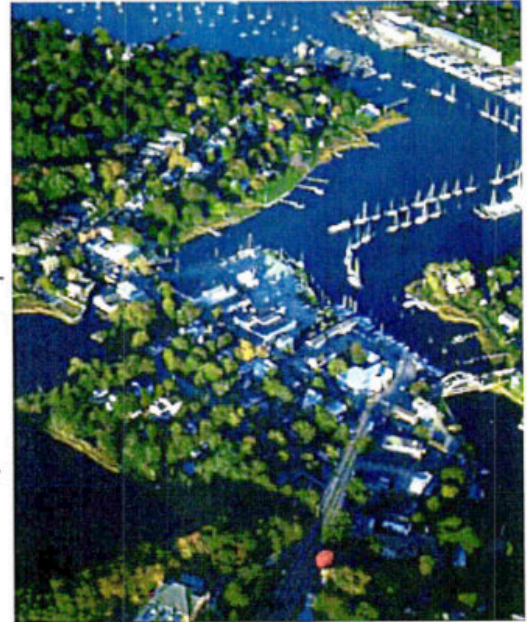
Example: (2 in a trailer = \$20\*78=\$98)

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



**Charter Oak Connecticut Unit**  
**Wickford Village Rendezvous**  
**September 25 thru 27, 2009**  
 Hosted by  
**Robert and Bette Lou Pease**

The rendezvous will include a visit to the historic Wickford Village, a delightful harbor side village with over 50 shops that remains much as it was a century ago. Wickford Village is located on scenic Route 1A in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.



We are staying at the Quonset Air Museum, Friday afternoon after 3:00 PM through Sunday Morning. If you arrive before 3:00 PM stay at Compass Rose Beach Park - GPS coordinates can be provided. This is dry camping among WW2 and vintage airplanes on the tarmac along side the active Air National Guard runway. Camping Fee is \$25.00 per night.

The only rendezvous planned group event will be a 2 hour Buffet Dinner Cruise on Narragansett Bay aboard the Majestic Saturday night. Cost for the dinner cruise is \$40.00 each, paid in advance. Dinners responsible for their own transportation to Bowen's Ferry Landing in Newport, R.I. Boarding is at 7:15 PM. Visit web site at:

[www.bayqueen.com/majestic08/uploads/majesticBro.pdf](http://www.bayqueen.com/majestic08/uploads/majesticBro.pdf)

Upon receipt of payment you will receive an area brochure listing GPS coordinates to the Quonset Air Museum, and many points of interest such as the historic village of Wickford. Yankee Steam-Up at the NE Wireless & Steam Museum, Navy's Seabee Memorial, Smith's Castle, Gilbert Stuart Museum, plus many more. You may also take a high speed ferry to Martha's Vineyard.

**No Refunds after June 30, 2009**

Send Camping Fee and Dinner Cruise payment by June 30, 2009 made out to:

Robert C. Pease Tel: 1-401-295-7398  
 109 Terre Mar Drive  
 North Kingstown, RI 02852

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length of Airstream: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trailer or Motor home: \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Fee	\$25.00 X _____	=	\$ _____
Dinner Cruise	\$40.00 X _____	=	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			\$ _____



<b>OCTOBER 2-4, 2009</b> Hosts: Michael & Sandy Sasuta/Richard & Kathy Kushman	Water's Edge Campground 271 Leonard Bridge Road Lebanon, CT 06249
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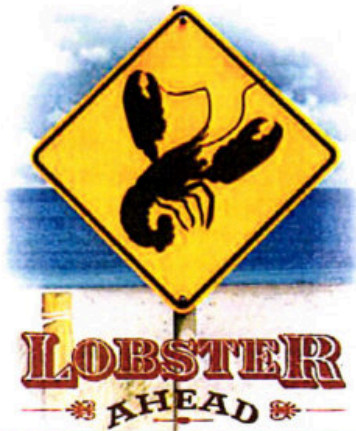
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Please send check or call by SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 (Campground needs 2 weeks notice) to:  
 Sandy Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460 Cell: 203-494-7467



**Your Caravan Hosts**  
Bob and Helen Sandall  
And  
Raymond and Cynthia Richard

**Join in the Fun and Adventure**  
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on October 4 and Travel to

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Next We Will Meander to Trenton ME Where We  
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Drive Around Mt. Desert.

Our Farewell Dinner Will be a Lobster Dinner on  
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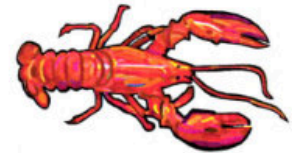
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# YOUR LEADERS



*Cynthia and Raymond Richard*



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# CARAVANNERS



*Fran and Maureen Eckels*



*Jean and Bob Landry*



*Bud and Jesse Gould*



*Juanita and Seb Pestretto*





*Mike and Sandy Sasuta*



*Charlie and Jeanne Wilson*



*Bill and Evelyn Watts*

Unfortunately Bob and Bette Lou had to cancel due to Betty Lou falling ill. We will miss them and wish a speedy recovery for Bette Lou!

*Bob and Bette Lou Pease*



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# Charter Oak Chatter



The WBCCI Airstream RV Association

September, 2009

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## Upcoming Events

### September Rendezvous

Quonset Air Museum

September 25—27, 2009

Hosted by Bob and Bette

Lou Pease

### October Rally

Water's Edge

Campground

October 1 - 3, 2009

Hosted by Rich and Kathy

Kushman and Mike and

Sandy Sasuta

### Fall Caravan

Fall Caravan to Bar Harbor,

Maine

October 3-10, 2009

Led by Raymond and

Cynthia Richard and Bob

and Helen Sandall

### Installation Dinner

November 1, 2009

Manchester Country Club

Hosted by Bob and Helen

Sandall

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

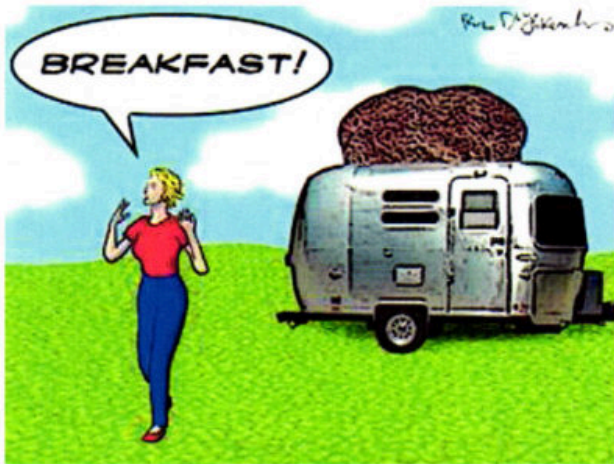
There are 17 rigs here attending the joint rally with Cape Cod at the Charlie Brown Campground in Eastford, CT. Friday was damp, cool, with occasional rain, but Saturday was much better for visiting with members and Cape Cod's business meeting. The food was delicious and the camaraderie was in typical WBCCI fashion. Our newest Charter Oak members, Bill and Candy Korb - 9815, joined in the fun. WELCOME Bill and Candy, hope to see you often. All three of our Region 1 Officials were also in attendance. Not often do we see Franklin, Russ, and Dan all together at a Unit Rally. Also, I offer a sincere "thank you" to our co-hosts Cecile & Raynold Lemaire and Bob Butler for a nice rally.

The Haddam Neck Fair Rally hosted by Wayne & Susan Rutty with Bud & Jesse Gould was the best. I had a grand time and am sure all the other attendees enjoyed the Rally as well. The seven rigs attending was treated to excellent weather and had a lot to see at the Fair. It's just a wonderful small-town agricultural fair with an exciting light-filled midway.

COCU has had two events per month since April; the exception is this month when we have had a choice of THREE rallies to attend. Please contact Bob Pease directly to for a last minute opportunity to join our hosts Bette Lou and Bob Pease in Wickford, RI at the Quonset Air Museum.. This too promises to be a fun-filled rendezvous with a dinner cruise of the Bay. .

I have sold my interest in Wilbur Smith Associates and have joined Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. No longer a Big Fish in a little pond. I mention this only as my departure affects the printing of the newsletter. This month's Chatter was printed here at home. But this issue will have to be discussed and addressed in the near future. Several have made viable suggestions for future printings of our newsletter. Stay tuned and be well.

Raymond Richard - 1445



Many thanks to Jerry Ingallinera for the pictures from the Cabella's Rally and the Region One Rally!

**THANK YOU**

Don't forget to pay your dues by October 15, 2009. Please forward to Sandy Sasuta, Treasurer

*Reminder!*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2009-2010**

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**In memory of those lost on 9/11/01**



Our Hosts Wayne and Susan Rutty (rear) and Jesse and Bud Gould

## Haddam Neck Fair Rally September 4-7, 2009 Submitted by Susan Rutty



What better way to give summer a 'send off' and welcome fall than to attend the Haddam Neck Fair Rally hosted by Bud and Jesse Gould and Wayne and Susan Rutty.

Breakfasts were served on Saturday and Sunday and Bud's great coffee welcomed everyone, especially those early risers!!

Each day we enjoyed the fair events, shopping, entertainment and of course 'fair food'!!

We gathered for happy hours each afternoon with story telling, visiting and some wonderful dips, spreads and cheese assortments.

Seven Airstreams lined up against the tree line facing the fair sights: Bud and Jesse Gould, Fran and Maureen Eckels, Raymond and Cynthia Richard, Trevor and Gale Lake, Ted and Lois Price and Steve and Michaela Pestretto.

Many thanks to everyone for all their help with fair parking and gate keeping. The fair officials really appreciated all our efforts. (The fair is run completely by volunteers so we all know how that is!!)

Congratulations to our First Lady Cynthia Richard for her winnings for entries of a Carrot Cake and a beautiful afghan.

And a very special THANK YOU to Bud for getting all the club equipment to the rally and the great morning coffee!! And a very special THANK YOU to Jesse for all her help. We could not have done it without you both.



Susan and Wayne



**Joint Rally  
Charter Oak and Cape Cod Units  
September 11—13, 2009  
Charlie Brown Campground**



**Candy and Bill Korb**



**Bill Korb, Bill Watts and  
Raymond Richard**

Although the weekend was damp and sometimes a little cool, it did not dampen the spirits of 17 hearty Airstream Units that arrived for a joint rally of Charter Oak and Cape Cod Units.

Friday night's dinner of Clam Chowder, rolls and corn muffins prepared by Bob Butler really hit the spot. Although



**Region One President—Franklin  
Sanders**

the weather prevented a campfire, there was lots of visiting under the pavilion. All of our Region One Officers were in attendance. It was especially nice to see Russ and Cynthia Melocik. He seems to be recovering well from his double hip surgery.

Cape Cod Unit held their Fall Business Meeting and the Installation of Officers. Dinner on Saturday night was plentiful and delicious and prepared by Bob Butler. After dinner there were plenty of desserts, including Apple Strudel made by yours truly. Everything was enjoyed and a campfire capped off the evening.,

On Sunday morning, just about when the weather was beginning to clear, everyone gathered for a Congenital Breakfast and to say good bye. As we

depart we look forward to the next time we will be able to see all of our friends.

Submitted by  
Cynthia Richard



**Kathy Fuller  
Russ Melicok  
and Dottie  
Walbridge**



**A view from the hill**



**The flags flew**



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SOCIAL HOUR FROM 12 NOON TO 1 P.M. followed by dinner and installation ceremonies.

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### MENU

- Grilled Chicken Breast, Dijon Creme Sauce.....\$20.50
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- English-cut Prime Rib, Au Jus.....\$24.50

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AT HOME ON THE ROAD

# LIFE IN THE AIRSTREAM

ICONIC TRAILERS LET AFICIONADOS ENJOY GREAT ESCAPES, EVEN IF OCCASIONALLY ONE REQUIRES AN EXTREME MAKEOVER

Story By **AMY GALE**  
Special to The Courant

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**W**hen Bard and Kathy Fuller head out on the highway, looking for adventure, they tow the latest in trailer design, the latest, that is, for 1964. The trailer is an Airstream, the tubular silver symbol of American mobility.

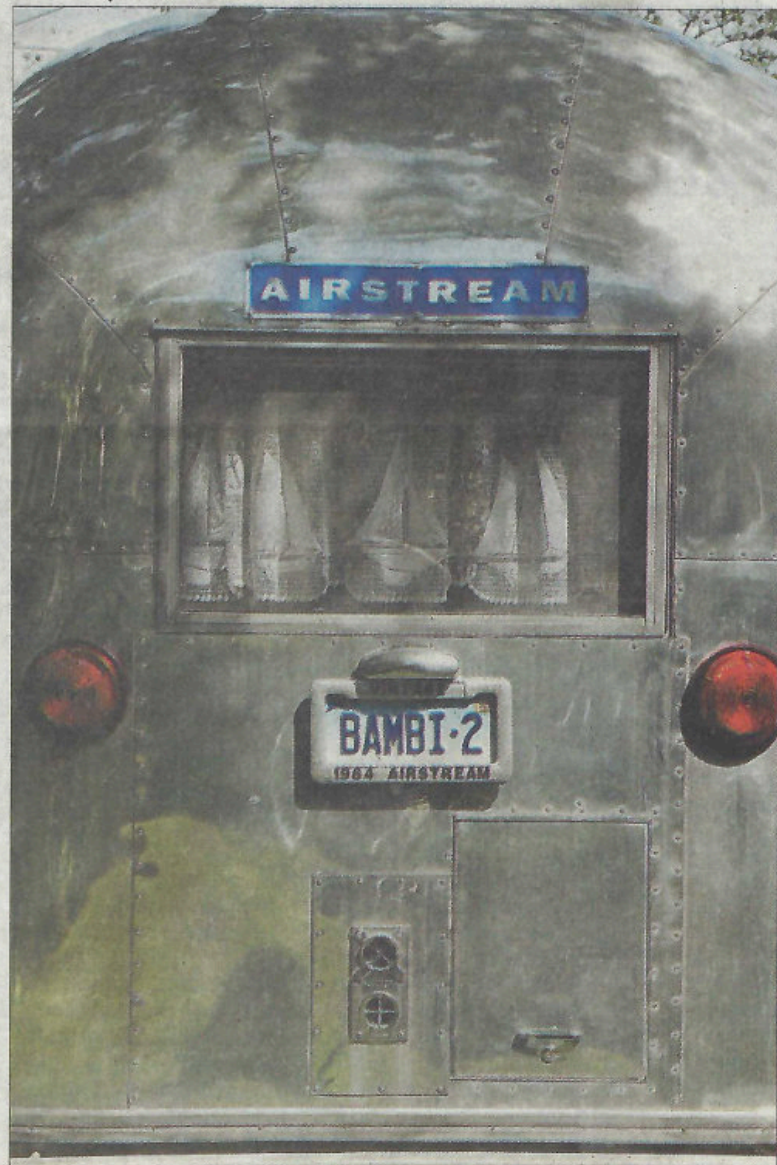
Airstream founder Wally Byam made his first trailer, so the legend goes, because his wife would not go camping without a kitchen. By the 1930s, he was making trailers commercially in his backyard and later in a factory.

At a time when hitting the road was associated with dire financial calamity, Airstreams exemplified the fashion for streamlined industrial design. They were made of lightweight aluminum and had a curved form for diminished wind resistance.

While new Airstreams are still being produced, the vintage models remain popular. The Fullers' Bambi 2 is a mid-century favorite. For Bard, it evokes boyhood memories of road trips with his parents in the early 1960s. He and Kathy have continued that tradition. They live in Southington and spend their free time exploring the country, often in the company of

**AIRSTREAMS, H6**

**KATHY AND BARD FULLER** of Southington spend many weekends throughout the summer and fall traveling in their vintage 17-foot 1964 Airstream Bambi II travel trailer. At right is what the small aluminum trailer looks like if you're following it on the road. The Fullers, in photo at center, used a nautical theme to decorate the Airstream, which is sometimes referred to as a "land yacht."



# Airstreams

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fellow Airstream enthusiasts.

Raymond and Cynthia Richard of Moodus own an Excella 500 from the late 1970s. It's a less-idealized period in modern history, but the trailer has family value. It was inherited from Raymond's mother, who lived in it for many years in a Florida retirement park.

By the time the Richards towed it north in the late 1990s, the Excella needed a serious overhaul. "That's when the fun began," says Raymond.

The expense, too. "That was another \$4,000," is the sort of remark you overhear in Airstream circles.

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**CYNTHIA AND RAYMOND RICHARD** of Moodus peek out from their vintage 1979 31-foot Airstream Excella 500 travel trailer, which they often use for vacations. The trailer includes a bedroom with two twin beds and a bathroom with a mini-bathtub and shower. A model of the Airstream sits on a shelf inside the trailer.



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At 11:30 a.m., Cynthia idles about

stretch and curve the aluminum, so the shell was made of multiple panels riveted at a slightly different angle." Trailers made from the 1930s to '50s have 13 panels, and those made in the 1950s and '60s have seven panels.

The finish is another distinguishing characteristic. The like-new mirror finish is in fashion, as befits a modern design icon, but it takes at least 80 hours of polishing. "The weathered, oxidized gray patina is a lot less work," Bard says.

Look, too, at the front and back for proof of membership in the Wally Byam Caravan Club. Members have one red star for every five years of membership and a number that corresponds with their entry in the club directory. The directory tends to be kept handy in the glove compartment, so you can look up a trailer's owner and wave, or not wave, as the case may be.

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While the plumbing and electrical work was done back at the Airstream factory in Ohio, many of the other projects were contracted out to independent restorers.

The Excella had curtains that were fitted to withstand swings and vibrations. They were used as a pattern for the new ones. The fabric was a Wal-Mart special. The price (\$1 a yard) helped to offset the cost of hiring a seamstress. "We saved about \$1,000 doing it that way," says Cynthia.

Storage is a challenge. In a small space, there's no getting away from the knickknacks, books and afghans. And all that has to be packed away en route. While the furniture is



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**Subtle Design Changes**

While Airstreams look alike, the design has evolved over the years.

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**THE RICHARDS' AIRSTREAM**

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You also miss out on the friendships. "There is a definite community to the Airstream lifestyle," says Cynthia. "Friends are made and kept for many years through Airstreaming."

» For information about the Connecticut unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club, go to <http://connecticut.wbcc.net>. The local unit will rally at the Haddam Neck Fair today through Monday.



# Charter Oak Chatter



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President Ray Richard , soon to be our Past President reacts to the end of his term:

*"Where did the year go"?*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"Will I be remembered as a good President..." a Quote from Nov 2008 Chatter*

I started my first President's message with that question and it seems fitting to quote that question as the lead for my final message. Where has the past 12 months gone? Time does fly when you are having fun, and I indeed had a lot of fun *Airstreaming* with my COCU friends this year. All the Unit Officers and my Board were very supporting and helpful in making this year a success. I am appreciative of their encouragement and sage advice freely given over the course of the year that kept me motivated and "on track". Also, I sincerely thank all the Hosts and Co-hosts that planned a dinner meeting, rally or rendezvous this year. Having two scheduled events per month during the season would not have been possible without their dedication to detail and the Unit. Finally, I must express gratitude to all the COCU members, associates, and WBCCI members that attended our Unit's outings this year. *Airstreaming* would not be the same without the support of energetic attendees seeking fun times, adventure, and fellowship.

I also must acknowledge the thoughtful assistance I received this year from our Region One President and First Lady, Franklin and Jane Sanders. They both were generous with their time calmly helping Cynthia and I understand protocol and to some degree embrace the Blue Book rules. "Sandy" is not the "rigid stick in the mud" I thought he was based upon my 2003 first impression. I was wrong and am the first to admit my faults and short comings, and acknowledge that my opinion has changed. Even I can still learn and grow in wisdom.

I am eager to turn the table, and over the course of the years to come aid each new Unit President in continuing the COCU tradition of outstanding good times. I am sure that Jerry, Lynn, and Jim will surpass our expectations, and I pledge to them and to you, my continued support of our grand Charter Oak CT Unit.

Godspeed.

Raymond Richard – Next Month's Past Unit President





## Quonset Air Museum Rendezvous September 25—27, 2009 Hosted by Bob and Bette Lou Pease –Assisted by Bill and Evelyn Watts



**Bette Lou and Bob Pease  
Hosts**



**Special thanks to Evelyn and Bill Watts  
for all their help!**

Seven units nestled themselves along vintage aircrafts on Friday, September 25, 2009 . Our hosts, Bob and Betty Lou Pease had arranged for us to park in the museum lot for the weekend. Attending the rendezvous with Bob and Betty Lou was our President and First Lady Raymond and Cynthia Richard, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Jerry and Fran Ingallinera, Bill and Evelyn Watts, Sebby and Juanita Pestretto, Charlie and Jeanne Wilson and John and Serafina Bachar. Bob had recommended a number of sites to visit in the area. With perfect weather on Saturday many took his advice and visited historic Wickford Village , Narragansett, the Quonset Air Museum and other nearby attractions

Saturday evening we caravanned to Newport to board the Majestic Dinner Cruise Catamaran for dinner and a 3 hour cruise. The food was excellent and the group had a fun time.

We awoke Sunday morning to rain. Most of the units got an early start for the trip back home. All in all it was a pleasant way to spend a weekend. Our thanks to Bob and Betty Lou for arranging this event.



**Fall Rally**  
**October 2 - 4, 2009**  
**Hosted by Mike and Sandy Sasuta**  
**Submitted by Joyce Rosseau**



The rain definitely dampened the ground, but not the spirits of the 24 campers at Water's Edge Campground in Lebanon, Ct. on October 2 – 4. Mike Sasuta greeted us upon arrival and assigned spaces. It was a nice view from the little hill seeing the 12 Airstreams arranged like the spokes of a wheel in our assigned area. Happy hour and dinner went very smoothly thanks to all the work done by Sandy and Mike. New member Toni Nolder and her friend Carole Ketelsen fit right in and shared in our conversations and good times.

Friday night brought heavy rains but that didn't stop any of our activities. Saturday's challenge game was identifying drawings of various leaves, including what everyone agreed had to be marijuana. (Oops- it was really the Japanese red maple!) Our business meeting conducted by Pres. Raymond Richard brought discussions dealing with the cost of printing the Chatter, plans for the Regional Rally next August and updates from V.P. Jerry Ingallinera. Mike Sasuta- leader of the Regional Rally still needs help so don't be shy in volunteering. Free time Saturday afternoon found several of us journeying to Willimantic to visit a textile museum and sample some brews at the restaurant/brewery in town. The museum docent was very informative and let us in on the story behind the frog so prominent in the downtown area. Each frog is perched on a large spool to salute their textile heritage.

The campground sponsored its yearly Trick or Treat time Saturday evening. We had a supply of candy thanks to Fran and Jerry and enjoyed the group of visiting youngsters. One of the mothers introduced herself to me as the wife of the great nephew of Wally Byam. She had never been inside an Airstream, so she and her son visited our camper and were then warmly welcomed by Jerry and our entire group. Michele and Brendan Byam will never forget that experience I'm sure. We got them to pose for a picture with Jerry and Ray before they moved on.

Breakfast and clean-up went rapidly Sunday morning since six of our units were later joining a caravan to Bar Harbor. The weather proved to be a bit challenging, but the warmth of being with old friends and making new ones made the rally a big success. Thanks again to Sandy and Mike Sasuta for all their hard work.





## THERE ARE BYAMS OUT THERE!

Submitted by Fran Ingallinera

18081

On Saturday, October 3, 2009, the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit was enjoying a Fall Rally at the Water's Edge Campground in Lebanon, CT when a young woman approached one of our members, Joyce Rossaeau and announced that she was a Byam. Her husband's father was the nephew of Wally Byam. He name is Michelle Byam. Michelle's son Bre ndan is the great great grandson of Lyam Byam (Wally's brother). Michellle told Joyce that she had never seen the inside of an Airstream. Joyce graciously gave Michelle and Brendan a tour of her Airstream. Jerry Ingallinera, 18081, asked Michelle and Brendan to pose for a picture. Shown in the background is Raymond Richard, COCU President.

Photo by Joyce Rosseau



### *Why Dogs Hate Halloween*





## COCU FALL CARAVAN TO BAR HARBOR, MAINE

October 4 - 11, 2009

The COCU Fall Caravan was co-hosted by Raymond and Cynthia Richard along with Bob and Helen Sandall.

The crisp autumn air and the vivid reds and sunny yellows of fall greeted us when we entered Maine.

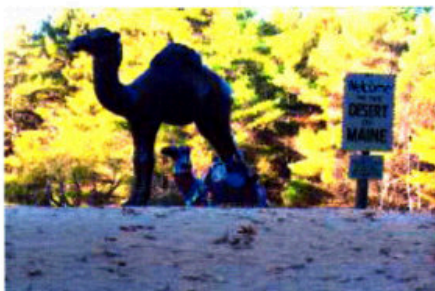
Ten rigs gathered at the Desert Dunes campground in Freeport where we explored the adjoining famous Desert of Maine and visited the popular L.L.Bean stores.

Our next stop and final destination was the Timberland Acres Campground in Trenton, Maine just south of Ellsworth. We spent the next five nights enjoying Timberland Acres as our base camp from which day-trips were made.

Timberland Acres is about 15 miles from Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park. There was SOOO much to do and so little time...the Park Loop Road, crashing waves at Thunder Hole, tea and popovers at the Jordon Pond House, the village stroll and shore walk, Schoodic Point, the Oceanarium and Lobster Museum, the Carriage Roads, boat trips, hikes and fresh seafood. Three highlights of our stay were watching the sunset on Cadillac Mountain, dinner at Helen's Restaurant and the farewell lobster dinner with blueberry pie for desert.

As the newbies of the group, Bill and I are still on a learning curve. One lesson on this trip is why it is important to have two couples co-hosting an activity. Unfortunately, First Lady Cynthia became ill while we were camping in Freeport, and the Richards were unable to continue on to Bar Harbor. Helen and Bob "stepped up to the plate" and took charge. Special thanks to both couples for all the prep work, goodie bags (the pumpkin bread was delicious Cynthia) and running a great caravan.

By Evelyn Watts





## All Creatures Great and Small

“The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley” is a phrase from a poem by Robert Burns that seems very appropriate to our recent caravan experience. Cynthia and I have been looking forward to the Fall Unit Caravan for most of the year. Co-hosted with Bob and Helen Sandall, the caravan was well planned, had ten rigs registered, and promised to be great fun. Oh how plans can change in but an instant.

We left Sunday from the safari field at Water’s Edge campground; the location of a most enjoyable October Rally hosted by Mike and Sandy Sasuta, and drove without incident to the Desert Dunes campground in Freeport, ME. The rest of the Caravaners soon arrived just in time for happy hour. That evening after going out to dinner, all the Caravaners enjoyed a warm visit around the campfire; a marvelous end to a beautiful day. Cynthia and I retired to our cozy Airstream for what we thought would be our first restful night in Maine. Awoken from a sound sleep at 2 AM, Cynthia is plagued by the worst headache she has ever had. Filled with compassion, I prescribed two aspirins and encouraged her to lay flat, be calm and very still. Her head pain intensified and fostered vomiting. By 4 AM, I shared in her pain, albeit in a much lower body location (think neck). By 6 AM we arrived at the emergency room of Parkview Hospital in Brunswick, ME seeking proper medical attention. Side note: I wonder, is it too late for me to receive a refund of my tuition paid for the mail-order medical degree I have? Dr. Richard, I am not.

At one point I was asked to leave the examining room while the nurses and doctor performed a “procedure”. So I walked outside for some fresh air. After a while, the Chaplain came out and as he approached me, he announced that he was “very sorry” and wondered if there was anything he could do. I immediately assumed the worst – thinking that Cynthia had past away. As my heart fell to my feet, the look on my face must have telegraphed my thoughts, as the kind Padre quickly said “no Cynthia is fine, I am here to help you”. I assured him that he had done enough and thanked him for his concern. I then signed a consent form allowing him to pray with me, and then say a prayer for Cynthia.

By 1:30 PM Cynthia is moved to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) where she remained comatose till Tuesday morning. Her temperature was 104, and her white blood cell count slightly elevated, yet by this point the Doctors had only ruled out a stroke. This is the first good news I have heard. After a slew of blood tests, a CAT scan, a series of X-rays, and a spinal tap we knew for certain what is NOT causing the problem, but had yet to identify the cause of her condition. A regiment of antibiotics via IV and pill eventually aided in Cynthia returning to normal and being released from ICU Wednesday afternoon to return to our beloved Airstream parked in Freeport. Although inconclusive, the consensus of the Doctors believes it may have been meningitis delivered by a Connecticut mosquito, or maybe Lime disease from a tick. We are still awaiting the culture results from the State of Maine to confirm the Hospital findings.

A sincere “thank you” to Bob and Helen Sandall for picking up the slack resulting from Cynthia and I leaving the caravan. We will forever be thankful for the thoughts and cares of all our Airstream friends.

God Bless.



Raymond Richard - 1445



### Thoughts and Cares

**Lois Price  
Rich Kushman  
Cynthia Richard**

**Wishing each of you a speedy recovery!**

# INSTALLATION DINNER MANCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB NOVEMBER 1,2009

SOCIAL HOUR FROM 12 NOON TO 1 P.M. followed by dinner and installation ceremonies.

Directions: Eastbound on I-384, take exit 3, turn left at end ramp, proceed to Country Club at 305 South Main Street. Westbound on I-384, take exit 3 and proceed to end of ramp, turn left, proceed to traffic light, turn left and proceed to Country Club.

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- Grilled Chicken Breast, Dijon Creme Sauce.....\$20.50
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Send coupon and check to Bob Sandall, 114 Hollister Street, Manchester, Ct., 06042 by October 26th.

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# Charter Oak Holiday Party

December 6, 2009

1:00 pm

**Buffet**  
**Includes:**  
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 Herb Roasted Chicken  
 Vegetable Medley  
 Penne or Rigatoni with Garlic and Oil or Marinara Sauce  
 Eggplant Parmigiana  
 Caesar Salad  
 Dinner Rolls  
 Assorted Buffet Style Desserts  
 Coffee and Tea

**Hosted by**  
**John and Serafina Bachar**

**Stony Hill Inn**  
**50 Stony Hill Road**  
**Bethel, CT 06801**



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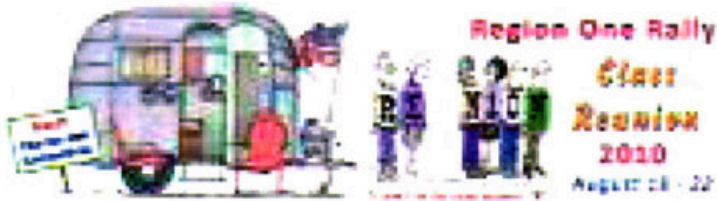
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June 27—July 4, 2010

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**December 6, 2009**

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### *February Dinner*

**February 7, 2010**

**Elaine's Restaurant**

**Newington, CT**

**Hosted by**

**Pete and Laurie Soucy**

### *March Dinner*

**March 7, 2010**

**Max Amore**

**Glastonbury, CT**

**Hosted by Lynn and Jeff**

**Blackwell and Charlotte**

**LaBocca and Gene Hickey**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Some words from the Prez

When Fran and I bought our first Airstream from our neighbor, Colonel Al Dougherty, we had no idea what the red numbers on the front and back of the unit stood for. The Colonel told us about WBCCI encouraged us to join and gave us permission to keep the numbers 18081. It was not until 1999 that we attended our first Airstream event, a Region 1 Rally in Ponte Rouge, Quebec. We were so impressed with the friendliness of all the Airstreamers we met at that rally. Since then I tell folks if you have no friends or family, buy an Airstream, join WBCCI and you'll meet some really interesting folks and have an instant social circle.

So now here I am as President of Charter Oak and I have to tell you, I am indeed proud and honored to serve. I think back at the Presidents who have served before me and know that I have some big shoes to fill particularly coming in right after Raymond Richard. Raymond gave his all to Charter Oak and I am so delighted he has agreed to move up to become a Region Officer. The club is fortunate to have him and his bride, Cynthia, both very dedicated to WBCCI.

The installation banquet at the Manchester Country Club was a wonderful event. My thanks to Bob and Helen Sandall for their efforts in putting it together. Also thanks to Franklin and Jane Sanders and all who attended. Fran and I appreciate the "timer" from Ted and Lois. Don't know if I'll use it but it was a nice touch!

The coming year is shaping up nicely. Mike and Sandy Sasuta are putting together the Region 1 Rally that will be held at the Durham Fairgrounds, Durham, CT from August 18 to August 22, 2010. If you want to help in anyway and have not as yet signed up I'm sure Mike can find a job for you.

Fran and I will be leaving for Traveler's Rest right after our Christmas Party hosted by John and Serafina Bachar. We will be back to attend our first rally in May which will be held at the Durham Fairgrounds. This will be a business meeting as well as a Region 1 Rally planning meeting. Please mark your calendar and make it a point to attend. Having a successful Region 1 Rally requires a lot of work by a lot of people. Knowing how well our group works together I'm sure the High School Reunion Rally will be a great success.

Hope to see you at the December Christmas Party, December 6, 2009.

Ciao!

Jerry



**Thanks to Fran Eckels for sharing these pictures of some familiar faces from the recent Bar Harbor Caravan**



### You Can Be Counted

You can count on taxes, no surprise there. The Sun will rise the moon will be full and new, the tide will ebb the wind will blow the rivers flow. Just as certain, certainly another given is the flow of good wishes, cards, and friendly greetings of concern that shower any Charter Oak member dealing with a setback. Dwelling in the Airstream world feels safe, warm, far from lonely, and like home. Thank you all for your recent thoughts and cares, you bless my house. ~ *Richard Kushman*

Thanks to everyone who remember me with a card, phone call, prayer and well wishes during my recent illness. All were much appreciated! There are friends, then there are Airstream Friends.

Cynthia Richard

### Installation 2009

RAYMOND, Oh RAYMOND, How silently you run,  
Just because you are quiet doesn't mean you're not having fun.  
You stand tall, completely in charge  
Taking on responsibilities that sometimes become 'large'  
You cross your T's and dot your I's  
So as our President, it was no surprise  
That COCU sailed thru another successful year  
So many events planned, far away and near.  
With Cynthia always by your side  
Must have made it so much easier to preside.  
Who else would tell you where it's at  
And who do you think really wears that big hat?  
I know that I speak for all of us here  
When I give thanks to you both—Loud and Clear  
—and as for next year, shout it from the rooftops, say it as it is,  
This is what we are going to get with Jerry as our Prez!!

Composed By Our Own Illustrious Rhymester

**Lois Price**



**Installation Luncheon  
November 1, 2009  
Hosted by Bob and Helen Sandall  
Manchester Country Club  
Submitted by Juanita Pestretto**

Many thanks to Bob and Helen Sandall for hosting the Installation Dinner at the beautiful Manchester Country Club. Forty-nine members and nine guests attended the gala. John Fuller and Wayne Rutty, both past Region Presidents were there with current Region One President Franklin Sanders and his wife Jane who drove down from Rochester, VT to take part in the installation.

Happy Hour gave us an opportunity to greet old friends and meet some new ones. It was so good to see Ron and Shirley Edmondson, also Debbie Cocco and Leila Clark. Likewise, Lois Price and Rich Kushman looked great after their recent surgeries. After a very delicious meal, the Fall COCU business meeting was called to order by President Raymond Richard. A roll call and member count determined a quorum. New members, the Ritters, the Boddies and Toni Nolder were introduced. Reports were received followed by a vote for the 2009-10 slate of Unit and Region Officers.

The meeting was adjourned by Raymond and the installation then took place with President Raymond Richard installing Jerry Ingallinera as the incoming Unit President. Franklin Sanders installed the remaining officers and directors. Some of Jerry's family and friends were there and we enjoyed meeting them. Lois Price read a special poem she had composed for Raymond and gave a timer to Jerry in hopes that it will be useful next year. We all look forward to an interesting and fun year with Jerry and the new Board.



Incoming President, Jerry Ingallinera with outgoing President, Raymond Richard



Franklin Sanders, Region One President. Installs Lynn Blackwell—1st VP and Jim Burnham—2nd VP



Second year Directors Fran Ingallinera and Phil Simmons



Franklin installs a very happy Kathy Kushman as Correspondence Secretary and Fran Simmons as Recording Secretary



Fran Eckels, Carol and Art Hall and Maureen Eckels



Joyce Rousseau and Toni Nolder



Former Region One President, Wayne Rutty and Susan Rutty



Val & Aili Galasyn and Fran Ingallinera

Thanks to Gilles Rousseau and Jerry Ingallinera for sharing their photos.



Nice to see Ron and Shirley Edmondson



Region One First Lady, Jane Sanders and outgoing President Raymond Richard



Former Region One President, John Fuller and Current Region One President and First Lady, Franklin and Jane Sanders

Dear Charter Oak Members,

One of the subjects I have to address as your new president is the issue of the cost of producing and mailing The Chatter. At one time our Editor in Chief, Cynthia Raymond was able to print The Chatter at her workplace at a minimal fee. That option is no longer available to the club as Cynthia is now retired.

The most cost effective way to publish The Chatter is to send it via the Internet. I understand that some members prefer to have it mailed. However, over the year the cost of printing and mailing The Chatter to one member exceeds the dues the individual member pays. Several discussions have taken place at different rallies trying to come up with a solution. One suggestion is to again ask those members who receive The Chatter by mail, but have access to a computer and email, to reconsider and accept the newsletter via the Web. Another thought was to charge the members who receive the mailings for the cost involved. One other suggestion is a "buddy" system where someone who receives it via the Internet prints a copy and mails it to a member with no computer access.

If you are currently receiving The Chatter by mail please email me at [Airstream1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Airstream1@sbcglobal.net) or call 860 289-9149 and let me know your thoughts. If you would be willing to print one copy and mail it to a member each month I'd like to hear from you as well.

Let's work it out.

Jerry

11/2009

#### THANK YOU DINNER AT THER HADDAM NECK FAIR

Wayne and Susan Rutty have been hosting a Labor Day Rally at the Haddam Neck Fair for many years. In recent years Airstreamers were asked if they would volunteer to watch the back gate. A sign up sheet was provided and most everyone took a shift. This year in addition to receiving the Fair Entrance Fee back the Airstreamers were invited to the Haddam Neck Fair Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

The dinner was held at the Fair grounds and approximately 75 people attended including Airstreamers, Wayne and Susan Rutty, Bud and Jesse Gould and Raymond and Cynthia Richard. Again the dinner was put on by volunteers and of course Wayne and Susan were right there to help. Thanks to Wayne and Susan for hosting this unique rally and for including us in the Appreciation Dinner.



Bud and Jesse Gould  
Wayne and Susan Rutty  
Raymond and Cynthia Richard

## MUSINGS OF A RECENT FIRST LADY

To Muse:

To Ponder  
To Consider  
To wonder

It is really true, "Time flies when you are having fun!" And fly by it did. Raymond's year as President of the Charter Oak Unit is over thus ending my year as First Lady. It was an honor, and we served happily. We had many opportunities to have fun, meet new people, host rallies and caravans and even see what happens when you get sick on a caravan.

One of our goals was to have at least two events every month. And we did. Thanks to our active member base we were able to accomplish this goal with flying colors. In September we had three activities. We could not have done it without everyone's help. We attended every event and enjoyed the times we had with our Airstream Friends and the time we spent in our Airstream.

We saw an increase in our net membership and were able to welcome nine new members into the club!

We saw members who had never hosted before step up and host dinners, rallies and rendezvous. We saw new places and revisited some old standbys. Each dinner, rally or rendezvous was unique and planned with detail to ensure that everyone had a good time.

A few memories that come to mind:

The Installation Rally last November when we built an Airstream in the Banquet Room of the Sheraton Hartford Hotel.

Kathy Kushman in her lovely Christmas Tree dress at the annual Holiday Party.

Seeing Mike and LeAnn Rutty at the Dock and Dine Luncheon in February and what a nice place to have a luncheon.

The wonderful food at Max Amore at the February Luncheon Rally hosted by our new 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lynn Blackwell and Charlotte La Bocca.

The "we can do" attitude displayed by Lynn and Jeff Blackwell when they filled in as hosts at the April Rally when Jerry and Fran Ingallinera could not be there.

Our "Dust 'Em Off" Rally held in the middle of April. Sorry you missed it Seb! The weather was great!

The business meeting was held with new members, the Boddies attending! It is always good to see new members

June brought the International in Wisconsin. We attended with John and Serafina Bachar. It was their first International and it was fun seeing it through their eyes. Sorry there were no meals included Serafina.

We returned to Cabala's in July hosted by Fran and Jerry Ingallinera. We were joined by many of our friends from Cape Cod and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The year continues to roll along with the Region One Rally in Vermont in August. Cape Cod did an excellent job in hosting this event and Charter Oak was well represented! It was our honor to represent Charter Oak at the Opening Ceremonies as President and First Lady. I even wore my blue beret.

Labor Day Weekend brought an old favorite, The Had-dam Neck Rally, hosted by Wayne and Susan Rutty with Bud and Jesse Gould. This is always a fun rally. The country fair along with the companionship of Airstream friends. It doesn't get better than that. It was great to see Fran and Maureen Eckels. Fran looking more like his old self.

Mid September we met the Cape Cod Unit at Charlie Brown Campground for a joint rally and although the weather was a little wet we managed to enjoy ourselves and Bob Butler's good food.

Our final camping rally was held at Water's Edge and was the kick off rally to our Fall Caravan to Bar Harbor, Me. Mike and Sandy Sasuta made hosting, cooking for and entertaining twelve rigs look easy. On Sunday 7 of those rigs headed for Maine to meet up with 3 other rigs to start the Caravan. We were ten until Monday when Raymond and I, unfortunately, had to drop out of the caravan due to illness. Thank goodness for Bob and Helen Sandall, our co-hosts who took over and continued the caravan. Everyone had a great time.

Now we are done with our year as President and First Lady but we are not done with WBCCI and our beloved Charter Oak. Raymond is moving on to Region and will be installed as Region One 2<sup>nd</sup> VP at the International in Gillette. I have been asked by Norm Beu to be his Program Editor for his International Rally in 2011 in DuQuoin, IL. So we will continue to serve the club and have lots of fun at the same time.

Thank you for all your support! We had a great time and consider it an honor to have been your President and First Lady!



November, 2009

**Explore Discover**

in Gillette, Wyoming



## President's Monthly News

To be shared with WBCCI Members

Tom Collier, International President

### Region Planning Guide and Award of Excellence Program

This is the second full year for the Regions to have the opportunity to participate in the Region Planning Guide and Award of Excellence Program. The program, chaired by Past International President Jim Hadaway, is similar to the Unit Planning and Award Program, as it is to be used for the Regions to better plan for successful region activities and also to measure the results of that planning. The award portion of the program recognizes these accomplishments, and those who qualify will receive a streamer to display with their region flag.

In 2007, the first full year for the program, there were six regions who qualified for the award. In 2008, the number receiving the award rose to seven. Let's plan for 100% by next year!

Congratulations to all the Regions, whether they qualified or not. Their efforts in helping to make WBCCI the place for fun, fellowship and adventure are appreciated.

### Balloon Festival Reactivated

The Albuquerque Balloon Festival has been reactivated. This has always been a great rally which allows WBCCI members to get up close and personal with beautiful hot air balloons. Details for this special event will be available soon in the *Blue Beret*. Watch for this information and be ready to travel to New Mexico for a fun and exciting rally.

### Gillette Rally

The 53rd International Convention/Rally in Gillette is on schedule with most items finalized; however, there are still things to be completed.

Activities, tours, entertainment and attractions will be featured in future *Blue Beret* articles. Thanks to all who have registered early.

Check out the poem "**Why Wyoming**". Go to the WBCCI web page and click on Int'l Rally then "*Why Wyoming*". Great poem and pictures of WY.

Rally committee chairmen still needed:

- Beanbag Baseball
- Outdoor games
- Knitting
- Walking for Fun

Registrations as of 10-30-09  
455

79 new members in Oct.  
12 Members-At-Large  
Each one needs a mentor

### Frog Round-Up in Rayne

The Mid-Winter IBT in Rayne, Louisiana is fast approaching. Region 6, the host, is planning for a fun and interesting rally. The Mid-Winter IBT is first of all a business meeting, but it is also a time for fun and fellowship.

This years IBT starts on Tuesday January 19th, and ends on Saturday January 23rd. This is a change from past years. Monday January 18th is Martin Luther King Day, and the buildings will be in use. Please be patient if you come in to park on Monday as the area will be busy with traffic and people.

Region Presidents, if you are planning on bringing forth motions to be placed on the agenda for the Mid-Winter IBT, they are due in WBCCI headquarters by December 1st.

### Seminars at Gillette

One of the highlights of any rally are the varied seminars available to members. Over the years we have had everything from personal hobbies, health, financial, RV maintenance, cooking, computers, and many others. If you have a seminar that you would like to present in Gillette, or have a topic you think others would enjoy, please let us know and we will try to schedule a place and time.

[president@wbcci.gov](mailto:president@wbcci.gov)

# Charter Oak Holiday Party

December 6, 2009

1:00 pm

**Buffet**  
**Includes:**  
 Sliced Beef au Jus  
 Herb Roasted Chicken  
 Vegetable Medley  
 Penne or Rigatoni with Garlic and Oil or Marinara Sauce  
 Eggplant Parmigiana  
 Caesar Salad  
 Dinner Rolls  
 Assorted Buffet Style Desserts  
 Coffee and Tea

**Hosted by**  
**John and Serafina Bachar**

**Stony Hill Inn**  
**50 Stony Hill Road**  
**Bethel, CT 06801**



**\$28.50 per person**

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 Stony Hill Inn  
 50 Stony Hill Road, U. S. Route 6  
 Bethel, CT 06801  
**Telephone:** 203 743 5533

**From Boston** I-90 West connecting To I-84 West Hartford. Take Exit 9 Route 25 Brookfield. At The End Of The Ramp Take A Left. At The First Light Take A Right On To Route 6 West. The Hotel Is Located 2 Miles on The Right

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**From The New Jersey Turnpike**  
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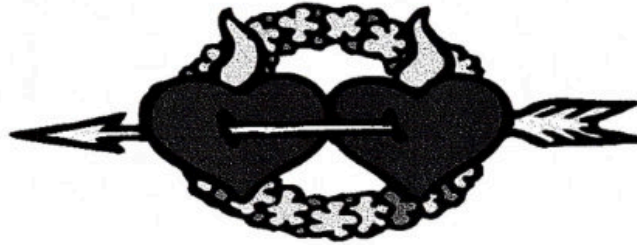
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John J. Bachar  
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Danbury, CT 06811

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

**WBCCI No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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*February's Brunch is for us,  
Airstreams Lovers!!*

*Sunday, February 7, 20 10  
At 12:00 Noon*

*Elaine's Restaurant*

*1841 Berlin Turnpike*

*Wethersfield, CT*

*Telephone: 860-257-4191*

*Buffet Brunch \$18.00 per person*

*Directions to Elaine's Restaurant:*

*From the Hartford Area:*

*I-91 South to Exit 28 (Route 5 & 15 Berlin Turnpike). Follow the Turnpike approximately one mile. We are located on the right hand side.*

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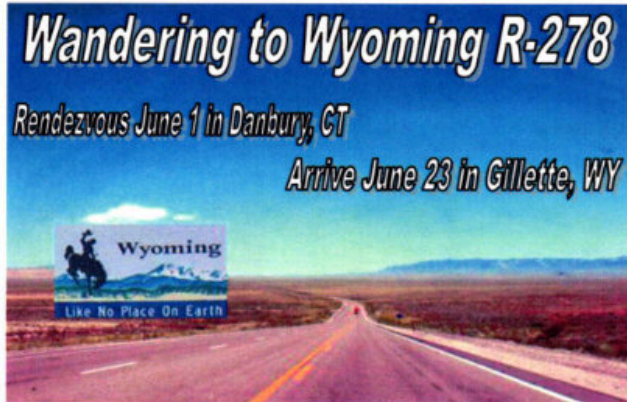
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*Laurie S. Soucy*

*490 Maple Hill Avenue*

*Newington, CT 06111*

*No Later Than January 26, 20 10*



**Includes:**

- 23 days on the road to the 53rd International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming.
- Campground fees at all 12 stopovers, which are mostly WES sites with Wi-Fi. (Two nights dry camping).
- 4 Campfires, 7 Ice Cream Socials, 2 BBQs & PA Unit Rally in Penn-Wood with 2 Breakfasts & 1 Dinner.
- Entry fees to tours along the way: Corning Glass Factory, Indianapolis Raceway Grounds Tour, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, John Deere Factory.
- A "Half-Way There" dinner at the famous "Machine Shed" in Davenport, IA.
- "No Rush-No Fuss Stopovers" All Reservations are paid. Pull in-Park-Tour.
- Two 3-day stopovers in Indianapolis, IN & Custer, SD.

For more information, write:

Rich & Dottie Walbridge  
 15 Edgewood Road  
 Scituate, MA 02066-4021  
 E-mail: [Region1Caravan@Gmail.com](mailto:Region1Caravan@Gmail.com)  
 Cell Phone: 781-254-6399

Six 2-day stopovers & just three 1-day stopovers.

- A Caravan Farewell Banquet in Gillette.
- A Driver's Manual with all driving directions, Region 1 Caravan Plaque & Wandering to Wyoming window sticker.
- Early parking; enjoy a 4-day advantage over other non-caravanning members. Travel and see the sights before the rally begins on 6/27.
- The safety, camaraderie & companionship of 20 other Airstream RVers on this 2400-mile caravan across middle USA.

A deposit of \$200 is required by: March 15, 2010. Make checks payable to Region One Caravan and mail to the Wandering to Wyoming Treasurer, Trevor Lake (315 Oak St. Marshfield, MA 02050).

The kitty fee (2 in an Airstream) is: **\$1,130** per Airstream RV; payment of **\$930** due by May 1, 2010.

The kitty fee (one in an Airstream) is: **\$980.** with **\$780** due by May 1, 2010.

Extra person fee is: **\$221** due by May 1, 2010.

Kitty fee funds are **U.S. Dollars.**

Note: The cost of the International Rally fee is NOT included. Travelers are required to make & pay their own International Rally fees.

An audit of the caravan operations will be completed at the end of the caravan; whatever kitty fees remain after all expenses are paid will be distributed back to the caravanners. Every effort will be made to ensure over-payments are refunded prior to the end of the International Rally.

Please be aware that if you decide not to attend our caravan after submitting your deposit, refunding campground registration deposits may not be possible. (Your deposit is payment of campground reservations and fees to make those reservations.) *We will make every effort to return your \$200 deposit, however, there may be unrecoverable expenses and they will be itemized with your refund.*

**Special Note:** Due to campground restrictions, some breeds of dogs are not allowed, please ask me about the restricted breeds.

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Navigator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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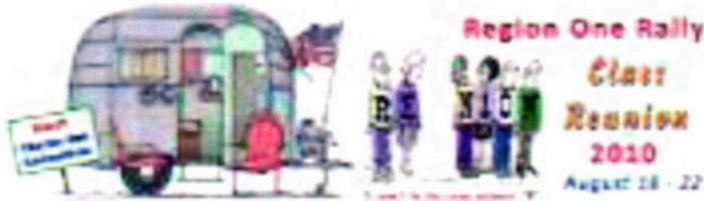
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First Timer on a Region Caravan? Yes No Pets? Yes No Extra Persons: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Write Number)

Amount of Deposit: **\$200.00**: Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(due by 3/15/2010)





Region One Rally 2010,  
"Class Reunion"

June 27—July 4, 2010



Rally Registration Forms are  
available on the internet;  
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### Upcoming Events

**February Dinner**  
February 7, 2010  
Elaine's Restaurant  
Newington, CT  
Hosted by Pete and Laurie  
Soucy

**March Dinner**  
March 7, 2010  
Max Amore  
Glastonbury, CT  
Hosted by Lynn and Jeff  
Blackwell  
Charlotte LaRocca and  
Gene Hickey

**April Dinner**  
April 11, 2010  
Dakota's  
Avon, CT  
Hosted by Seb and  
Juanita Pestretto

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Germantown, Maryland

December 7, 2009

#### Some Words from the Prez

Season's Greetings and Merry Christmas to all.

Fran and I attended the gala Christmas Holiday Party yesterday at the Stony Hill Inn in Bethel, CT. My thanks to Serafina and John Bachar who planned and orchestrated a super holiday party. The lovely setting in Bethel, CT was highlighted by the sun that glistened the snow on the grounds. Indoors the décor was festive and suited the occasion. The food was plentiful and delicious.

We are in Maryland because we are making our way to Traveler's Rest in Dade City, FL where we will spend the winter months with many of our COCU friends. Our family, all 11 of us, will spend Christmas on a cruise out of Miami. It was Fran's birthday wish this year to have a family cruise.

We will return to Connecticut the beginning April and look forward to beginning the camping season. There are many rallies and activities planned. Please see the list included in this issue and plan to attend as many as possible. My thanks to everyone who volunteered to host or co-host a dinner or rally. I am especially thankful to Michael and Sandy Sasuta who have taken on the tremendous responsibility of the Region 1 Rally which is hosted by COCU in 2010.

WBCCI is all about volunteering. So if you haven't signed up to host, co host, chair or co-chair an event please consider doing so. I can be reached by email at [Airstream1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Airstream1@sbcglobal.net). Together we'll have lots of good times.

Happy New Year to each of you and my best wishes for peace, joy and good health in 2010.

Jerry



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**NEW MEMBER!!!**

**Horst and Yolanda Schlien  
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Oxford, CT 06478  
203-888-7147**



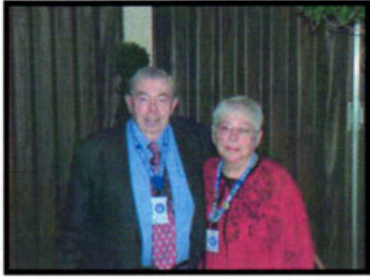
**REGION ONE RAFFLE**

**It's not too early to start thinking about your donation to next year's Region One Raffle. Chairpersons Val and Aili Galysn are looking for lots of donations to make next year's raffle a huge success. Don't know what to donate—consider making a "Theme Basket", such as a Spa Basket, Reader's Basket, Chocolate Lovers Basket, or a Pasta themed basket.**

**Once you have decided, please let Val and Aili know so they have an idea of what is coming.**

**Thank you!**





**Our hosts, John and Serafina  
Bachar**

*Stony Hill Inn*  
Serving the Greater Danbury Area since 1945

On Sunday, December 6, 2009, Charter Oak gathered at the Stony Hill Inn in Danbury to celebrate the Season and to enjoy some fun and fellowship. The venue was beautiful and the food was excellent. Our hosts, John and Serafina Bachar, did a great job at planning and hosting this event.

We were all greeted by John and Serafina and given a gift of homemade biscotti on a tidbit tray. Our trailer numbers were entered into a raffle for an Airstream book celebrating 75 years of Airstream history. Later Charlie and Jeanne Wilson's number was pulled and they went home with the book.

It was nice to see John BonSignore again and his guest Holly. In addition Ray and Linda Boddie attended and are looking forward to the 2010 camping season with their new tow vehicle.

Ted Price once again had fruitcakes for sale (not sure if they were the same fruitcakes from last year or a new batch). Sales were brisk. A collection was taken to be donated on behalf of the Charter Oak Unit to the Cromwell Children's Home. As always our Airstreamers were generous in giving.

All in all our COCU Holiday event was very successful and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks again, John and Serafina, job well done. We will certainly encourage you to do this again!



**A table full of homemade goodies**



**Kim and Rob Terry**



**President Jerry Ingallinera**



**John BonSignore and Linda and Ray Boddie**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Hosts</b>	<b>Co Hosts</b>
February 7th	Dinner Meeting	Elaine's Restaurant Newington, CT	Pete and Laurie Soucy <b>860 666-1285</b>	
March 7th	Dinner Meeting	Max Amore Glastonbury, CT	Charlotte LaRocca <b>860 633-8157</b>	Lynn Blackwell <b>860 657-9386</b>
April 11th	Dinner Meeting	Dakota's Avon, CT	Seb and Juainta Pestretto <b>860 653-9980</b>	
May 7-9	Business Meeting Rally	Durham Fairgrounds Durham, CT	Jerry and Fran Ingallinera <b>860 289-9149</b>	Mike and Sandy Sasuta <b>203 878-8070</b>
June 4 - 6	Buddy Rendezvous	Skylark Airpark Ellington, CT	Jim and Corinne Burnham <b>860 623-9752</b>	Giles & Joyce Rousseau <b>203 264-5372</b>
June 10 - 13	Joint Rally with Metro NY	Fort Schuyler, Bronx, NY	Mark Wilson <b>203 733-5156</b>	
July 23 - 25	Rendezvous	Cabella's East Hartford, CT	Jerry and Fran Ingallinera <b>860 289-9149</b>	Jeff and Lynn Blackwell <b>860 657-9386</b>
July 29 - August 1	Joint Rally with Metro NY and Ontario Canada	NYNASCAR Pocono Raceway	Mark Wilson <b>203 733-5156</b>	
August 18 - 22	Region One Rally COCU Hosts	Durham Fairgrounds Durham, CT	Mike and Sandy Sasuta <b>203 878-8070</b>	
Sept 3 - 6	Labor Day Rally	Haddam Neck Fairgrounds	Wayne and Susan Ruty <b>860 345-4049</b>	
Oct 1 - 3	Fall Rally	TBA	Raymond and Cynthia Richard <b>860 873-1973</b>	
Oct 3 - 11	Fall A. B. C.	Airstreams & Battle- fields Caravan	Raymond and Cynthia Richard <b>860 873-1973</b>	Perhaps You
Nov 7	Installation Dinner	TBA	Raymond and Cynthia Richard <b>860 873-1973</b>	
Dec 5	Holiday Party	TBA	Ted and Lois Price <b>860 529-9393</b>	

Please feel free to insert a rendezvous, rally or caravan that you would like to host  
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Jerry Ingallinera 860 289-9149



December, 2009

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### Register Before January 1 and Save \$20

Be sure and register for the 53rd International Convention/Rally before January 1, 2010 and save \$20.00 per couple or \$10.00 for a single. Not only do you save a few bucks, but the earlier we know how many are going to attend, the better we can plan for the best rally possible. It is much easier for hosts to schedule events and activities if they know how many are planning to attend.

### 2020 Committee

Chairman Darrell Waters and members of the 20/20 Committee have been diligently working these past six months. They have some ideas on how Region Officers can assist Unit 1st Vice Presidents to better plan their unit rallies, such as including members of all ages and hosting events that are new and well attended. These ideas, along with the Unit Planning Guide, the Mentor Program, the Media Program should give these incoming officers assistance in better planning their year. There will be a training seminar during the International Rally for Unit Vice Presidents.

International 1st VP, Norm Beu, has also asked the 2020 Committee to review the job descriptions of the International Standing Committees to make sure the club is getting needed information while looking for ways to cut expenses. As the club gets smaller, do we need all of these positions? Or can we get by with fewer people or perhaps combine some committees?

If you remember, in 2005 Jim Franklin presented a paper outlining ideas to realign Regional boundaries, reduce the number of Region officers, and combine International Rallies with Region Rallies, all with the intention of cutting expenses. While in 2005 those ideas were met with less than enthusiasm, perhaps it is time to rethink this idea. The 2020 Committee is now looking at these possibilities. This is something that will not come easily and will take a great deal of thought and time. There are many different opinions on this subject and many areas of the Blue Book that would need to be amended.

### 2010 Frog Roundup IBT MID-WINTER Rally

Rayne, Louisiana January 19-23, 2010

Sandy Stumpf

The WBCCI Frog Roundup Mid-Winter IBT Rally will be held at the Rayne Civic Center in Rayne, Louisiana. The majority of the rally sites have full hookups.

Rayne is the "Frog Capital of the World" and has many interesting and historical sights to see in the area. The rally fee includes a Wine and Cheese Reception on Tuesday evening, two catered dinners, three breakfast, a social hour, and an optional banquet on Saturday night. There are three nights of entertainment, which include a Barber Shop Quartet on Wednesday evening, a Cajun Band on Thursday evening, and Bill Roza Duo on Saturday evening after the banquet. As this is Cajun Country, you will find many fine restaurants in the local and surrounding area. Friday is a free day and you will be able to explore this part of Louisiana to your heart's content. This Mid-Winter IBT is open to all WBCCI members. Plan to join us for a great rally in January at Rayne. Look for the rally coupon in your *Blue Beret*.

### Gillette

The time for the 53rd International Rally is quickly approaching. As I think back on past International Rallies, I remember the uniqueness of each, the differing experiences and all the fun enjoyed even though some inconveniences of nature occurred. Even so, these were all great, fun rallies. Just as the 53rd International Rally in Gillette, June 27th-July 4th, 2010 will be unique with some new seminars, new vendors, new activities and more than likely a few new surprises. I am looking forward to your being able to explore the area and discover some new things as you make new friends, experience new adventures, and participate in the business meetings of WBCCI.

## President's Monthly News

December, 2009

### Mailing of Directories

Please let your region members know that if they have moved since paying their dues, they will not receive their 2010 Directory unless headquarters has been given their new address.

### Motions for Mid-Winter

Twenty-five (25) motions are on the agenda for the IBT to address at the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting. Thirteen (13) of the motions are budget and financial related. Eight (8) of the motions deal with changing the grievance procedures in WBCCI. To date, more grievances have been filed in 2009 than in any other year during the history of our club.

### Bean Bag Baseball

During the International Rally each summer, many different types of contests are held. Most are competitions between individual members. Some, such as Unit Directories, are competitions where units compete against each other. The only Regional competition is Beanbag Baseball. At Madison, only a few of the Regions competed. If the Beanbag Baseball competition is to continue, more Regions need to become involved. Please let me know if your Region plans to compete so that I can mail you a copy of the rules we will use in Gillette.

### New Members

In November, seventy-eight (78) new members joined WBCCI. Has each of these new members been assigned a mentor? Please see that your units are mentoring their new members.

Ten (10) of the new members are Members-at-Large. If any of these new MAL's live in your region, please send them a letter welcoming them to WBCCI. Also, encourage your unit presidents to invite the Members at Large to attend a unit rally, travel with the unit on a unit caravan, or attend a unit dinner..

### Need Chairmen

Beanbag Baseball  
Outdoor Games  
Knitting

### Gillette Registrations

11-30-09      475

### Gillette Rally Bags

It appears that we will have extra rally bags. Therefore, anyone wanting an additional bag may purchase one from any of the International Officers or order one from the International President. The cost is \$15 per bag plus the cost for shipping.

### Staff Changes at Headquarters

Jodi Morris, Membership Director, has turned in her resignation effective December 18, 2009. Jodie began her employment with WBCCI in 1997 as Member Services and Reception. We will all miss Jodie and the great job she had done for our club in all these years. Deb Mann will be taking over Jodi's duties. Deb Sailor has been hired to assume Deb Mann's duties, and Dot Stengel has reduced the number of hours that she works each week. These changes have resulted in a reduction of salary costs.

### New Special Events Rallies

Our members will have three new special event rallies to attend this next year thanks to the efforts of our hard working members and units.

**The Albuquerque Balloon Festival**, hosted by the New Mexico Unit, is back. This has always been a great rally which allows WBCCI members to get up close and personal with beautiful hot air balloons. Details for this special event will be available soon in the *Blue Beret*. Watch for this information and be ready to travel to New Mexico for a fun and exciting rally.

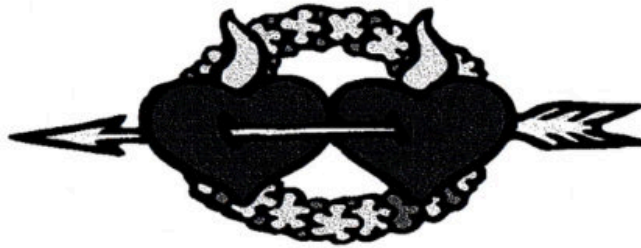
**Pocono Raceway Rally**, July 29-Aug. 1, 2010. This special event rally will be hosted by the Metropolitan New York Unit. The rally has been billed as a Mega-Joint Rally and a Nascar sponsored event at the Pocono Raceway. Parking will be in the infield where members and racing fan will be close to the action.

**Canadian Thanksgiving & Columbus Day Rally**, Oct. 7-11, 2010, will be hosted by the Cape Cod Unit in Provincetown, Massachusetts, located on the tip of Cape Cod. This rally will celebrate Canada's thriving harvest and salute Christopher Columbus for his successful voyage to the "New World".

Norma and I wish you a Happy New Year and safe travels as you make your way to Rayne, Louisiana for the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting January 19-23, 2010.

"Keep your eyes on the stars, and the stars in your eyes...see it you can *discover* (sic) what's over the next hill, and the next one after that."  
Wally Byam

[president@wbcci.org](mailto:president@wbcci.org)



*February's Brunch is for us,  
Airstreams Lovers!!*

*Sunday, February 7, 20 10  
At 12:00 Noon*

*Elaine's Restaurant*

*1841 Berlin Turnpike*

*Wethersfield, CT*

*Telephone: 860-257-4191*

*Buffet Brunch \$18.00 per person*

*Directions to Elaine's Restaurant:*

*From the Hartford Area:*

*I-91 South to Exit 28 (Route 5 & 15 Berlin Turnpike). Follow the Turnpike approximately one mile. We are located on the right hand side.*

*From the New Haven Area:*

*I-91 North Exit 28 (Route 5 & 15 Berlin Turnpike). Follow the Turnpike approximately one mile. We are located on the right hand side.*

*Send Check Payable To:*

*Laurie S. Soucy*

*490 Maple Hill Avenue*

*Newington, CT 06111*

*No Later Than January 26, 20 10*



## WBCCI - Charter Oak Unit



HOSTS: Charlotte & Gene Hickey-LaRocca  
Lynn & Jeff Blackwell  
Invite you to the March Luncheon

**Sunday, March 7, 2010**  
**Cocktails at 12:00 Noon (Cash Bar)**  
**Lunch at 12:30 p.m.**  
**Max Amore @ Somerset Square**  
**450 Glastonbury Blvd, Glastonbury, CT**

You will order one of the following from a Menu at the luncheon:

- Max a Penne ~ wood grilled chicken, escarole, plum tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil and parmigean
- Chicken Piccata ~ sautéed chicken breast over garlic mashed potatoes with zucchini, yellow squash, plum tomatoes and white wine caper sauce
- Wood Grilled Salmon ~ roasted Yukon gold potatoes, escarole, sweet garlic cream
- Melanzana Portafoglia ~ crisp breaded eggplant layered with smoked mozzarella and oven dried tomatoes over spinach and tomato butter sauce

Plus Soft Drinks, Dessert and Coffee; Tiramisu or Flourless Chocolate Cake

**Directions:** Rt 2 to Glastonbury; Rt 3 S ; 1<sup>st</sup> exit to Glastonbury. 1<sup>st</sup> Left on Putnam, 1<sup>st</sup> Left on Naubuc, 1<sup>st</sup> Left on Glastonbury, Right at 1<sup>st</sup> light into mall. (Next door to Talbots)

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Names: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Order from the Menu  
the day of the luncheon)*

Enclose: \$26.00 Per Person

Please RSVP to: Lynn Blackwell  
994 Main Street  
South Glastonbury, Ct. 06073 (860) 657-9386

RSVP anytime before the event, by mail or phone.



# Wandering to Wyoming R-278

Rendezvous June 1 in Danbury, CT

Arrive June 23 in Gillette, WY



**Includes:**

- 23 days on the road to the 53rd International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming.
- Campground fees at all 12 stopovers, which are mostly WES sites with Wi-Fi. (Two nights dry camping).
- 4 Campfires, 7 Ice Cream Socials, 2 BBQs & PA Unit Rally in Penn-Wood with 2 Breakfasts & 1 Dinner.
- Entry fees to tours along the way: Corning Glass Factory, Indianapolis Raceway Grounds Tour, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, John Deere Factory.
- A "Half-Way There" dinner at the famous "Machine Shed" in Davenport, IA.
- "No Rush-No Fuss Stopovers" All Reservations are paid. Pull in-Park-Tour.
- Two 3-day stopovers in Indianapolis, IN & Custer, SD.

For more information, write:

Rich & Dottie Walbridge  
 15 Edgewood Road  
 Scituate, MA 02066-4021  
 E-mail: [Region1Caravan@Gmail.com](mailto:Region1Caravan@Gmail.com)  
 Cell Phone: 781-254-6399

Six 2-day stopovers & just three 1-day stopovers.

- A Caravan Farewell Banquet in Gillette.
- A Driver's Manual with all driving directions, Region 1 Caravan Plaque & Wandering to Wyoming window sticker.
- Early parking; enjoy a 4-day advantage over other non-caravanning members. Travel and see the sights before the rally begins on 6/27.
- The safety, camaraderie & companionship of 20 other Airstream RVers on this 2400-mile caravan across middle USA.

A deposit of \$200 is required by: March 15, 2010. Make checks payable to Region One Caravan and mail to the Wandering to Wyoming Treasurer, Trevor Lake (315 Oak St. Marshfield, MA 02050).

The kitty fee (2 in an Airstream) is: \$1,130 per Airstream RV; payment of \$930 due by May 1, 2010.

The kitty fee (one in an Airstream) is: \$980. with \$780 due by May 1, 2010.

Extra person fee is: \$221 due by May 1, 2010.

Kitty fee funds are U.S. Dollars.

Note: The cost of the International Rally fee is NOT included. Travelers are required to make & pay their own International Rally fees.

An audit of the caravan operations will be completed at the end of the caravan; whatever kitty fees remain after all expenses are paid will be distributed back to the caravanners. Every effort will be made to ensure over-payments are refunded prior to the end of the International Rally.

Please be aware that if you decide not to attend our caravan after submitting your deposit, refunding campground registration deposits may not be possible. (Your deposit is payment of campground reservations and fees to make those reservations.) We will make every effort to return your \$200 deposit, however, there may be unrecoverable expenses and they will be itemized with your refund.

Special Note: Due to campground restrictions, some breeds of dogs are not allowed, please ask me about the restricted breeds.

Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Navigator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

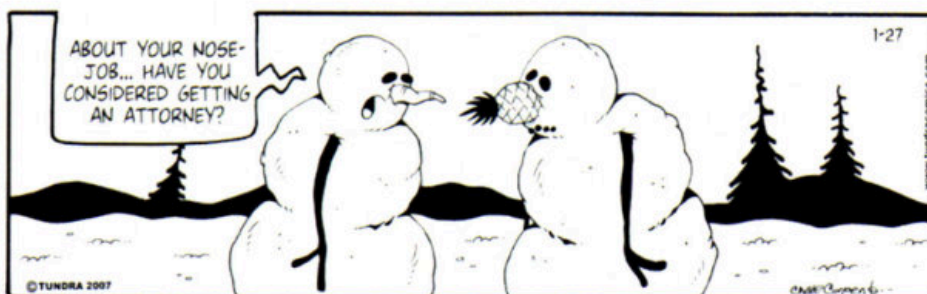
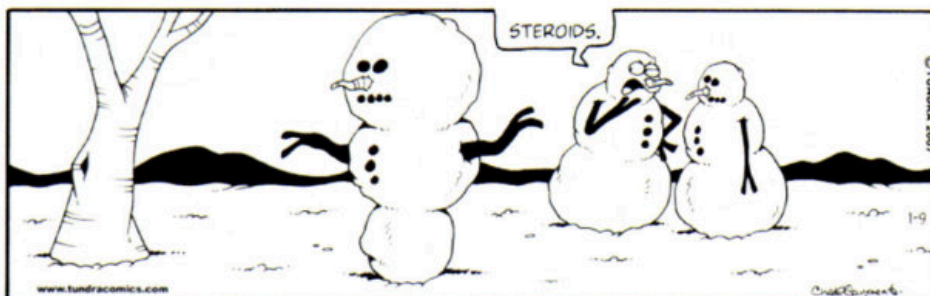
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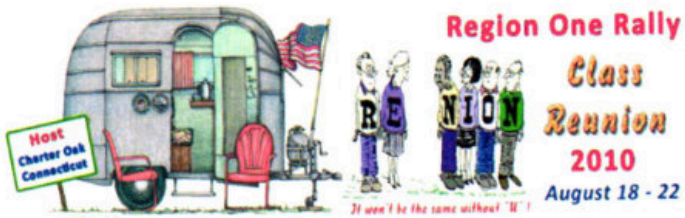
First Timer on a Region Caravan? Yes No Pets? Yes No Extra Persons: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Write Number)

Amount of Deposit: \$200.00: Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(due by 3/15/2010)

# SNOWMEN FUN

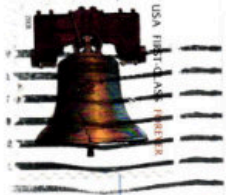




June 27—July 4, 2010

Rally Registration Forms are  
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## Charter Oak Connecticut

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Cover: **Girl with a special earring!**

**“Girl with a Pearl Earring”**

Johannes Vermeer, circa 1665

The painting *Girl with a Pearl Earring* (Dutch: *Het Meisje met de Parel*) is one of Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer's masterworks and as the name implies, uses a pearl earring for a focal point. The painting is currently housed at The Mauritshuis in The Hague. It is sometimes referred to as "the Mona Lisa of the North" or "the Dutch Mona Lisa".





# Events



## February 1, 2009

### Dinner Meeting

Michael & Lianne Rutty  
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 Dock and Dine Restaurant  
 Saybrook Point, Old Saybrook, CT

## March 1, 2009

### Dinner Meeting

Jeff & Lynn Blackwell  
[blackwell1384@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blackwell1384@sbcglobal.net)  
 Cocktails at 12:00 Noon (Cash Bar)  
 Lunch at 12:30 p.m.  
 Max Amore @ Somerset Square  
 450 Glastonbury Blvd, Glastonbury, CT

## April 5, 2009

### Dinner meeting

Jerry & Fran Ingallinera  
[airstream1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:airstream1@sbcglobal.net)  
 Marco Polo Restaurant  
 1250 Burnside Avenue  
 East Hartford, CT 06108

## April 17 - 19, 2009

### First Rally

Raymond & Cynthia Richard  
[raycynrich1@aol.com](mailto:raycynrich1@aol.com)  
 Dust them Off – Buddy Rally  
 Planned Activities throughout Weekend  
 Trout Fishing in a Private Stocked Lake and  
 Campground  
 Wide High Stakes Bingo in the Rec Hall  
 Brialee RV Park  
 174 Laurel Lane  
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## May 1 - 3, 2009

### Rally Business Meeting

Raymond & Cynthia Richard  
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 Business Meeting at 10:00AM  
 Mineral Springs Family Campground  
 135 Leonard Road  
 Stafford Springs, CT 06076  
 Seminar on Amateur Radio at 2:00PM

## May 12 – 17, 2009

### Caravan to Dayton Hamfest

Raymond & Cynthia Richard  
[raycynrich1@aol.com](mailto:raycynrich1@aol.com)  
 World's Largest Amateur Radio Gathering  
 Fun for Radio Enthusiasts and the Curious  
 alike.

## June 5 - 7, 2009

### Buddy Rendezvous

Jim & Corinne Burnham  
[jcb31109@yahoo.com](mailto:jcb31109@yahoo.com)  
 New England Air Travel Theme  
 To be Announced

## June 11 - 14, 2009

### Rally

Fort Schyler, Bronx, New York  
 Tri - Hosted by:  
 Metro New York Unit, Watchung New Jer-  
 sey Unit, and Charter  
 Oak CT Unit  
 Charter Oak Contact is Raymond Richard  
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## July 24-26, 2009

### Free Rendezvous

Jerry & Fran Ingallinera  
[airstream1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:airstream1@sbcglobal.net)  
 Cabela's Outdoors - East Hartford

## August 5-9, 2009

### Region One Rally

Essex Junction, VT  
 Hosted by the Cape Cod Unit  
 Rich Walbridge  
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## September 4-7, 2009

### Rally

Wayne and Susan Rutty  
 Haddam Neck Fair  
 26 Quarry Hill Rd  
 Haddam Neck, CT  
[waynemrutty@msn.com](mailto:waynemrutty@msn.com)



# Events



## September 11-13, 2009

### Rally

Joint Rally with the Cape Cod Unit  
Cecile and Raynold Lemaire  
[raynoldlemaire@aol.com](mailto:raynoldlemaire@aol.com)  
Charlie Brown Campground  
Route 198  
Chaplin Road, Eastford, CT 06242

## September 25-27, 2009

### Free Rendezvous

Bob and Bette Lou Pease  
401 - 295 - 7398  
[blbpease@verizon.net](mailto:blbpease@verizon.net)  
Wickford Village, Rhode Island

## October 2-4, 2009

### Rally

Mike and Sandy Sasuta  
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Water's Edge Family Campground  
271 Leonard Bridge Road  
Lebanon, CT

## October 5-10, 2009

### Fall Caravan to Bar Harbor, ME

Raymond and Cynthia Richard  
[raycynrich1@aol.com](mailto:raycynrich1@aol.com)  
Bob and Helen Sandall  
Specific Details to Follow

## November 1, 2009

### Dinner Meeting

Installation Dinner  
Bob and Helen Sandall  
[rjsandall@snet.net](mailto:rjsandall@snet.net)  
Manchester Country Club  
305 Main Street  
Manchester, CT

## December 6, 2009

### Holiday Dinner Meeting

John and Serafina Bachar  
203 778 - 6752  
[jjbachar@snet.net](mailto:jjbachar@snet.net)  
To Be Announced



Engineers Building Corduroy Road  
Near Richmond, VA, June 1862  
Recently discovered Civil War photo!



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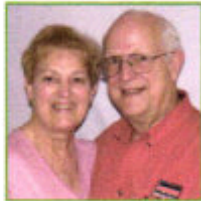
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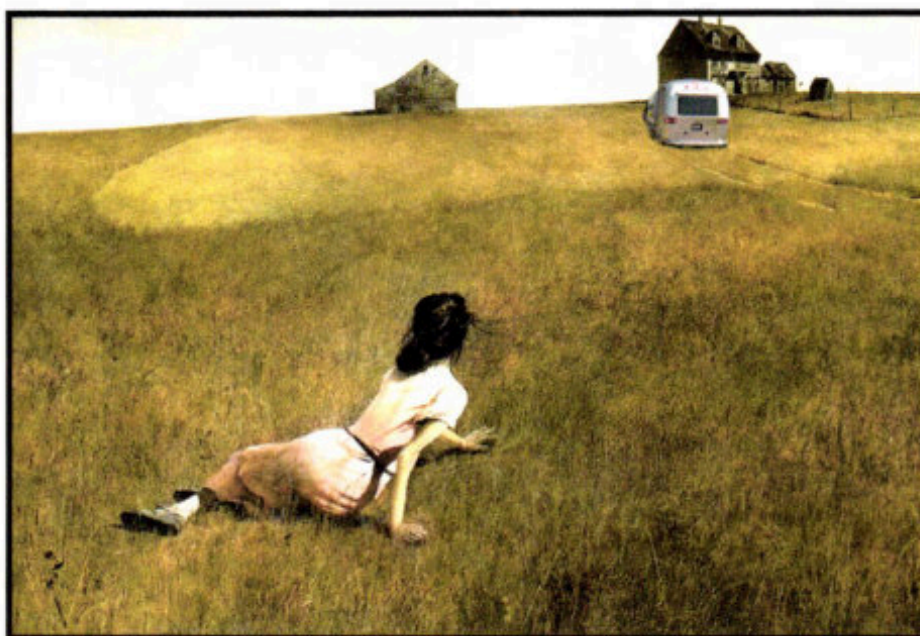
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Mark Wilson.....	01/18
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Lianne Rutty.....	01/24
Laurie Soucy.....	01/27
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Leila Clark.....	02/16
Lynn Blackwell.....	02/20
Michael Sasuta.....	02/21
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Jessie Gould.....	03/15
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Leland Bradley.....	03/23
Stephen Kelly.....	03/25

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Jeff & Lynn Blackwell.....	08/02
Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight.....	08/17
Russ & Cynthia Melocik.....	08/21
Art & Carol Hall.....	08/29

**September**

Sharon Henschel.....	09/06
Carolyn L. Knight.....	09/11
Kathy Griffin.....	09/13
Dan Dureiko.....	09/14
David Johnson.....	09/19
Jim Tauras.....	09/25
Michael Link.....	09/27
Donna Gauthier.....	09/28
Richard & Kathy Griffin.....	09/06
Bob & Helen Sandall.....	09/06
Richard & Maryann Jackson.....	09/09
Joseph & Carol Potter.....	09/11
Wayne & Susan Ruty.....	09/11
Paul & Judy Good.....	09/15
Rich & Dottie Walbridge.....	09/24
Michael & Lianne Ruty.....	09/28

**October**

Barbara Moyer.....	10/01
Fran Ingallinera.....	10/05
Dottie Walbridge.....	10/06
William Herpich.....	10/07
Serafina M. Bachar.....	10/09
Niels Rosenbeck.....	10/12
Dick Bartram.....	10/12
Elsie Nelson.....	10/12
Carol Hall.....	10/12
Brian Brosnahan.....	10/17
Susan Ruty.....	10/21
Michael Ruty.....	10/27


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**October** *Continued*

Lillian Herpich.....	10/27
Allen Forrester.....	10/28
Fred Newman.....	10/29
Debi Cocco.....	10/30
Bob & Harriett Thompson.....	10/02
Bard & Kathy Fuller.....	10/03
Dan & Karen Olah.....	10/03
Steve & Pam Pestretto.....	10/07
Gene Hickey & Charlotte LaRocca.....	10/08
Raymond & Cynthia Richard.....	10/10
Pete & Laurie Soucy.....	10/10
Ed & Linda Maxwell.....	10/10
David & Susan Johnson.....	10/15
Roger & Ruth Crockett.....	10/16
William & Evelyn Watts.....	10/22

**December**

Lynn Perlotto.....	12/01
Susan Johnson.....	12/10
Gale Lake.....	12/15
Carol Potter.....	12/16
Raymond Jefferson.....	12/17
Robert Moyer.....	12/19
Pat Larson.....	12/22
Larry Larson.....	12/27
Parker & Lorraine Boylan.....	12/17
Philip & Frances Simmons.....	12/26
Fred & Susan Newman.....	12/28

**November**

Sandy Sasuta.....	11/01
Theda McGrath.....	11/07
Sarah Ribeiro.....	11/07
Bette Lou Pease.....	11/08
Clarence Gould.....	11/09
Paul Good.....	11/10
Beth Petrie.....	11/10
Jack Merchant.....	11/11
Parker Boylan.....	11/13
Jeff Blackwell.....	11/18
Angela Tauras.....	11/21
Helen Sandall.....	11/28
Cynthia Melocik.....	11/28
Howard E. Kuehn.....	11/30
Gilles & Joyce Rousseau.....	11/02
Alan & Joan Beardsley.....	11/17
Larry & Pat Larson.....	11/26
Charlie & Sandy Eglise.....	11/29

Wheels shake the roadbed stone,  
The pistons jerk and shove,  
I stay up half the night  
To see the land I love.

- Theodore Roethke

No matter where you go, there  
you are.

- Earl Mac Rauch



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