



Charter Oak Connecticut History

2010



ICONIC DESIGN | Inspired Innovation

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Charter Oak Chatter



The WBCCI Airstream RV Association

February 2010

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Upcoming Events

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

Tower Ridge Country Club

Simsbury, CT

Hosted by Seb and

Juanita Pestretto

May Rally

May 7-9, 2010

Durham Fair Grounds

Hosted by Jerry and Fran

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Mike and Sandy Sasuta



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



More Words from your President

February, 2010

While the weather here in Florida has not been as warm as we expected, it keeps getting better. But relative to New England weather we are doing just fine.

Had the opportunity to speak with Laurie Soucy about the February dinner meeting at Elaine's in Newington held on Sunday, February 6th. Laurie reported 24 Charter Oak members attended with Bob and Betty Lou Pease traveling the furthest from their home in Rhode Island. My thanks to Laurie and Pete for hosting this event. Even though Laurie was under the weather with a cold, she rose to the occasion to host the first Charter Oak meeting of 2010 before returning home to the warmth of her bed to recuperate.

We have been delighted to have some Charter Oak members stop by at Traveler's Rest to pay us a visit. We enjoyed visiting with Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, Art and Carole Hall, who came with their trailer and spent two nights and Juanita and Sebby Pestretto who spent 5 days in their motorhome on Golfview. It's always nice to see members stop by and spend some time. Earlier in January, Ron and Shirley Edmondson drop by and joined the TR Charter Oak group for Sunday dinner at a local restaurant. If you have an opportunity to travel south this winter, the welcome mat is always out at TR.

By now each of you have received your 2010 Charter Oak Directory which was printed on a new laser jet printer that our club purchased this year. Rich Kushman did his usual outstanding job in putting together the directory and coming up with some very clever and interesting photos. I was quite pleased and honored to be on the front cover. Sharing the front cover with me is Kathy Kushman in the left lens of the sunglasses and Ted Price in the right lens. Through a little computer magic Rich, put a pair of sunglasses on a photo he had taken of me and then inserted the images of Kathy and Ted taken on their Alaskan caravan. The hat and teeth are mine and were not retouched. Thank you, Rich. I will be proud to bring the directory to the International this year to compete against other WBCCI units' directories. I think we have a winner.

The next COCU event is hosted by Lynn Blackwell and Charlotte LaRocca on March 7th, 2010. Please plan to attend if you'll be in Connecticut. Fran and I hope to join you at the April meeting hosted by Juanita and Sebby Pestretto

Mike and Sandy Sasuta continue to work on plans for the Region 1 Rally which Charter Oak will be hosting this year at the Durham Fairgrounds from August 18th to the 22nd, 2010. Thanks to all who have sent high school photos to Mike. Get out those scrapbooks, make a copy of your high school photo and send it to Mike. No originals please.

I hope you are all enjoying those lovely snow days when the sun shines and glistens on those snowflakes. Make the best of your winter Airstream down days as you prepare for great adventures in the upcoming months, on the road. Stay warm, stay healthy and be happy.

Jerry

SAVE THE DATE AIRSTREAMS AND BATTLEFIELDS October 3 thru 10, 2010



The Fall Caravan will be going to Gettysburg, PA. We will leave from Family American Campground in Godeffroy, NY on Sunday, October 3, 2010. In Gettysburg, our campground is the Artillery Ridge Campground until Sunday, October 10.

This is a very busy time of year in the Gettysburg area, which includes an Apple Festival, so reservations have to be confirmed by the end of May to secure the sites. We are currently holding 12 sites. See brochure in this Chatter. Please check your calendars and make plans to travel with us.

Please see the flyer in this issue for further details.



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NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

Raymond and I have been the Editors of the Chatter for the past 5 years. Due to other commitments we will not be able to continue as Editors. We are looking for someone to take on this very important and rewarding job. Our last edition of the Chatter will be December 2010.

The person/s should be somewhat computer literate, very creative and thick skinned. Please contact us if you have an interest in this position and of course we will be happy to help you with the transition in any way we can.

Raymond and I enjoyed serving the club as the Newsletter Editors and thank each of you for the opportunity.

Cynthia Richard #1445



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Our Hosts, Laurie and Pete Soucy

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

On a recent cold Sunday afternoon 24 hardy winter-bound Airstreamers met at Elaine's Restaurant on the Berlin Turnpike. The luncheon was hosted by Pete and Laurie Soucy.

In attendance was First VP, Lynn Blackwell and her husband, Jeff and Second VP Jim Burnham and his wife, Corinne. Bob and Bette Lou Pease drove from Rhode Island to join us and it was good to see them. Bette Lou is feeling better and they are looking forward to the camping season. Brad and Rhonda Fuller were there and it was nice to see them again.

Everyone enjoyed the buffet, which was plentiful, and the company of fellow Airstreamers. Talk seemed to center around the end of winter and getting back on the road.

Gene Hickman and Jeff Blackwell won the door prizes.

Val and Aili Galasyn, Chairmen of the Raffle Committee for the Region One Rally, reminded everyone to think about a donation for the raffle. Region One will be here before you know it! Please contact them and let them know what you plan to donate.

Raymond and Cynthia Richard announced that the COCU Fall Caravan will be going to Gettysburg, PA in October. They passed out some literature they got when they went on a scouting trip. This is a very busy time in that area and reservations and commitments need to be made early. One of the highlights of the trip will be a visit from Abe Lincoln. There are several festivals that will be going on at that time. There is something for everyone!

Everyone left full and looking forward to our next Luncheon which will be at Max Amore in Glastonbury on March 7.

Thanks to Pete and Laurie for planning this event!



Charles and Sharon Henschel



Fran and Maureen Eckels



Aili and Val Galasyn



Corrine and Jim Burnham



MID WINTER IBT MEETING

RAYNE, LA

January 19—23, 2010

Frogs, frogs, frogs, everywhere. And I mean everywhere. There were frog centerpieces, stuffed frogs, rubber frogs with cowboy hats, frog legs, frog murals, frog statues and much more! That's what we found in Rayne, LA where we attended the Mid-Winter IBT meeting. Rayne officially became a town in 1883, however there were people there long before and there is a true sense of belonging among the locals.

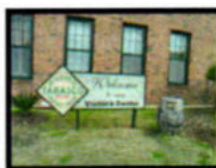
There were 116 registrations including a full representation of the Region One Officers. Franklin Sanders Region One President with the support of Russ Melocik, 1st VP, Dan Duriecko, 2nd VP and Ray Richard, 2nd VP elect represented our Region at the two day seminar and the board meeting. A report of that meeting and the business conducted is included in the Region Newsletter.

While this meeting was mostly business there was time to visit with some people we had not seen in a while. Theda McGrath was in attendance and looking quite well. Bob Butler and Cynthia Melocik were there and provided good conversation and company. It was nice to see Linda and Norm Beu, International 1st VP and of course Anne and Bob Werth.

The weather was nice but not too hot. We went to Avery Island where Tabasco is produced and spent time touring the southern Louisiana area. I think we all had our share of Cajun cuisine.

The New Orleans Unit did a great job hosting the event. They provided breakfast and several dinners including the banquet on Saturday night. A lot of work and a job well done.

Submitted by
Cynthia Richard
#1445



Welcome to Avery
Island



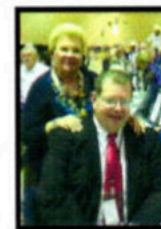
Cynthia and Russ Melocik



Bob Butler and Cynthia Melocik



International Secretary
Ann Werth with husband
Bob



Raymond and Cynthia
Richard



Cynthia Richard with
the Rayne Frog



Frog murals
everywhere



Those Frog Centerpieces



Theda McGrath
Looking Good!





Region 1 Newsletter Late January, 2010

Community Service Needs at 53rd International Rally

Janet Kendig, Chairman of the WBCCI Community Service Committee requests WBCCI Member help in meeting needs for assistance in the Gillette, WY community. In 2010, we are asked to donate food and "gently-used" children's books. Food donations may be in kind, or checks; watch the *Blue Beret* for information about how money donations may be made. Please see if you have children's books in reasonable condition which might be passed along by your children or grandchildren to youngsters in Wyoming. Toiletries for the Abused Women's Shelter would also be gratefully received.

If you are not going to the rally in Gillette, please ask friends who are going to bring your donations to the rally. Let's show we care!

Florida East Coast Luncheon Defies the Weather!

Sixteen almost-thawed Caravanners gathered at the Palm Bay *Golden Corral* for a fun time among good friends. The smallish crowd, dominated by Cape Codders, had a wonderful time on the first day of seasonally warm and sunny weather in Florida in the New Year.

As in past years, members shared travel experiences, highlighted by John Fuller's "This Is Your Life" recollection from the perspective of his very first Air-stream.

Those unable to attend were missed and recalled fondly. Hope to see you Next year. Same Time. Same Place.

International Board of Trustees Mid-winter 2010 Meeting Report

The IBT Mid-winter Meeting & Rally was held in Rayne, LA from January 19-23, 2010. The Rally was hosted by WBCCI Region 6, and was attended by 116 member-units. Region 1 was represented by Franklin Sanders, President; Russell Melocik, 1st VP; Dan Dureiko, 2nd VP; and Raymond Richard, Incoming 2nd VP. There was an extensive agenda, with reports presented by the chairmen of 24 Standing and Special Committees, and 29 motions presented for IBT consideration and action. The focus of the meeting was the tension between recent operating deficits, a proposal for an enhanced and redirected marketing program, and concerns about the merits of an increase in International Dues.

Committee Report Highlights:

Blue Beret: The online version of the *Blue Beret* has received favorable comment. Plans are underway to increase the color content of the online version, and to add links to advertiser websites.

Budget: The projected operating budget deficit for 2009-2010 has been reduced from \$71,000 projected in July, 2009 to \$62,000, despite approval of an initial \$5,240 expenditure during the first year of the new marketing program (see below).

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Russ Melocik, 1st VP
mcmlxii@comcast.net

Dan Dureiko, 2nd VP
dfdureiko@me.com

53rd International Rally: International President Tom Collier reported 620 members signed up for the International Rally in Gillette, WY. If you haven't signed up yet, plan to join us. This will be a great Western Event! It is evident that President Collier will deliver a great rally, and in a more casual manner.

National/Special Event Rallies: Cape Cod MA Unit's "Canadian Thanksgiving & Columbus Day Rally" was approved as a Special Events Rally by the International Executive Committee. The 2010 edition of the rally will take place October 7-11 in Provincetown, MA.

Marketing Special Committee: Fred Richardson, Chairman, presented an update of his persuasive report to the IBT last June, with plans for an enhanced marketing strategy, increased advertising space sales, interactive links from *Blue Beret* to advertiser websites, and improved membership promotional materials. His \$5,240 budget request for the balance of 2009-2010 was approved; his request for approximately \$15,000 in 2010-2011 was endorsed for inclusion that year's budget.

Financial Advisory Board: This Special Committee was chaired by Franklin Sanders. The FAB reviewed the open budget, expense, dues and marketing issues arising from the June and July, 2009 IBT Meetings. The FAB strongly supported increasing marketing expenditures despite the deficit, and supported reductions of international and region officer expense budgets; most FAB members also supported a dues increase. The FAB's discussions also resulted in introduction of several motions related to improved financial control and disclosures.

New Business:

The IBT agenda included 29 motions; after consolidation of seven motions relating to Ethics & Grievance Committee procedures into one motion, 23 motions were considered. Here are the highlights of action taken:

- Approved charging a \$103,280 loss from the 52nd International Rally in Madison, WI against the International Rally Fund. This was a necessary accounting transfer; nevertheless, the size of the loss led to discussion of the need for better control of rally commitments and improved periodic reporting on such rallies.
- Defeat of a motion to create a rolling fund for future Mid-winter IBT Meetings & Rallies. Most IBT members preferred that meeting costs be paid by Headquarters, with rallies to be for the account of the sponsoring region or unit.
- Approved a motion to require distribution of the prior year's international rally financial reports prior to the Mid-winter IBT Meeting, with such reports to be on the agenda for discussion at the meeting.
- Approved a motion to require that each year's operating budget include budgets for each pending international rally.
- Approved a motion to require ("GAAP") financial statements with income statements and reconciliation of equity be prepared, such reports to include the results of headquarters activities and international rallies.
- Approved modification of the Model Unit Constitution to conform to last year's change in the International Constitution facilitating appointment



Charter Oak Luncheon

April 11, 2010

Cocktails 12 pm – 1 pm

Buffet at 1 pm

Imported and Domestic Cheese Display with Gourmet Crackers


Fresh Seasonal Fruit Display

Vegetable Crudite Display with Creamy Herb Dips

Buffet Choices
 Pasta Primavera
 Sliced Sirloin
 Tower Ridge Chicken
 Oven Roasted Red Bliss
 Potatoes and Seasonal
 Vegetable Medley
 Toss Salad
 Pasta Salad
 Fruit Salad
 Rolls and Butter
 Coffee and Tea
 Assorted Chef's Dessert
 Display including Chocolate
 Covered Strawberries
 Petit Fours
 Lemon Squares
 Homemade Mouse
 Gourmet Cookies and
 Brownies

Hosted by Seb and
 Juanita Pestretto

Tower Ridge Country Club
140 Nod Road
Simsbury, CT



\$26.00 per person
(Including Tax & Tip)
Cash Bar

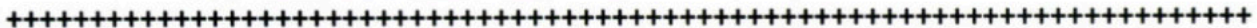
Hartford Area
 Take I-84 West to Exit 39 (Farmington)
 Go to Route 4 West, then Route 10
 North (this is at the intersection where
 the Country Club of Farmington is
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 5 Ferry Lane
 Simsbury, CT
 860-658-1222



Name _____

WBCCI No. _____

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**Charter Oak CT Unit
October 1 – 3, 2010
Fall Rally**

Hosted By

**Raymond & Cynthia Richard
and
Bud & Jessie Gould**



**American Family Campground
110 Guymard Turnpike Godeffroy, NY**

Name: _____
 Camping fee 2 Nights x \$38 = \$76.00
 Rally fee 2 in trailer = \$30.00
 Total = \$106.00

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 Mail Check to
 Raymond Richard
 P.O. Box 41, Moodus, CT 06469

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Rally fee includes catered breakfast on Saturday morning
 2 campfires with ice cream
 Salad and dessert provided for pot luck dinner



Set along the wooded shores of the pristine Neversink River, **AFC** is nestled between the majestic Catskill and Pocono Mountains. You will enjoy resort-quality facilities with many amenities, such as free WiFi, new driving range, snack bar, mini golf and heated pool to name a few. So mark your calendars and join us for a great fall rally!



of an Affiliate Member of a unit to act as the Delegate for that unit to the International Delegates Meeting (including in the Model Unit Bylaws operative language in the WBCCI Constitution).

- Approved a 25% aggregate reduction in international officer travel allowances. (These allowances are in addition to reimbursement for travel to the Mid-winter IBT Meeting.)
- Approved a 10% reduction in region officer travel allowances. (These allowances are intended for travel within regions and are in addition to reimbursement for region president travel to the Mid-winter IBT Meeting.)
- Approved an increase in International Dues from \$55 to \$65 per year, effective July 1, 2010. This increase of \$10 per year was adopted after a proposed increase of \$20 per year failed to gain a majority of the votes of IBT members. The \$10 increase was regarded as the minimum necessary to balance WBCCI budgets for the next few years.
- Defeated a motion to require unit voting at Delegates Meetings to be based upon the number of a unit's members actually voting at Spring Business Meetings, rather than the total of regular members. Adoption of such a motion could have made it difficult to obtain quorums for the Delegates Meeting, and made it nearly impossible to achieve the necessary 2/3rds majority for constitutional amendments.
- Defeated a motion asking amendment of the WBCCI Constitution to require that the June and July IBT Meetings be held within the official dates of international rallies. The

motion conflicted with other requirements of the constitution, as well as scheduled activities at the International Rally; moreover, it was recognized that rescheduling of the June IBT Meeting closer to the opening date of the International Rally had appropriately recognized the desire of members to be able to attend such meetings.

- Approved restatement of WBCCI Bylaws & Policy, Policy V, Disciplinary Procedures, and Appendix 11 (Checklist) to reflect changes in administrative procedures adopted by the Ethics & Grievance Committee in handling a recent spate of E&G complaints.
- Defeated a motion to expand the right to appeal grievance decisions to include reprimands, the least severe action permitted in respect of a grievance complaint. Inasmuch as reprimands are in the nature of warnings to discontinue inappropriate behavior, it did not seem appropriate to require the IBT to review such decisions.
- Supported a proposal to investigate reorganization of WBCCI to eliminate the International 3rd Vice President's position and restructure the International Rally, so as to be conducted in connection with region rallies on a rotating basis; and a proposal to restructure and reduce the number of regions from twelve to seven in number. The proposal has been referred to the 20-20 Long-term Planning Committee for report on the first proposal by the Mid-winter IBT Meeting in 2011, and on the second proposal by such meeting in 2012.

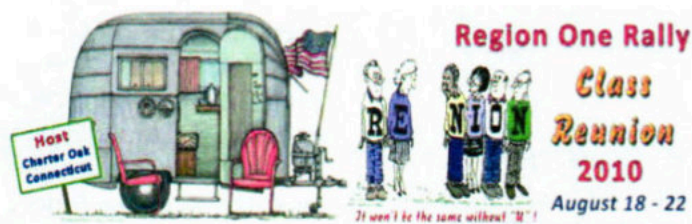
We're looking forward to Region 1 at Durham Fairgrounds Aug. 18-22, 2010. Hope you all will attend to help make this rally a success. Please bring a COPY of your high school picture for decorations. Also, we need Chair people and helpers for the following committees.

Please think about it and let me know. Thank you. Chairman: Michael Sasuta

Activities for games (indoor & outdoor)	Opening Ceremonies
Activities for youth	Physical Arrangements
Crafts seminar	Sound and Stage

We thank all the volunteers who have signed up for the following committees listed below. Some will need more helpers-please check with the Chair Person.

	CHAIR PERSON	ASSISTANTS
Advertising/Public Relati	Cynthia Richard	
Catering & Food	Rich Kushman	Charlie Wilson, Lynn Blackwell
Backdrop for stage	Bard Fuller	More needed
Decorations	Evelyn Watts	Linda Boddie
Door Prizes & Raffles	Aili & Val Galasyn	John Fuller
Emcee	Ted & Lois Price	
Entertainment	Fran Ingallinera	
Opening Ceremony Music	Eileen Bartram	
Flea Market	Lynn Blackwell	Corinne Burnham, Charlotte LaRocca
Hospitality	Lydia Rosenbeck	Ruth Crockett, Dottie Walbridge
Local Info/Tourism	Lynn Blackwell	
Lost & Found	Bob & Helen Sandall	
Parking	Jeff Blackwell	Ted Price, Bill Watts, Niels Rosenbeck, Seb Pestretto
Program/Booklet	Raymond Richard	
Registration	Kathy Kushman	Lois Price, Trevor Lake
Seminars	Rich Walbridge	
Treasurer	Sandy Sasuta	
Vintage Club	Bard Fuller	





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Caravan Fee Includes:

- 7 nights camping with water and electric
- Welcome Bag
- A Visit from Abe Lincoln
- Pancake Breakfast
- Farewell Dinner
- Fire and Ice every night weather permitting



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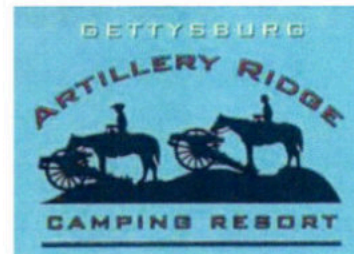
2 people in Airstream = \$375.00 Make Check Payable to: Raymond Richard

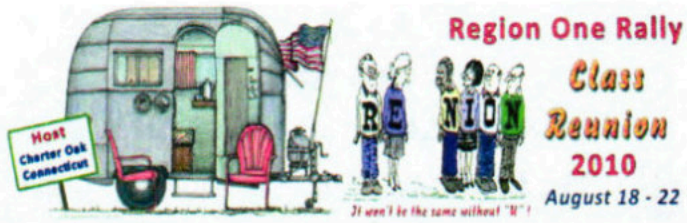
1 person in Airstream = \$350.00 Send Check to: P.O. Box 41 Moodus, CT 06469

Deposit of \$50 required by August 1, 2010

Deposit enclosed _____

Balance due 9/15/2010 _____





June 27—July 4, 2010



Rally Registration Forms are
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Durham Fair Grounds Hosted
by Jerry and Fran Ingallinara
and Mike and Sandy Sasuta

June Buddy Rendezvous

June 4 - 6 2010

Skylark Airport,
Ellington, CT

Hosted by Jim and Corinne
Burnham and
Giles and Joyce Rousseau

Joint Rally with Metro NY

June 10 - 13, 2010

Fort Schyler Bronx NY
Co-Hosted by the New York
Metro Unit and Charter Oak

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



More Words from your President,

Had the opportunity to speak with Lynn Blackwell, 1st Vice President and at a later occasion with her spouse, Jeff. They told Fran and I that the March 7th, luncheon at Max Amore which they co-hosted with Charlotte LaRocca and Gene Hickey went well. Twenty six members attended and were able to share some time together under the banner of the Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club. Thank you to our hosts on a job well done.

Fran and I look forward to being back in Connecticut to attend the April dinner meeting which will be hosted by Juanita and Sebby Prestretto on April 11th at the Tower Ridge Country Club in Simsbury. Mark the date on your calendar and plan on joining us. We'll be discussing the upcoming May Business meeting rally. See the flyer in this month's issue.

Michael and Sandy continue to work on planning the Region One Rally which Charter Oak will be hosting this August. There are still some committees that need chairs or co-chairs. Contact Mike if you can help in anyway and have not as yet signed up.

If you haven't sent Mike and Sandy a copy of your high school photo, please do so as these will be used as part of the decorations.

Once again, I wish you all good health and hope to see you down the road at one of our rallies/meetings enjoying yourself.

Be happy, be safe,

Jerry



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NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED Raymond and I have been the Editors of the Chatter for the past 5 years. Due to other commitments we will not be able to continue as Editors. We are looking for someone to take on this very important job. Our last Chatter will be December, 2010.

This person/s should be somewhat literate and an active member of the club. Please contact us if you have an interest in this position and of course we will be happy to help you with the transition.

Raymond and I enjoyed serving the club as the Newsletter Editors.

Cynthia Richard — 1445



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Happy 60th Anniversary

A celebration was held for
Jessie and Bud Gould
on March 20, 2010
A grand time was had by all



MARCH DINNER MEETING

A feeling of happiness filled the back room of the Max Amore restaurant as 27 Airstreamers gathered on a beautiful spring-like day for our March lunch meeting. Maybe the weather made us more aware of the need to get our campers ready, peruse our calendars and set our schedules for the season to come. It promises to be a very busy one with COCC hosting the Region One Rally in August.

After a time of friendly conversation and a delicious meal, we were quieted by our host Lynn Blackwell in order to get down to business. Aili Galasyn gave us some particulars on the door prize and raffle items needed for the Rally. All members are encouraged to donate a "theme" basket, some type of handcrafted item or other "treasure" to entice Rally-goers. (See the more detailed articles elsewhere in this Chatter.) Cynthia Richard then reminded us of the Fall Rally and Caravan to Gettysburg in October. Spaces are filling rapidly, so contact her or Ray asap if you're interested.

Thanks go to Lynn and Jeff Blackwell and their helpers who made this event a fun and informative one for all. Camping season is almost upon us- so get things ready by restocking those campers and setting your mind on the great times to come. It's all too short of a season, so start it off now by getting those Rally door prize items prepared and schedules organized to take advantage of COCC events.



Our Hosts—Gene Hickey and Charlotte LaRocca and Lynn and Jeff Blackwell



**The Long and Short of it
Fran Eckels and Raymond Richard**



Ray Boddie and Gene Hickey



DAY TRIP FROM REGION ONE RALLY

What do Tom Thumb and Jane Pauley have in common? They have both lived on one of the tiny, scenic, pink granite islands that lie in Long Island Sound, just south of Durham, the site of the 2010 Region I rally. (Jane and her husband Garry Trudeau the Doonesbury cartoonist still live there – but locals won't tell you where). At low tide, there are as many of 365 islands. Some very small – and some large enough to accommodate 20 spacious mostly Victorian homes.

Since the mid-1800s, the scenic islands have lured the wealthy for the view, and the splendid isolation. Buying a house there is out of reach for most mortals, but there are two tour boats that give informative and entertaining tours, and the hearty can rent a kayak to paddle through the islands. The tiny coastal town of Branford has a few cozy restaurants where you can start the day – and then rent a kayak from Stony Creek Kayak, go on the Sea Mist or the Volsunga IV to learn about the pirate history of the charming and historic Thimble Islands.

Connecticut has tons of history to explore, real dinosaur tracks to examine, and a special arts and crafts festival – all within easy drive of the Durham Fairgrounds. Stay tuned, as we highlight some of these treasures and entice you to make your plans to attend the Connecticut Region I rally August through , 2010.

Submitted by Lynn Blackwell



CALLING ALL RAFFLE DONATIONS

By Aili Galasyn

Charter Oak Unit members are all Directors for the upcoming Region One Rally in Durham, CT. Now is the time to start planning for door prizes and the raffle. If every member of Chatter Oak will make a contribution, no matter how small, it will be a great success.

Handcrafted items are always the most popular—knitted. Woven, crocheted, wood crafted. Pottery, etc. Val is weaving a special wool rug designed by Jason Collingwood, well known English rug weaver. Aili plans to weave a linen table runner. We love the beautiful handmade wood step-chair we won last year.

Small trailer-RV items for cooking, storage, maintenance ,etc., are popular. Val has a new Airstream flashlight to donate. Aili has a new set of Rubbermaid food storage containers. Cynthia Richard has already made two afghans.

All can contribute by making a number of "Director's Baskets" for the raffle. They can be based on any of many themes—art, cooking, fishing, golf, other sports, camping, sewing, coffee, tea, spices, s0a-s, rain gear, sun gear, LED lights, etc. Anything interesting you can think of—use your imagination!

Again, now is the time to start this project and not at the last minute. Please get in touch with Aili Galasyn at 86-546-9298, or 34 Buck Hill Road, Canterbury, CT 06331, or email vgalasyn@charter.net or ailli@charter.net

We have one volunteer. We need more, especially during the rally.

Aili and Val Galasyn
Co-Chairmen
Door prizes and Raffle



Charter Oak Luncheon

April 11, 2010

Cocktails 12 pm – 1 pm

Buffet at 1 pm

Imported and Domestic Cheese Display with Gourmet Crackers

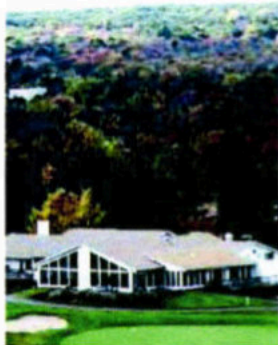
Fresh Seasonal Fruit Display

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Buffet Choices
 Pasta Primavera
 Sliced Sirloin
 Tower Ridge Chicken
 Oven Roasted Red Bliss
 Potatoes and Seasonal
 Vegetable Medley
 Toss Salad
 Pasta Salad
 Fruit Salad
 Rolls and Butter
 Coffee and Tea
 Assorted Chef's Dessert
 Display including Chocolate
 Covered Strawberries
 Petit Fours
 Lemon Squares
 Homemade Mouse
 Gourmet Cookies and
 Brownies

Hosted by Seb and
 Juanita Pestretto

Tower Ridge Country Club
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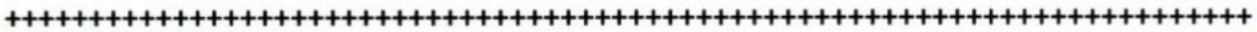
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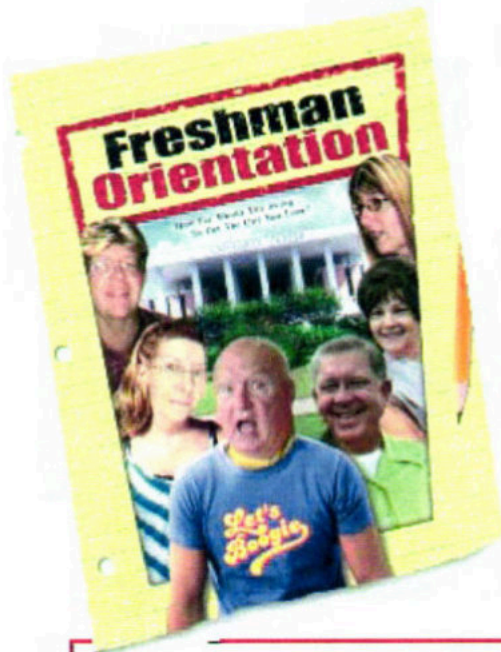
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FRIDAY	Arrive after 1 PM 4 PM Happy Hour 6 PM Dinner: Chili n' fixins, Dessert	
SATURDAY	8:30 AM French Toast Breakfast 10 AM Sharp: Spring Business Meeting followed by Region I Meeting 4 PM Happy Hour 6 PM Pot Luck Dinner, Bread, Salad & Dessert provided	
SUNDAY	8 AM Continental Breakfast	

NAME _____ WBCCI # _____

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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



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\$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.

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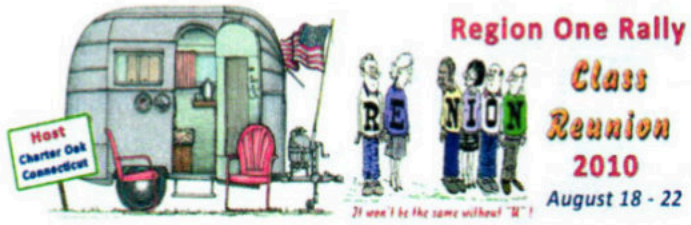
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June 27—July 4, 2010



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April 2010

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Words from the Prez:

It's nice to be back in warm and sunny Connecticut. Fran and I covered a total of 8050 miles round trip leaving directly after the COCU Christmas Dinner that was held in Danbury, CT for Traveler's Rest, Dade City, FL.. We enjoyed our season at TR seeing many of our Airstream friends from various parts of the country. We also traveled by car to visit Paradise Park in Punta Gorda and stay with our gracious hosts, Art and Carol Hall in one of their Airstream units. Carol even gave me one of her favorite table lamps with a beaded shade as we left as a souvenir of our visit. It now sits in our cabana in TR

Yes, it was cold in Florida this year but it was still fun. Interestingly, we arrived in Florida in 80 degree weather and likewise returned to Connecticut in 80 degree weather.

Attended the COCU Dinner Meeting at Tower Ridge Country Club, in Simsbury CT on Sunday, April 11th, 2010. Juanita and Sebby Prestretto did a great job in organizing this dinner. My thanks to them.

The upcoming schedule for rallies has been adjusted to reflect the following:

The POCONO NASCAR, July 29th to August 1st, 2010 rally will not be a WBCCI event as originally planned but is now an Airstream owners rally. Anyone wishing to attend should contact me for information.

Plans continue to develop by our chairman Michael Sasuta for the Region One Rally to be hosted by Charter Oak at the Durham Fairgrounds in Durham, CT. There still is a need for some volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Michael and offer your assistance. The May Rally/Business meeting called FRESHMAN ORIENTATION will be held at the fairgrounds in Durham, CT so we can check out the facilities and finalize plans for the upcoming Region One Rally in August. At this business meeting we will be voting for Region One officers. Please plan on attending so you can vote or contact me for details on casting your vote(s) if you won't be able to attend.

Fran and I are looking forward to joining the caravan to the International in Gillette, WY with caravan leaders, Rich and Dottie Walbridge. We'll be away from June thru mid July returning in plenty of time for the Cabela Rendezvous in East Hartford, CT being held the weekend of July 23rd to the 25th, 2010.

I hope this Chatter finds you in good health and spirits. See you down the road.

Jerry Ingallinera

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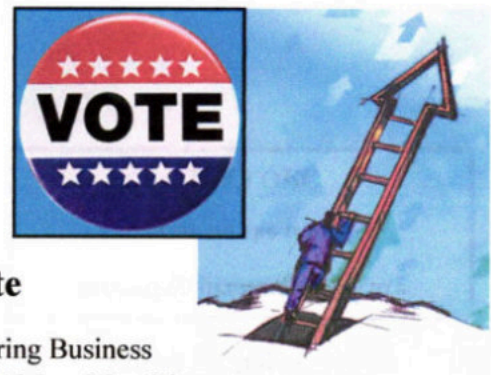
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Attend the Spring Business Meeting at 10AM on May 8th

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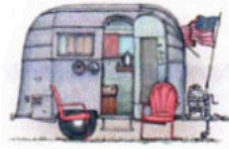
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Prez of COCU
210 Colby Drive
East Hartford, CT 06108



Our Hosts
Juanita and Seb Pestretto

April 11th Dinner Meeting
 Tower Ridge Country Club
 Simsbury, CT
 Submitted by
 Fran Ingallinera



It was a lovely sunny day as we took a pleasant drive to Simsbury for a COCU Dinner meeting. We were greeted by our hosts Juanita and Sebby Prestretto. Tables were set for the 24 members attending in a dining room with large windows overlooking a very green, very scenic golf course.

Before dinner, Raymond Richard led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and President Jerry Ingallinera said the blessing. We enjoyed a delicious buffet that included salad, mixed fruit, rolls, pasta, chicken, roast beef, roasted potatoes and mixed vegetable. Dessert was an assortment of cookies and mini-pastries.

President Ingallinera then addressed the group mentioning that the Pocono rally was no longer a WBCCI event. He suggested logging on to Defendwally.org so members could be aware of subjects being raised about our club. Jerry mentioned that volunteers are still need for the Region 1 Rally being chaired by Michael and Sandy Sasuta.

Evelyn Watts volunteered to design this year's bulletin board for the International Rally.

Jerry mentioned the need for someone to step up and volunteer to take over the Chatter from Cynthia and Raymond.

They have has been Newsletter Editor for several years and it's time for someone else to take over this important task.

Art and Carol Hall were present and Jerry announced that the Halls will be leaving Connecticut to take up permanent residence in Anacortis, WA. Their Florida property at Paradise Park in Punta Gorda has been sold and they now have their home in Norwalk up for sale. We're sorry to see the Halls leave but wish them well on their new adventure.

Aili Galasyn made a plea for donations of raffle and door prizes for the Region One Rally.

All in all a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon with COCU



Welcome Home
Phil and Fran Simmons



Second VP Lynn Blackwell and husband
Jeff



Carol and Art Hall talking with First
Lady Fran Ingallinera



DAY TRIP FROM REGION ONE RALLY



Owned and operated by the Lyman Family since 1741, Lyman Orchards is recognized as the ninth oldest family owned business in America. It is a must visit if you are in the area. Located at the junctions of Routes 147 and 157 in Middlefield, CT it is a short drive from the Durham Fairgrounds.

Lyman Orchards have many activities for you to enjoy.

The Sunflower Maze opens July 31. Get lost in the latest maze craze. It is carved in almost three acres and 235,000 of sunflowers located right in the center of the Orchards.

Pick your own peaches, blueberries and apples starting the end of July daily weather permitting.

The Apple Barrell is the largest indoor year round farm market. For a great shopping experience browse through fresh produce, bakery items, deli, grocery, chesse and gift items. Every day the deli features two delicious soups made on premises by the Lyman chefs.

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Whatever you choose to do on your day trip to Lyman Orchards you can be sure of great day!

April, 2010

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in Gillette, Wyoming



President's Monthly News

To be shared with WBCCI Members

Tom Collier, International President

We regret that Sandy Jackson has resigned as Region 10 president. Adolf Knopp is now Region 10 president. We wish him and his wife, Hazel, much success and know that you will join us in offering him your support.

The Airstream dealer at Gillette will be Toscano RV from California. He will be bringing new Airstreams, parts, and service personnel.

Some of you are aware that there is a very vociferous opposition group among our members. One member in this group recently sent out an email to our members asking for money to file a suit against the club. The assertions are baseless. As the club remains one of diverse opinions, the WBCCI leadership acts upon those opinions to seek results that will assure WBCCI prospers. This type of mailing is not endorsed or condoned by the WBCCI. Using membership information in this manner is a direct violation of WBCCI's policies and is subject to legal action.

Unit Web Pages

Some WBCCI units have not taken the opportunity to create their own web page on wbcci.net. A unit web page is one way to keep members informed and to attract new members to the unit. The number of hits on the WBCCI web site is continuing to increase.

Vendors

We still have space for more vendors at the International Rally in Gillette. If you, or someone you know, would like to be a vendor, please contact John Tetzlaff at jtetzla@mac.com.

Volunteers

The April Blue Beret listed many committees that are asking for volunteers. Members have said that volunteering is part of the fun at an International Rally. Being on a committee is an opportunity to meet members that one would not likely meet. There is a committee to fit almost everyone's interest. There are few, if any, qualifications to working on a committee. Please encourage all members to become part of a committee.

Flag Poles

Cindy Reed, our corporate manager, has been in contact with the company who supplies the flag poles sold in the WBCCI store. Because of material shortage, there is a very strong possibility that there will be no flag poles for sale in Gillette. Please pass this information to all the members in your region.

Pre-Rally Booklet

Each of you should have your April issue of the *Blue Beret* by now and have had a chance to look at the Pre-Rally Booklet pull-out that was in each issue. This was sent to each member so the early workers and those interested in tours would have information before their arrival.

Membership Totals

As of March 31, membership totals for 2010 reflect only a 1.8% decrease from 2009. This time last year our loss was 5.6%. A small victory

Parking at Gillette

One question we have already been asked was that none of the parking lots were marked in the usual colors (red, blue, green, etc). All RV parking at the Cam-Plex Center are on regular RV parking spaces, so each lot has a name and each spot is numbered. When you register, you will give your lot, row, and space number which is well marked. This will make it easier for emergency responders to find you as they are familiar with the facility. Most members will be parked in Boxelder. When that area is full, members will park in Reata. Windmill is designated as handicapped parking. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all these lots were filled, and we had to use Marquee!

Informational Items

- The city of Gillette will have their Cancer Society Relay for Life and Survivor Banquet on June 18 & 19, 2010. The chairman of the event is looking forward to having WBCCI members participate in the event. The *Blue Beret* has all the details.
- To schedule the use of a local park while in Gillette, contact Campbell County Parks and Recreation Department at 307-682-7406. For reservations contact Dave at dave@ccgov.net. Reservations are taken on a first come basis.
- We need block party hosts for the June 27th block parties. Please contact me if you are interested.
- This year at the International Rally there will be a mentoring committee. Each mentor will be assigned first timers to mentor during the rally. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering for this committee.

"To live fully each day, one must explore new possibilities and discover the path set before him."

Region One Note:

Five Immediate Openings for Chair People for the following:

Activities for Youth, Activities for games (indoor & outdoor), Opening Ceremonies, Physical Arrangements, Sound & Stage

Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Contact Michael Sasuta 203-494-7467 or email sandysas1001@att.net

Hope to have a good turnout at the May Rally, May 7-9, 2010, in Durham to go over all the details. (Flyer is in this Chatter, also on line) See you there!

Agenda - COCU May Business Meeting May 8th, 2010 - 10:00 AM

Durham Fairgrounds, Durham Connecticut

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Executive Board and determination of quorum

Recording Secretary's Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Report of Standing Committees:

Legislation

Membership

Voting for International Officers

Unfinished Business

New business

Announcements and Programs

Adjournment

Ballot for Election of 2010-2011 WBCCI International Officers

Meeting to be held at Durham Fairgrounds, Durham, CT. 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 8th, 2010

Please place a check next to the candidate you wish to elect:

President: Norm Beau _____

1st Vice Pres: Barry Heckenswiler _____

2nd Vice Pres: Don Clark _____

3rd Vice Pres: John Boutwell _____

Recording Secretary: Sandy Perryman _____

Treasurer: Bob Moss _____

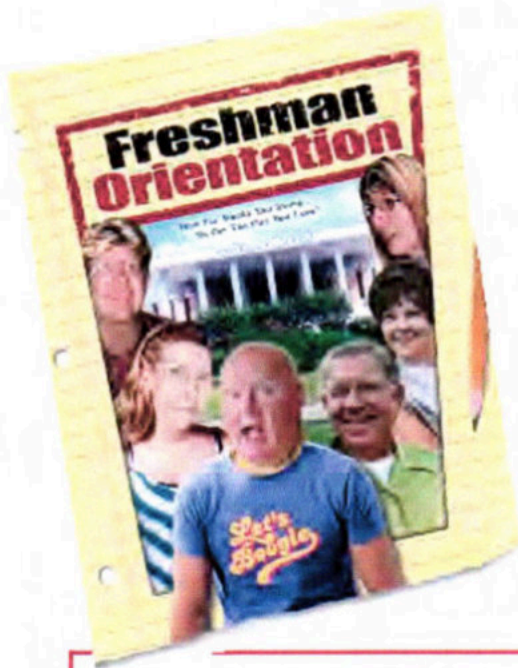
Nominating Committee: Richard Heyde _____

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Note: Ballots will be accepted by email: Airstream1@sbcglobal.net (2 days before the meeting).

In addition to email a ballot will be accepted by ground mail postmarked no later than two days prior to the meeting. Paper ballots will be opened at the meeting.

Eligibility for voting: One vote per club membership number except for co-owners who each pay International and Unit Dues to this Unit.



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SUNDAY	8 AM Continental Breakfast	

NAME _____ WBCCI # _____

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Rally Fee 2 in trailer @\$10.00	= \$20.00 (Children under 12 Free)
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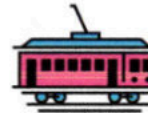
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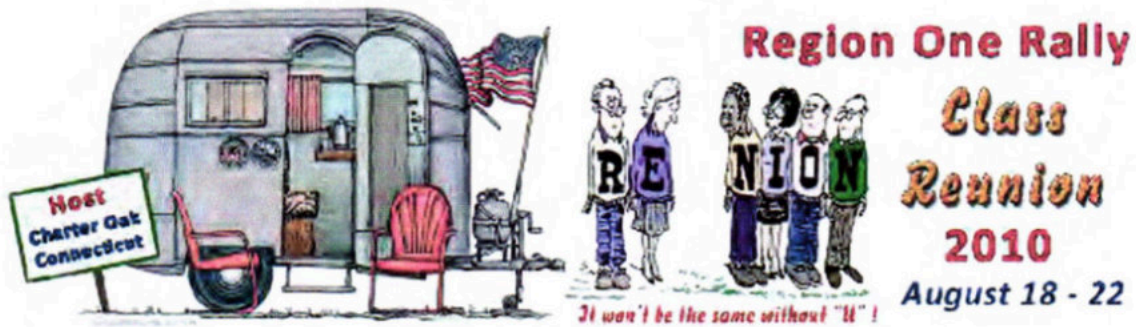
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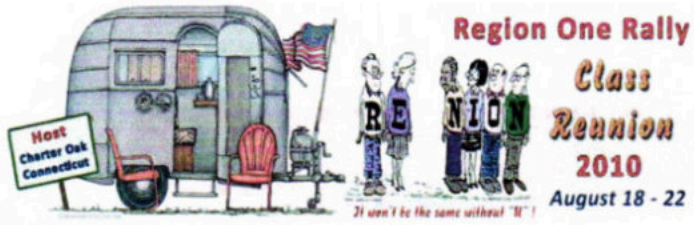
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Jeff and Lynn Blackwell



What a lovely sight - 12 Airstreams lined up at the Durham Fairgrounds

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



More words from the Prez - May, 2010

Well here we are again at least in fairly warmer weather and the rigs are on the road. You can see the write-up in the Chatter of our May business meeting held at the Durham Fairgrounds in Durham, Connecticut. I have lots of items to cover and so let me start.

Michael and Sandy Sasuta as usual did a fabulous job along with my wife, Fran in putting the May business meeting rally together and I want to thank Lois Price for taking up the task of the write-up of that event. It's always great to see friends and what I consider "family" at the first outdoor event of the season.

Here's some news I'd like to share with the club about people and events. Let me start first with people. We want to wish Kim Terry all the success in the world in her upcoming ankle replacement surgery. Her husband Rob informs me that this is major surgery that will take place at Yale. Kim will be recovering throughout the summer months before she undergoes surgery to replace her second ankle. Brian Brosnahan tells us that due to a commitment to visit his sister in Indianapolis who is undergoing cancer treatment that he will be on the sidelines for awhile but hopefully will see us at the November installation dinner. We understand that Corinne Burnham has successfully completed surgery and is on the mend. That is good news. Fina Bachar is scheduled for knee replacement surgery the end of May. Looks like John, her husband, will have to pick up the household chores while she recuperates. I know he's up to the task. Debbie Cocco who treated Fran and I to ice cream at Durham's best ice cream stand, will have knee replacement the end June. It was great seeing Debbie and getting caught up on the Cocco family happenings. She plans again this year to motor with the motor home by herself to a June 11th family celebration, the birthday of the late Greg Cocco. I know the club will wish all of these members well in their surgical events and I'm sure a phone call or a card would be appreciated.

Before I get on to the events, I want to let the Airstream club members know that in this Chatter you will see a notice concerning the February 8th, 2010 fire tragedy that Bob and Sharon Henschel suffered at their home. As mentioned in our April meeting prayer, I stated that we were happy that God spared them any injury. That being said, the club has decided to conduct a financial assistance program of sorts for the Henschel's benefit. As the article will inform you, I have asked Ruth Crockett to coordinate this effort. Please be generous, as I know you will. I know we discussed a deadline for this effort and I think the July Rendezvous at Cabela's will be an appropriate time to make a presentation to the Henschel's if they are available to drive up.

President's Message cont'd from page 1

Valenti's is gone as an Airstream dealer. Stay tuned for who might be filling that void, and it is a big void as Valenti has been very good to our club in the past.

Region I Rally, August 18th thru August 22nd, 2010: Please help Mike and Sandy Sasuta by getting your reservation and money in place for this event so that they can continue to plan and fund the activities. Speaking of activities there is always room for more volunteers and I would urge you to contact Michael Sasuta . (See the flyer in this Chatter). Remember "U" are important to the success of our Region I Rally. Don't delay. Do it now if you can.

Some footnotes to what is happening with other future rallies, both the Ft. Schuyler and Pocono Raceway rally are slated to be Airstream Owners rallies not related to anything connected with WBCCI. I am still looking for someone to act as the COCU contact that Leo Garvey can get in touch with regarding these rallies. Will anyone step up to the plate? Please call me at 860 289-9149. Leave a message.

Legal efforts continue to resolve issues with the WBCCI and the Save Wally group. For more information you can visit www.DefendWally.org. I tell you this so you can be truly informed about the issues.

Fran and I leave on June 1st, 2010 with the Wandering to Wyoming Caravan (R-278). Rich Waldbridge and his group have planned what will be an exciting caravan leading to arrival at the International. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we travel west.

One last thought, we have, Lynn Blackwell and I sought out an individual to take over the responsibilities of the Chatter and we hope that individual will agree. Will keep you posted on that as it develops. Also, hint---anyone interested in taking over the post of quartermaster which includes the shed, there will be an opening there at the end of this camping season. Once again call 860 289-9149 leave a message.

Stay well, stay healthy and we will see you down the road,

Jerry Ingallinera - 18081

THOUGHTS AND CARES

Our sympathies to the families of Betty Clark and Elaine Tower who passed away recently.

Wishing a speed recovery to Pam Pestreto and Jeanne Wilson



**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO
SIGNED UP FOR THE
AIRSTREAMS AND
BATTLEFIELDS CARAVAN
OCTOBER 3 - 10, 2010**

**ALL FULL HOOK-UPS ARE TAKEN
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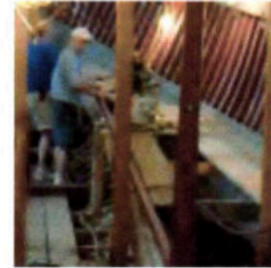


DAY TRIP FROM REGION ONE RALLY MYSTIC, CT

As purists will tell you, the town of Mystic does not really exist; Old Mystic comprises a couple of quaint streets north of the highway, while tourists are drawn to the maritime recreations at Mystic Seaport, a couple of miles south, and its bustling downtown just across the Mystic River. The drawbridge leading downtown is still raised hourly and on request for some magnificent taller ships sailing through. The area's biggest draw is the Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration, exit 90 off I-95 home to over twelve thousand weird and wonderful marine specimens, including penguins, sea lions, piranhas, and the only Beluga whales in New England.

Mystic Seaport -- The Museum of America and the Sea -- is the nation's leading maritime museum and the area's other big draw, where more than sixty buildings house old-style workshops and stores reflecting life in a nineteenth century seafaring village. In the Preservation Shipyard watch the restoration and maintenance of a vast collection of wooden ships, among them the 1841 Charles W. Morgan, the last wooden whaling ship in the world. Founded in 1929, more than 300,000 people continue to visit Mystic Seaport annually.

The city of New London, just west of Mystic, at the mouth of the Thames River, also offers many places of historic interest as well as a lively downtown and a refurbished waterfront, home of the U.S. Coast Guard's training barque Eagle and many well-themed festivals.



Important News – Member Needs Help

Long time members of Charter Oak, Bob and Sharon Henschel, are right now going through a very difficult time. They have suffered a tragic and terrible loss when their home was destroyed by fire on February 8th. Living now in a trailer on their property they can still be reached at 436 Linkfield Road, Watertown, CT 06795 - 860-274-3768.

We Connecticut Airstreamers have historically supported members in distress. Right now Bob and Sharon need our support in every way possible.

Ruth Crockett has agreed to organize Charter Oak assistance – please contact Ruth with any assistance possible. Ruth Crockett - 860-489-9566 - 860-485-2218 - ruthcrockett@sbcglobal.net



FRESHMAN ORIENTATION RALLY

May 7, 8, 9, 2010

At Durham Fairgrounds, Durham, CT

It was good to see 12 Airstreams pulling into the rally site in Durham for the Spring Business Meeting as well as the Region I Rally planning meeting. Several of our members came just for the meetings.

Friday, a Happy, Happy Hour followed by a chili and fixins' dinner and campfire. Gil and Joyce Rousseau stopped by for Happy Hour held under the Price's awning resplendent with Happy Hour Banner.

Saturday, after a bountiful French toast breakfast, the Spring Business was conducted by our illustrious leader, Jerry Ingallinera. Immediately following, Mike Sasuta brought us up to date on the upcoming Region I Rally to be held in August. Much planning for this event has already been done. There were many questions and answers and a good exchange of ideas. Rest assured, the challenges will be met and COCU will host another successful event with Mike and Sandy Sasuta at the helm.

At the appointed hour (4:00 PM) delicious snacks were shared followed by a Pot Luck Supper including homemade desserts.

After a chilly weekend and a Continental Breakfast the happy campers departed the rally site.

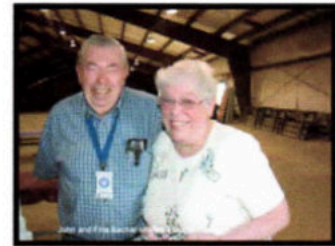
Thanks go to our hosts, Sandy and Mike Sasuta, Fran and Jerry Ingallinera.

Attendees and guests:

John and Fina Bachar, Dick and Eileen Bartram, Jeff and Lynn Blackwell, Bud and Jessie Gould, Gene Hickey and Charlotte LaRocca, Seb and Juanita Pestretto, Ted and Lois Price, Bob and Helen Sandall, Phil and Fran Simmons, Bill and Evelyn Watts

Business meeting: Debbie Cocco, Roger and Ruth Crockett, Dan Dureiko, Fran and Maureen Eckels, John and Bard Fuller, Val Galalyn, Toni Nolter and Niels and Lydia Rosenbeck. Also in attendance were Nelson and Hazel, Maureen Eckel's aunt and uncle from Canada.

The Price daughters, Lisa and Alison as well as Mike and Sandy's daughter, Natalie with husband Mark and son, Trent joined us for Saturday night's festivities.



Land Yachts at the Marina Rendezvous-Rally

June 25-27

(The Wyoming Alternative)

Riverside Marina, Portland, CT.



Your Hosts: The Fuller Family

John, Bard, Russ, Kathy, Rhona

This is a great location, centrally located, right on the Connecticut River at one of the busiest marinas in the area. Each site has a water view, many are waterfront. All sites have electric and water with many having a concrete slab. Rest rooms and showers are available in marina office. Note, there is no dump station.

Friday - Arrive after 2pm, 4:30 Happy hour, 8:00 Campfire weather permitting.

Saturday - 7:30 Continental breakfast, 4:30 Happy hour, 6:00 Mariners pot luck (You provide a side dish or dessert. The host provides hamburgs and dogs with rolls), 8:00 Campfire.

Sunday - 7:30 Continental Breakfast.

Directions:

From Hartford or Old Saybrook take Rt. 9 to Middletown then Rt 66 East over the Arrigoni bridge.

At the Intersection of 17A turn Right and continue on Rt 66 for 0.8 mile (4th traffic light). Take Right on Grove St. go 0.4 mile, Right on Riverview Rd. go 0.2 mile. On your left is the "Riverside Marina".

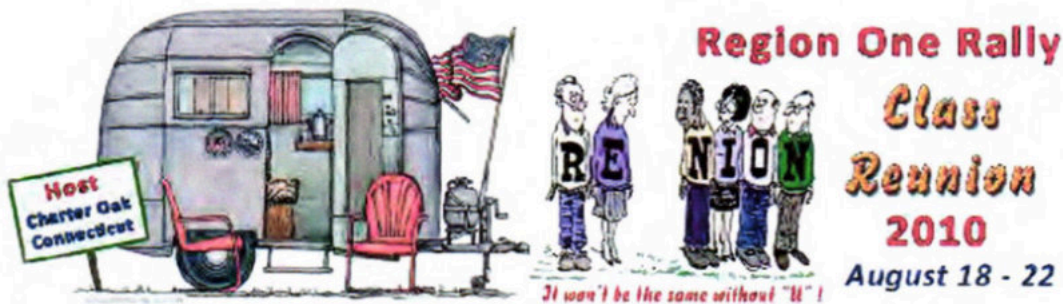
(there are several marinas make sure you are at "Riverside Marina"). Go through marina, look for silver.

From Rt 2 in Marlborough, Ct. travel Rt 66 West 11.9 miles to Grove St. Take a left then follow above.

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 Kitty fee \$13.00 per adult (under 12 free) Number of adults ___ X \$13.00 = _____
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Make checks to Russ Fuller
 26 Luciano Dr.
 Southington, Ct. 06489

Info: Russ at 860 747 1193
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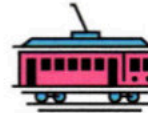
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Exit #58 off I 84

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

Friday – Arrive anytime after 1 PM

4:30 PM Happy Hour

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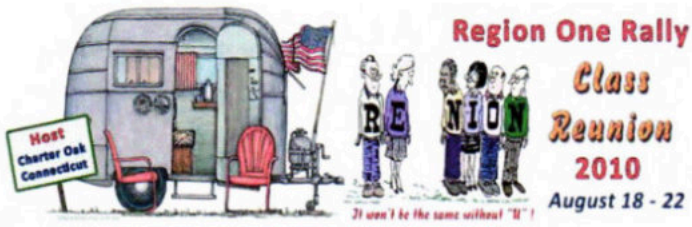
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We'll be holding a raffle for gift cards at Cabela's - \$10 a ticket.

While there is no fee we need a count. So reserve your spot by calling
860 289-9149 or emailing Airstream1@sbcglobal.net by **July 17th, 2009**

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



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Chaired by
Mike and Sandy Sasuta



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



„Hello there, Folks,

Fran and I are in East Hartford on this last day of May, 2010. We have been preparing to head out tomorrow, June 1, 2010, to rendezvous in Danbury, CT with the Wandering to Wyoming Caravan. Nine trailers will start out and eventually join up with 4 others as we travel west. I'm sure that Rich and Dottie Walbridge, our caravan leaders have done their homework in organizing this wonderful caravan out to the International.

Let me backtrack for a moment and tell you that I did spend 5 glorious days in Hartford Hospital with a UTI which had exacerbated into the bloodstream. I was taken from a parking lot in East Hartford by ambulance for a short ride across the river. It was a funny scenario because when I couldn't walk, I was parked in front of a liquor store. I overheard one of the two young ladies who came to my aid say, "I think he's been drinking and he's drunk". Only wish that would have been the case.

Many thanks to the folks who called during my recovery. Made a lot of friends on the 5th Floor at Hartford Hospital.

Some news about Airstream dealerships: I have been trying to fill the void created when Valenti dropped their dealership. They would have been my prime choice for the Region One Rally Airstream Dealer display. So far we are "dealerless" for the Region One Rally. Offered an opportunity to an outfit in Danbury, CT but they won't be coming online with their dealership until well into the Fall....strike one! The new dealership located in Massachusetts at Bay State Ford is pending but not in time for our August Region One Rally....strike two! Offered Colonial Airstream in Lakewood, NJ an opportunity to be in Durham but due to personnel problems and distance they declined....strike three! Anyone who has an idea on how to get an Airstream dealer in the "tent" I would sure love to hear from you.

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Region One Rally in Durham, CT: Mike and Sandy Sasuta, Chairpersons continue to do an outstanding job in planning every detail of the rally. I truly lucked out in being able to recruit the Sasutas for this event. It is a big job. I hope you have contacted Mike and Sandy to volunteer with a task and that your reservation/check is in their hands. Please take a moment to do it now if you haven't as yet.

We continue to seek funds for Bob and Sharon Henschel in order to show our club support for them regarding the fire in their home in February of this year. Ruth Crockett is in charge of receiving funds. No check is too small or too big. We're looking for membership support. We will present a check to Bob and Sharon at the July Cabela's rendezvous. Thanks to all who have supported this cause.

Things move forward on the many rallies and get togethers planned. See the flyers in this month's Chatter for details.

THOUGHTS AND CARES

Serafina Bachar
recovering from knee surgery
Raynold Lemaire
Jerry Ingallinera
Rich Walbridge



GOD LOVES DRUNKS AND AIRSTREAMERS, TOO

A man and his wife were sleeping in their Airstream in a very nice campground. They were sleeping soundly to the rhythm of the pouring rain. At 3:00 am there was a loud pounding on the door. The man goes to the door, where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain is asking for a push.

"Not a chance", says the husband, "it is 3 in the morning." He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asks the wife.

"Just some drunk looking for a push" answers the husband.

"Did you help him?" she asks.

"No I did not. It's 3 am and it is pouring rain out there!"

"Well you have a short memory" she replies. "Remember a few months ago when we broke down with our Airstream on the side of the Interstate and three other Airstreamers stopped to help us. I think you should have helped him and you should be ashamed of yourself! God loves drunk people too!"

The man does as he is told, goes out into the pouring rain. He calls out into the dark "Are you still here?"

"Yes" comes back the answer. "Do you still need a push?" the man inquires.

"Yes, please." comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing set" replies the drunk.



AIRSTREAM REPAIR

George Hernandez who was the lead Airstream mechanic at Valenti's and also a New York dealer before that and actually worked on the Airstream owned by NASA has relocated to:

911 Motorsport, Inc.
520 R Watertown Ave.
Waterbury, CT 06078
Ph 203-755-8405

E-mail 911motorsports@snet.net or
ghrvtech@hotmail.com

Thanks to Charlie Wilson for forwarding
this information

DAY TRIP FROM REGION ONE RALLY

ESSEX STEAM TRAIN



Located a short distance from Durham is Essex, CT., home of the Essex Steam Train . It is operated by the Valley Railroad Company. This is a fun filled adventure for children and adults of all ages.

Coal-fired locomotives pull the collection of restored railroad cars. You will be swept away in a hiss of steam and the clickety-clack of the tracks. You will travel through some of the most beautiful countryside, forests, nostalgic towns and some gorgeous views of the Connecticut River. You will see several coves and preserves that are inaccessible by car. The train will pass near the tidal wetlands of Pratt Cove and Chester Creek, which a perfect habitat for birds Cormorants, ducks, swans, Greenland Geese, Blue Heron, egrets are often seen.



You will also see the historic Goodspeed Opera House and Gillette Castle. Throughout the trip there is a narrative about the local history, natural wonders, and legends that abound in



this area of Connecticut.

During the summer, what better way to cool off than a ride in an open railway car and enjoying the forest shade. Round trip takes about one hour and the top travel speed is about 20 miles per hour.

Bring your camera. You will want to bring home the beautiful images with which to remember your trip.

An Update to All Unit Members: From: Michael Sasuta/Rally Chairman

As you know, we are planning the 2010 Region One Rally at Durham Fairgrounds, Durham, CT on August 18th. A few things we'd like to mention for those planning to attend:

If possible, we'd like a copy of your high school picture, preferably an 8x10 or whatever is available, with your name and unit printed in pencil on the back. We would like to use these in a collage for decorations in the building.

Also, we will be having a flea market/craft/hobby show on Friday, Aug. 20, from 9 to 12. Please bring your items to sell or display. If interested, the sign-up sheet will be at registration.

Saturday evening we're having a dance-the DJ will have all types of music. Dress accordingly for the decade you would like to represent.

At Registration, there will also be sign-up sheets to volunteer for food preparation, servers, clean-up as well as other committees. Early parking is Tuesday, August 17th-help is needed for set up, decorating, etc.

For your information, here is a brief review of the rally program so that you can be prepared:

Tuesday:Early Parking

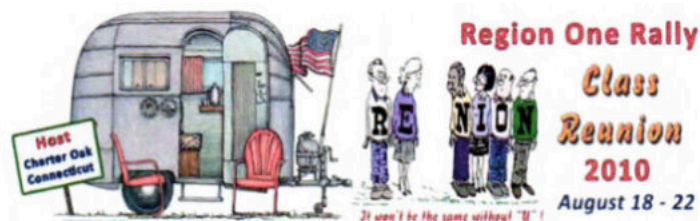
Wednesday:Dinner provided, Opening Ceremonies, Entertainment

Thursday:Breakfast, Registration, Things to do in the area, Dinner on your own

Friday: Breakfast, Flea Market/crafts, Late Registration, Dinner on your own, light entertainment

Saturday:Breakfast, Region One Business Meeting, Dinner provided, Dance followed by Closing Ceremonies

Sunday: Depart before noon



ON THE WAY TO WYOMING

SITE OF THE 53 RD INTERNATIONAL

It is that time of the year when Airstreams start to gather at the site of the International Rally. This year that is Gillette, Wyoming.

Several members are on the way to Wyoming via different routes. Raymond and I left Connecticut on May 1 to begin our journey to Gillette. We have taken the long way around and took a side trip to Dayton, Ohio for the annual Hamvention and then up through Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. As of this writing we have traveled over 4,000 miles and we still have about 500 to go.

As I said we took the long way around.



We saw Niagara Falls, camped on two of the Great Lakes and saw all five of them. We visited the home of the original buffalo wings, the automotive museum in Dearborn and attended the Region 4 Rally in Wauseon, Ohio. The picture at the right is Raymond and I on the "Maid of the Mist" for our ride to Horseshoe and Bridal Falls. You really need the rain gear and the boat is named correctly!

Another group is traveling with Region One Caravan. COCU President and First Lady are on the caravan to Wyoming with Airstreamers from Cape Cod, New England, Virginia and Pennsylvania. They met on Tuesday, June 1st at the Danbury Rest Area off I 84 where they learned that their leader, Rich Walbridge was in the hospital and would be joining them later. Trevor Lake took over as leader.

The first stop was Camper's Haven in Bath, NY where we had a pleasant surprise. Soon to be installed Region 1 2nd VP Raymond Richard and his bride, Cynthia had been there a few days before and left a wheel barrel full of wood for our campfire. Cynthia even had a card with a poem for the group.

On Thursday the group traveled to Corning, NY where they toured both the Rockwell Art Museum (not Norman) and the Corning Glass Museum.

As of this writing, it is Saturday evening and we are at PennWood Airstream Park. The PA Unit was holding its June rally and we were invited to join in. We had a delicious egg casserole for breakfast and a BBQ Pork dinner this evening. To everyone's great joy our Caravan leaders, Rich and Dottie Walbridge arrived this evening at 6:30 just in time for dinner. Rich is fully recovered and eager to get on with the rest of the caravan. Tomorrow we head out early for Delaware, OH.



COCU President , Jerry Ingallinera ready for the



The group visits at the start of the caravan



Trevor Lake attends the fire at Bath, NY



Charlie and Sandy Eglise, Past President and First Lady of COCU

Text contributed by Cynthia Richard and Fran Ingallinera — Pictures by Jerry and Fran Ingallinera

CONGRATULATIONS TO NIELS AND LYDIA ROSENBECK ON BECOMING GREAT GRANDPARENTS FOR THE FIRST TIME!



June, 2010

Explore Discover

in Gillette, Wyoming



President's Monthly News

To be shared with all WBCCI Members

Tom Collier, International President

This is my last newsletter to you. I have enjoyed this opportunity to share information with you and have attempted to keep you informed as to some of the "behind the scenes" happenings.

Due to some disharmony in WBCCI, it is most important that you share this newsletter with all unit members.

A few months ago, some non-members were using a facsimile of the WBCCI logo on their web sites, and one was advertising a rally using Wally Byams's name. WBCCI's lawyer sent Cease and Desist letters, and one non-member re-named the event and changed his logo. The second person has refused to change the logo he uses on his web site so that situation is still pending.

It saddens me that so many of our members choose to get information from web sites other than WBCCI.org, the official web site for our club. Much of the information on the other forums may be misleading, half truths, and rumor.

One of the latest postings is that WBCCI is being sued by the Metropolitan New York Unit, which has 32 members. To date, neither WBCCI Headquarters nor any International Officer has been officially notified of a lawsuit against the club. Should a lawsuit be filed, WBCCI will vigorously defend itself. However, even if a lawsuit is not filed, all the disharmony and talk of a suit has already caused the club to overspend the budget line for legal fees.

Some letters have been mailed to WBCCI members by members of the Metropolitan New York Unit requesting members to send money to help with the lawsuit. These letters are not condoned by WBCCI Headquarters, the International Officers, or the Region Presidents. These letters are very politely written and say that the money will go to save the club. If a few members sue and the club defends itself in court, lawyer fees could be exorbitant. The question is, "How will this save the club?" Anytime a lawsuit is filed, there is only one winner, the lawyers.

If you wish to not receive any more of these letters, then please let the authors of the letters and the MNYU know how you feel. Hearing from other members and units will have impact.

WBCCI has in place, through its Constitution and Bylaws, ways to change the organization. We encourage members and units to use these Constitutional provisions for change.

Some Changes Over the Past Thirty Years

History is interesting. At the International Rally in Gillette, Loretta Moss, club historian, will have WBCCI history books on display. Below are some interesting historical facts. Please join Loretta in reading about some additional bits of our history.

- In the mid 1970s, Airstream Corporation ceased to be the sole sponsor of WBCCI. Until then, WBCCI's offices were in an Airstream building, and anyone who purchased an Airstream, became a WBCCI member.
- After WBCCI moved out of Airstream facilities, our membership began its decline.
- At one time, all members, not just those on stage, wore tuxes and ball gowns to installation.
- Less than 20 years ago, none of the International Officers could leave their Airstreams until after the International President left his.
- In 1998, the usherettes wore white gloves each evening.
- Until the past decade, members were not openly encouraged to attend the Mid-Winter IBT.
- The rally in Lansing, Michigan was the first to offer 30 amp electricity using large generators.
- Until the rally in Perry, Georgia, female spouses of Region and International Officers wore white suits to the Opening Ceremonies.
- The 2007 International Rally in Perry, Georgia was the first to "stream" the IBT Seminar and IBT Meeting.
- In 2009, WBCCI sold one of the three cargo trailers used to carry supplies to International Rallies. Only one cargo trailer is needed in Gillette.

Other Items of Interest

- Frank Carson, #23343, has just recruited his 100th member! Congratulations, Frank. What an example to set for the rest of us.
- Registrations for Gillette are 720 as of May 26th, and there have been no cancellations this week.
- At the present time, we have about 54 seminars scheduled. Some of these are repeats, and the number includes vendor seminars.
- There are several new seminars that are of special interest to women.
- At the back of the Rally Program Book, seminars and brief description are listed by date and time.
- The Youth Schedule is incorporated in with the regular daily schedule.
- Any one who has decided to attend the International Rally may still do so. You pay your rally fee when you go through verification. This includes early workers as well.
- The Canada Day entertainment has been changed to the April Verch Band from Ontario.
- Cam-Plex has begun a recycling program. While we are there, we will be able to recycle!
- The Airstream that was used for the Post Office is being sold because of the expense of having it towed from one International Rally site to the next.

**TRAVEL SAFELY TO THE
53rd WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY**

Land Yachts at the Marina Rendezvous-Rally

June 25-27

(The Wyoming Alternative)

Riverside Marina, Portland, CT.



Your Hosts: The Fuller Family

John, Bard, Russ, Kathy, Rhona

This is a great location, centrally located, right on the Connecticut River at one of the busiest marinas in the area. Each site has a water view, many are waterfront. All sites have electric and water with many having a concrete slab. Rest rooms and showers are available in marina office. Note, there is no dump station.

Friday - Arrive after 2pm, 4:30 Happy hour, 8:00 Campfire weather permitting.

Saturday - 7:30 Continental breakfast, 4:30 Happy hour, 6:00 Mariners pot luck (You provide a side dish or dessert. The host provides hamburgs and dogs with rolls), 8:00 Campfire.

Sunday - 7:30 Continental Breakfast.

Directions:

From Hartford or Old Saybrook take Rt. 9 to Middletown then Rt 66 East over the Arrigoni bridge.

At the Intersection of 17A turn Right and continue on Rt 66 for 0.8 mile (4th traffic light). Take Right on Grove St. go 0.4 mile, Right on Riverview Rd. go 0.2 mile. On your left is the "Riverside Marina".

(there are several marinas make sure you are at "Riverside Marina"). Go through marina, look for silver.

From Rt 2 in Marlborough, Ct. travel Rt 66 West 11.9 miles to Grove St. Take a left then follow above.

Name _____ WBCCI # _____
 Camping Fee for weekend ----- \$50.00
 Kitty fee \$13.00 per adult (under 12 free) Number of adults ___ X \$13.00 = _____
 Total = _____

Make checks to Russ Fuller
 26 Luciano Dr.
 Southington, Ct. 06489

Info: Russ at 860 747 1193
 Bard at 860 621 9246 or bardfuller@hotmail.com
 (Bard will not be available 5/28 – 6/13)



Weekend July 23th – July 25th, 2010

Join us for a Rendezvous at Cabela's
475 East Hartford, Blvd. N, East Hartford, CT 06118
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 local attractions

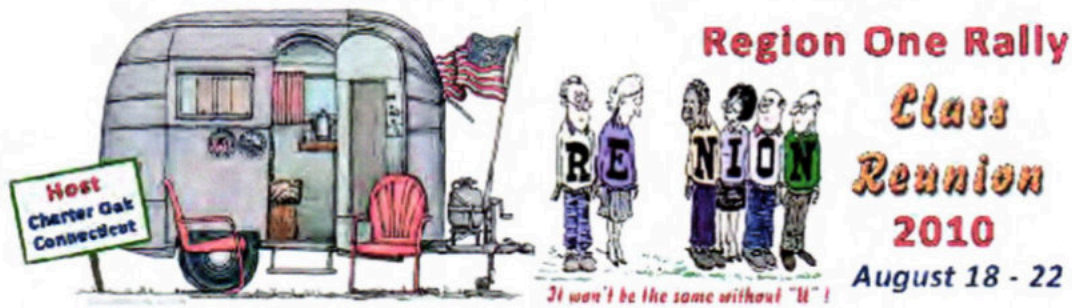
4:30 PM Happy Hour

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 by **July 17th, 2009**

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



Durham Fairgrounds in Durham, Connecticut www.durhamfair.com
 Fees include 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, entertainment, water, electric & dump station.
 Notice of cancellation must be made by August 11, 2010

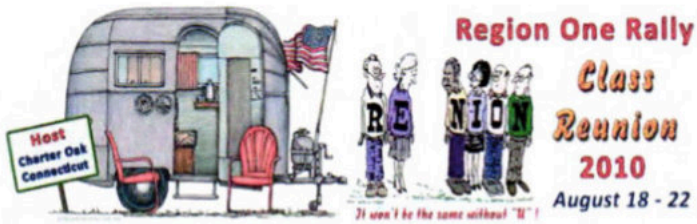
Directions: From I-91 – Take Exit 15 (Yalesville/Durham, Rt. 68) Take Rt. 68 east to Durham. At next stop sign bear left. You will travel 5 miles to Durham. Follow the WBCCI signs into the fairgrounds.
 From Rt. 9 – Take Exit 11(Durham, Rt. 155 to Rt. 17) Take Rt. 155 West for 2 miles. At traffic light, bear left onto Rt. 17 to Durham. Travel 5 miles to Durham Center. Follow the WBCCI signs into fairgrounds.

Points of Interest			
Block Island Ferry	Westbrook Outlet Shops:	Carousel Museum	CT River Museum
Yale Museum & Tour:	CT Science Museum	CT Trolley Museum	Clinton Crossing Outlet:
Dinosaur State Park	Essex Steam Train	Foxwood Casino	Gillette Castle
Goodspeed Opera House	Hammonasset Beach	Historic Old Wetherfield	Mark Twain House
Mohegan Sun Casino	Mystic Aquarium	Mystic Seaport	Pequot Museum

Fees: Payable in U. S. Funds Checks Payable to: Charter Oak CT

Trailer with 2 persons – includes 4 nights parking	\$275.00	\$
Trailer with 1 person includes 4 nights parking	\$225.00	\$
Each Additional Person Number: ___@	\$65.00	\$
Each Child 13-18 (12 & under - FREE) Number: ___@	\$45.00	\$
Early Parking Tuesday, August 17 th after noon	\$30.00	\$
Weekend Special: 2 Persons – 2 nights parking – Fri. & Sat.	\$195.00	\$
1 Person – 2 nights parking – Fri. & Sat.	\$150.00	\$
Each Additional Person Number: ___@	\$45.00	\$
Each Child 13-18 – Fri. & Sat. Number: ___@	\$35.00	\$
Total:		

Name:	WBCCI#:
Address:	Unit Name:
City, State/Province, Zip:	Phone:
Email:	Cell:
All Youths Names & Ages:	
<small>To guarantee parking in Handicap or Vintage it must be indicated on this form.</small>	
Length of Rig: _____	Handicap Parking: ___ Yes ___ No Vintage Trailer Parking ___ Yes ___ No
Region One Rally 2010 Mail before August 1, 2010 to:	
Sandy Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460 Telephone: 203-494-7467 Email: sandysas1001@att.net	



June 27—July 4, 2010



Rally Registration Forms are available on the internet;
WBCCI.ORG

Your Editor and Chief
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Bright and shiny vintage trailer seen at Region 4 Rally in Wauseon, Ohio



Charter Oak Chatter

The WBCCI Airstream RV Association

August 2010

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



Upcoming Events

Region One Rally

August 18 - 22, 2010

Durham Fair Grounds

Hosted by Charter Oak Unit

Chaired by

Mike and Sandy Sasuta

Fall Rally

October 1 - 3, 2010

American Family Campground

Godeffroy, NY

Hosted by

Raymond and Cynthia Richard
and Bud and Jessie Gould

Fall Caravan

October 3 - 10, 2010

Gettysburg, PA

Hosted by

Raymond and Cynthia Richard
and Bud and Jessie Gould



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Words from the Prez,

Well, here we are back in Connecticut after traveling 4593 miles with the trailer to Gillette, WY and back for the WBCCI 53rd International Rally. Fran and I certainly did explore and discover (which was the theme of this year's rally) the beautiful western part of our country. We caravanned from Danbury, CT on June 1st, 2010 with 9 Airstreams. Along the way we were joined by 4 others making a total of 13 rigs on the Wandering to Wyoming Region One Caravan #278. It was led by caravan leaders, Rich and Dottie Walbridge who joined us after a delayed start in Pennsylvania at the Penn Wood Airstream Park. Rich and Dottie did a fabulous job in organizing the caravan with assistance from Trevor and Gale Lake, Tom and Penny Angellini and Larry and Pat LaMontagne. What a great team they made. We stopped at Corning Glass in Corning, NY touring the museum of glass works. At the campground we were surprised to find that Raymond and Cynthia Richard had been at the same campground and had provided for firewood and ice cream for our group. Thanks, Raymond and Cynthia. From there we traveled to the Indiana State Fairgrounds and had a guided tour solely for our group at the Indianapolis Raceway. Our next stop was the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and home in Springfield, IL. One interesting note about this stop is that President Lincoln always planned on returning to house in Springfield after he left office but as we know history didn't allow that to happen. Our halfway stop was in Davenport, IA where we enjoyed a special dinner at The Machine Shed. Oh boy, were the cinnamon buns delicious the next morning before we headed out for the John Deere Pavilion in Moline, IL. There were many exhibits and films explaining the history of the John Deere Company. Off to the Badlands in South Dakota and then to Custer, SD where the group was treated to a visit by General Custer himself who gave us a history of the area. See photo. Our last stop before reaching Gillette was the Devils Tower, WY.

The International Rally was at a new facility called the Cam-Plex with 1,000 sites with 30 amp service, water and sewer. What a place, nicely laid out and just a short drive down the road to the air-conditioned building where all the events were

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President's Message cont'd from page 1

Held. I had an opportunity to help out by riding the shuttle between the campgrounds and the buildings. No one had to walk very far. Our caravan group was high on the hill and I was located in the President's row.

Mike Sasuta carried the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit Flag in a streamlined version of Opening Ceremonies. During the rally I turned in \$74 to the Coins for Kids Fund from COCU. We had a lot of fun, learned a lot of things and met a lot of Airstream friends from past years.

After leaving Gillette, Fran and I traveled back east to our summer home in Westerly, RI where we camped an additional week with the Airstream. But wait, we're still not home in East Hartford because we went directly to the Cabela's Rendezvous on July 23rd where 12 Airstream rigs spent the weekend. I think the visit by some to Mark Twain's home in Hartford was a highlight.

We are now preparing to leave for the Region One Rally in Durham, CT end which I'm sure will be a super event because of the hard work of Michael and Sandy Sasuta and their "volunteer" teammates.

As President of the club it gave me great satisfaction to forward a check \$430 to Bob and Sharon Henschel as a sign of the club's support for them after their house fire in February, 2010. Thanks to Ruth Crockett for organizing the collection of funds in my absence. You did a great job, Ruth. Thank you also to all those who contributed.

A special thanks to the Fuller Family for organizing and running the rally on the Connecticut River in Portland, CT while we were in Gillette, WY. Heard great things from those who attended

I'm still searching for a location for the quartermaster shed, 8x8x8. The shed will be delivered by our current quartermaster, Pete Soucy and would require virtually no monitoring by the future quartermaster. We'll have combo lock and anyone who need equipment can visit the shed and retrieve their rally needs.

I've asked Raymond Richard to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for next year's slate. I'm sure he'll do a great job and come up with a slate to keep the club moving forward. If your phone rings please answer it and fill a club officer's slot.

Once again appreciate all the help in making my job as President this year easy. A special thanks to my wife, Fran who wordsmiths these President's letters. Couldn't do it without her. Don't know how to type.

Stay healthy, stay well and to all those recovering from surgeries hope you make a fast recovery.

Jerry Ingallinera

COCU President 2010

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

William and Winifred Mangano
#25707

**THOUGHTS AND CARES**

Roger Crockett
Dottie Walbridge



Land Yachts at the Marina Rally

By Lynn Blackwell #1384

We drove a mere eight miles from home for a "conceptual rally" at Riverside Marina in Portland, Connecticut and found the most wonderful rally site



we have yet experienced. Elegantly hosted by John, Russ & Rhona and Bard & Kathy Fuller, this was a wonderful alternative for those of us who could not



drive to the International Rally in Gillette, WY. We were joined by 14 other rigs



and all enjoyed a steady, cool breeze on the banks of the Connecticut River, watching the slow, no-wake zone boat traffic. We would have had two more Airstreams, but both Jessie Gould and Joan Beardsley were sidelined by illness and unable to join us. We missed them and wish them speedy recovery. Cheers and huzzahs to Russ Fuller for finding this new, and immediate favorite campsite.

Our two kayakers, intrepid Toni Noider and adventurer Rick Cipot, set off to great fanfare to find the Mattabessett River and claim it for

WBCCI, which they did. Toni then treated all of us to champagne to celebrate the last day of one of life's decades and our hosts reciprocated with a cheeky birthday card the next morning at breakfast signed using each of our WBCCI numbers. Clever, these folk!

We enjoyed a sumptuous potluck dinner with burgers & dogs cooked by "most competent camper" merit badge winner, Russ Fuller. Breakfasts were heart healthy, tasty and plentiful, thanks to Kathy Fuller. She even offered to

force feed us, but we saw no takers. ("don't make me feed you...")

The men enjoyed a visit to F40 Motorsports, run by Wayne Carini, star of the Discovery HD TV program, Chasing Classic Cars, where they saw a collection of esoteric classic cars. Everything from the pick-up truck owned by the former president of Airstream (!) to a \$200,000 Bugatti replica, not to even mention the requisite Ferraris. By the way, F40 has low mileage (17K) Airstream/Mercedes B van for sale too. Maybe he will even come down off that price. Some of the women went too, and they get to take their spouse shopping next time.



As lovely as this campground is, not everyone can get river view site - nor do they need to. We totally enjoyed our view of a lovely wetland, complete with one million winking fireflies and a



graceful doe tiptoeing past, on her way to a morning sip of river water.

The topic of conversation all weekend was that the Riverside Marina campground is a fabulous find that we should keep a well-kept secret so we can reserve it again next year. Hope to see you all there.



53rd International Rally - 2010

Gillette, WY

Big Wyoming, nick named the Cowboy State, provided the beautiful backdrop to this year's WBCCI International Rally. Region One had good representation, as members arrived individually or on the Caravan led by Walbridge and company. The blue sky covered us most of the time as depicted below. Charter Oak was well represented by Jerry "Fast Draw" Ingallinera, our white-hat President and his hard working side-kick Fran. Mike Sasuta carried in the Charter Oak CT Unit flag along with Ray and Cynthia Richard who carried Unit flags on behalf of Region One units not represented in a well received stream-lined version of the opening ceremonies.

Day trips were made to several local points of interest, such as a Bison ranch near Wright, our Nation's first National Monument - Devil's Tower, and Sheraton, WY voted the best cowboy town in the west. Bison burgers and steaks were enjoyed by many during several group dinners. Charter Oak and Cape Cod units hosted a breakfast for Region One members at a wonderful and unique local eatery. The installation of our Region One Officers was conducted in Gillette at a main street establishment called the *Chop House*. Also, Franklin and Jane Sanders were thanked for their years of service to our Region and given a heartfelt bon voyage as they began their trip to Alaska.

After seven days of block parties, happy hours, breakfast gatherings, luncheons, awards dinners, ice cream socials, informational seminars, and the IBT meeting, our festivities concluded with a spectacular fireworks display provided by the Complex.



First Lady and President Fran and Jerry Ingallinera on their way to the President's Dinner at the International Rally in Gillette, WY



Region One Caravan parking at the International Rally in Gillette, WY

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

AT GILLETTE, WY JULY 2010

As most of us know WBCCI always makes a commitment to the community where we hold our International Rally. This year was no different with several new projects including donations for the Humane Society and personal toiletries for an abused women's shelter. Below is a list of the donations made to the Gillette community this year:

Amounts reported by Janet Kendig, Community Service Chair:

Assembled 140 bags of toiletries (20-25 items per bag) for GARF (women's abuse shelter).

110 pairs of socks and 65 pairs of pajamas for YES House for children.

426 books for YES House for children.

32 pints of blood to Bloodmobile.

421 hand knitted blankets and lap robes to Hospice Hospitality House.

19+ bags of gently used clothing to Salvation Army.

1576 hand knitted hats for both adults and infants, also 22 pairs gloves, 23 scarves and 9 pairs slippers.

100 bags of cat and dog food, plus many cleaning supplies to Humane Society.

Church offerings of \$4277.60. This was divided between the Salvation Army, YES House for children and the GARF shelter for women.

2000 pounds of food for the Food Pantry.

\$8038.00 collected for Jordon Bybee, local child suffering from seizures.

2333 pounds of pull tabs or \$1052. This was donated to Hospice Hospitality House as the nearest Ronald McDonald House was in Denver, CO.

Over 800 stuffed animals to several agencies in Gillette.



The 3rd Annual Cabela's Rendezvous, held during the weekend of July 23rd-25th was attended by thirteen Airstream trailers. John Fuller arrived early and helped Jerry Ingallinera get everyone parked. Friday evening the camping group consisting of the Ingallineras, Blackwells, Sandalls, Simmons, Bachars, Lakes, Landrys, Galasyns, Manganos, Fullers, Tavaris, John Fuller and Toni Nolter were joined by Mike and Sandy Sasuta and Ted and Lois Price who came for dinner. Cabela reserved a conference room for us to dine after ordering our meals in the cafeteria. Buffalo Burgers, Venison Brat, Chili, Onion Rings, French Fries and assorted sandwiches were on the menu.

Mike and Sandy gave us an update on the Region One Rally. Jerry Ingallinera told the group about the trip to the WBCCI International Rally in Gillette and how much he and Fran enjoyed the Wandering to Wyoming Caravan hosted by Rich and Dottie Walbridge.

On Saturday morning, the campers enjoyed coffee and homemade coffeecake compliments of the Ingallineras. Later, activities included shopping at Cabela's on and/or visiting Hartford sites, i.e., the new science museum and the Mark Twain Home. But the highlight of the weekend was the potluck supper held under the tent which had been erected on Friday evening. Grills and tables were brought out. Steaks, hamburgers, franks and chops were grilled and a vast assortment of side dishes and desserts were enjoyed by all.

There was no rush to leave early on Sunday. Many lingered and visited a while longer. Cabela's has a dump station so most took advantage of using it before heading home.

On leaving Sunday, Jerry went around with the help of John Bachar and marked off spots for next year's rendezvous. So put Cabela's on your calendar for 2011 for the weekend of July 22-24. There is lots of room. The price is right. It's free!



Group shot



Is it hot enough yet?



The tent goes up



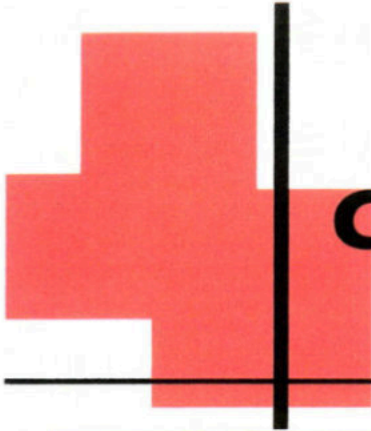
Ready, set, grill



Parking is done



Fran and Jerry Ingallinera (far left and far right) with good friends and new members, Winnie and Willie Mangano



Charter Oak Fall Rally

Our Charter Oak CT Unit 2010 Fall Rally will be held at the American Family Campground located along the wooded shores of the Neversink River at 110 Guymard Turnpike, Godeffory, NY

SCHEDULE

- Friday - October 1, 2010 Arrive after 2 pm
Happy Hour 4:30 pm
Dinner on your own
Fire and Ice at Dusk
- Saturday - October 2 Catered Breakfast in Rec Hall 8 am - 9 am
Spend the day seeing the sights of the area
Happy Hour 4:00 pm
Pot Luck Dinner - Bring a dish to share
Fire at Dusk
- Sunday - October 3 Continental Breakfast 7 am
Caravan departs for Gettsburg, PA 8 am

Directions From Interstate 84 traveling west into New York take exit 4W onto RT 17 NW. Travel to Exit 113 onto US 209 toward Wurtsboro/Ellenville. Left onto US 209. Left at sign.



**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
RAYMOND RICHARD**

Please Return Form with Payment to:
Raymond Richard
P. O. Box 41
Moodus, CT 06469

Phone: 860-873-1973—Evenings
E-mail: raycynrich1@aol.com

Name	_____	
WBCCI #	_____	
Camping fee	\$38 x 2 =	\$ 76.00
Rally fee with 2 in trailer		<u>\$ 30.00</u>
Total		\$106.00

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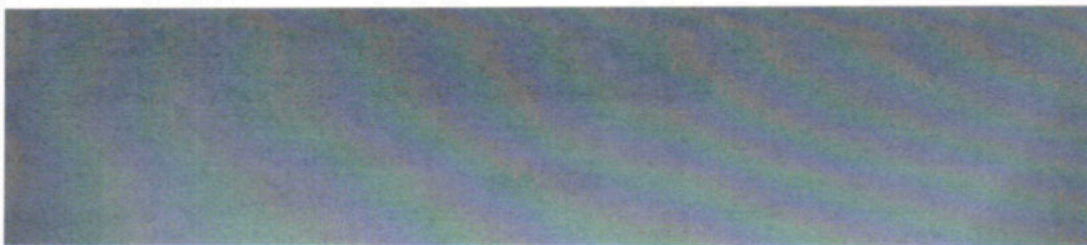


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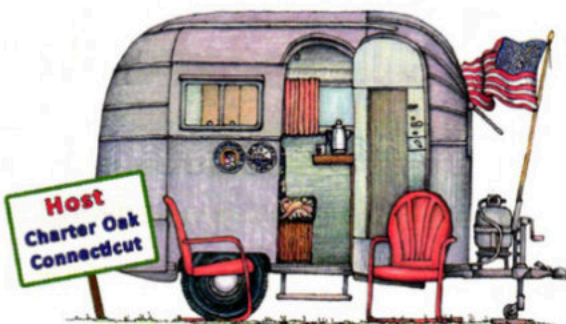


Gracie (Richard) looking out the back window



Region One Rally

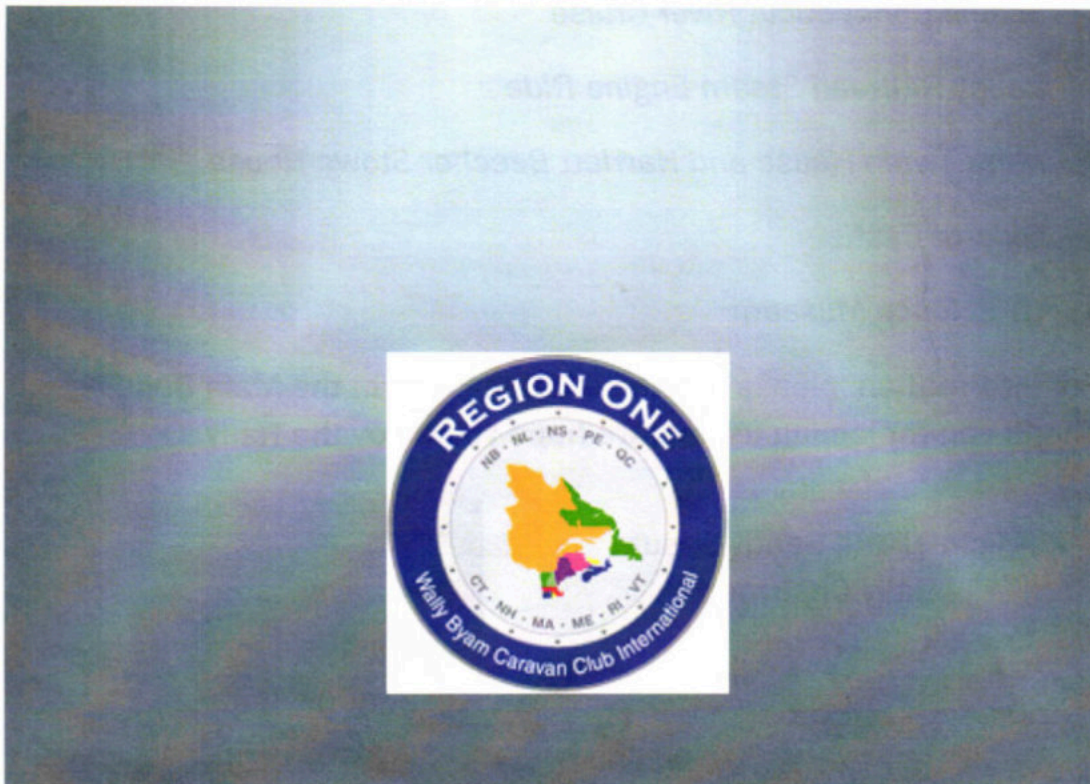
Class Reunion 2010



It won't be the same without "U" !

August 18 - 22

Durham Fairgrounds - Durham, Connecticut



WELCOME

to the

2010 Region One Class Reunion Rally

Durham, Connecticut

The Charter Oak Connecticut Unit and all of our volunteers would like to take this opportunity to welcome each and every one of you to the Region One Class Reunion Rally. Plan to visit some of these local attractions and points of interests; they are perfect for a day adventure:

- *Foxwood Casino*
- *Mystic Seaport and Aquarium*
- *Thimble Island Cruise*
- *Scenic Connecticut River Cruise*
- *Valley Railroad Steam Engine Ride*
- *Mark Twain House and Harriett Beecher Stowe House*
- *Gillette Castle*
- *CT Science Museum*

For information, please see the tourism kiosk in the Main Building. Thank you for joining us, and we hope you enjoy the Rally.

Michael and Sandy Sasuta
Rally Chairmen



Area of Responsibility

Committee

Chairperson

Region One Rally.....	Michael and Sandy Sasuta
Activities — Bocce Tournament	Jerry Ingallinera
Advertising	Cynthia Richard
Stage Backdrop	Bard Fuller
Crafts	Dottie Walbridge and Kathy Kushman
Decorations	Evelyn Watts and Lois Price
Door Prizes and Raffles	Aili and Val Galasyn
Emcee	Ted and Lois Price
Entertainment	Fran Ingallinera
Flea Market	Lynn Blackwell, Corinne Burnham and Charlotte LaRocca
Food	Richard Kushman
Hospitality	Lydia Rosenbeck and Ruth Crockett
Tourism	Lynn Blackwell
Lost and Found	Bob and Helen Sandall
Opening Ceremonies	John Fuller
Opening Music	Eileen Bartram
Program Editor	Raymond Richard
Registration	Kathy Kushman, Lois Price and Trevor Lake
Seminars	Richard Walbridge
Rally Treasurer	Sandy Sasuta
Vintage Club	Bard Fuller
Parking	Jeff Blackwell, Ted Price, Bill Watts, Niels Rosenbeck and Seb Pestretto

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

1. In case of an emergency, please call 911 and do the following:
 - a. Give your name, location (Durham Fairgrounds), the area you are in, as well as your WBCCI number.
 - b. Turn on your vehicle lights, emergency flashers, and have a neighbor stand by to direct the emergency personnel to your location.
2. YOUR RV NUMBER MUST BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED SO EMERGENCY PERSONNEL CAN LOCATE YOUR UNIT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

SECURITY

1. The Durham Fairgrounds is a very secure and safe place, but it is always best to take necessary precautions to protect your property.
2. It is recommended that you keep all your RV compartments locked as well as your vehicle. Keep all bicycles, scooters, etc. locked when not in use.

SEVERE WEATHER

1. It is recommended that you secure awnings, flags, and all loose items around your unit any time you leave your unit as storms with strong winds can build quickly in this part of the state.
3. WARNING.
 - a. If the WARNING occurs during the day and you are in the Commercial Building, you should remain in the building.
 - b. If we are experiencing severe weather and you feel unsafe in your RVs, then you may proceed to the Commercial Building.
4. Pets may be taken to the building but you must be prepared to accommodate their needs.
5. You will be given an all clear by Fairgrounds or Region One Rally Personnel when the severe weather has passed.

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 White Mtns New Hampshire..... Lorraine Peirce

THIS IS YOUR WBCCI REGION ONE RALLY - ENJOY!

IMPORTANT THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

"What to do, when it happens, where to find it"

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911

BADGES

All persons attending the Rally must wear badges and ribbons at all times to attend to the rally. Let's all meet, greet, and all get acquainted.

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes will be posted on the Rally Bulletin Board after breakfast.

BICYCLES

Please no bicycles, skate boards, motorized scooters, or roller skates are allowed in any building. Please enjoy their use outside.

BLACK WATER AND GRAY WATER

Please use the Dump Station by the Cattle Building. No wash water is to go on the ground.

TRASH

There will be trash barrels around the buildings and rally field for your convenience. Place garbage in tied plastic sacks. Please help keep the Fairgrounds clean. We appreciate your cooperation.

PET OWNERS

Pet owners are reminded that all pets must be on a leash when outside your Airstream and to always clean up after your pet. **PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY BUILDING OR AT HAPPY HOUR.** Pet owners will need to contact a local veterinarian if services are required.

PROGRAMS AND MEALS

All Scheduled activities for the Rally will be in the **COMMERCIAL BUILDING**. It is not necessary to bring chairs to the indoor activities as they will be provided. Table service will be provided for the two dinners only. Please bring your own table service for the Breakfasts.

REFRESHMENTS

There will be cold and hot liquid refreshments available throughout the Rally for your enjoyment.

RESTROOMS AND SHOWERS

Restrooms and showers are located in the Cattle Building. Please keep them clean.

SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings and the restrooms.

GENERATORS

Each parking space will be provided with 20 AMP electrical service and water, however generators may be used. Please be courteous to your neighbors. All generator use must cease by 9 PM.

PROPANE

Propane will **not** be sold at the Rally parking site. However, commercial vendors are available nearby.

CITIZENS BAND RADIO

Listen to CB channel 14 for all communications. Please do not tie up Channel 14 with personal messages. Open the squelch, until you hear static on your set, and make sure that Channel 14 is clear before transmitting. Use Channel 14 to contact your friends and then switch to another channel above 20 for your conversation. Please realize that we must also share the channel with local CB users.

Tuesday, August 17th

- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Early Parking
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets for: Volunteers, Flea Market, Hobby Show, and Craft Display

Dinner on Your Own - Please Car Pool with Friends

Wednesday, August 18th

- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Parking
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets for: Volunteers, Flea Market, Hobby Show, and Craft Display
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Games
- 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for Opening Ceremonies
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Serving Dinner
Dining till 7:00 p.m.
- 7:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Announcements
- 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Entertainment
- 9:15 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 19th

Be Sure to Check the Door Prize List on the Bulletin Board

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast - Bring Table Service
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. First Timer Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Caravan to Essex,
including CT River Museum and Lunch
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Unit Officer Training
- 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Craft Seminar - Make a Bracelet
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Trailer Maintenance Seminar -
Presented by George Hernandez (formerly with Valenti's) and Bill Strakosch,
owner of 911 Motorsports.
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Thursday, August 19th Continued

Dinner on Your Own - Please Car Pool with Friends

- 6:45 p.m. Announcements
- 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Games
- 9:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 20th

Be Sure to Check the Door Prize List on the Bulletin Board

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast - Bring Table Service
- 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Set up for Flea Market, Craft and Hobby Sales
- 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Flea Market, Craft and Hobby Sale-a-thon
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Caravan Seminar by Rich Walbridge
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration
- 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Caravan to Stony Creek,
for Thimble Islands Boat Tour and Dinner
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Dinner on Your Own - Please Car Pool with Friends

- 7:15 p.m. Announcements
- 7:30 p.m. Region One 2011
Rally presentation by the Quebec Canada Unit
followed by Entertainment
- 9:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social

***We are very delighted to have you attend the 2010 Region One Rally
Enjoy the day seeing what Connecticut has to offer***

Saturday, August 21st

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast - Bring Table Service
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Region One Open Forum
- 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Region One Annual Board Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Deadline for Photo Contest Entries
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bocce and Other Games
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Serving Dinner
- Dining till 7:00 p.m.
- 7:15 p.m. Announcements
- 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Entertainment - Band
- 9:30 p.m. Announce Raffle
- Winners followed by Closing Ceremonies
- 10:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 22nd

Have a Safe Trip Home - Please Depart by 1 P.M.

Notes from Annual Board Meeting

Region One Annual Board Meeting Agenda

Saturday August 21, 2011

Open Forum 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Annual Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Convene Meeting-Appoint Secretary pro tem

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

Standing Committee Reports

Special Committee Reports

Special Order-Report of Nominating Committee

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment

Announcements

Thank you

Thank you to ALL the Committee Chairpersons and
all their volunteers who helped make this
Rally possible.
We truly appreciate your efforts.

A special thanks to all the
WBCCI members who anonymously donated
door prizes, and, listed below, raffle prizes:

Ruth & Roger Crockett

Aili & Val Galasyn

Fran & Jerry Ingallinera

Howard & Carolyn Knight

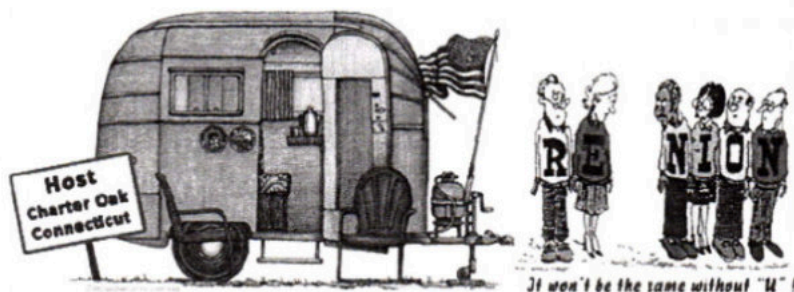
Kathy & Richard Kushman

Cynthia & Raymond Richard

Bob & Helen Sandall

Franklin and Jane Sanders

Michael & Sandy Sasuta



Thank you

Thank you very much to the Companies
who donated door prizes & goody bags:

Airstream, Inc.

Big Y Market

Camping World

Coleman

Durham Agricultural Fair Association for their cooperation

Fantastic Vent, Inc.

Jersey Shore Haven

Stop & Shop

P & S Trailer

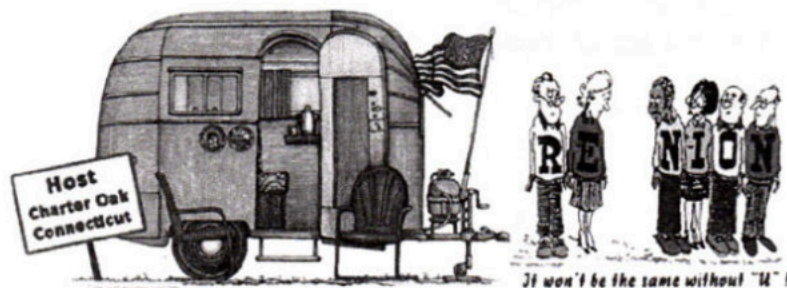
Route 66 Motorsports – Portland, CT

(Thanks Rudy for consideration on golf carts)

Thetford Corporation

Walmart

Zip Dee, Inc.



NATIONAL ANTHEMS

O Canada

**O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.**

**With glowing hearts, we see thee rise.
The True North strong and free!**

**From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

Chorus:

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

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

**Terre de nos aïeux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!**

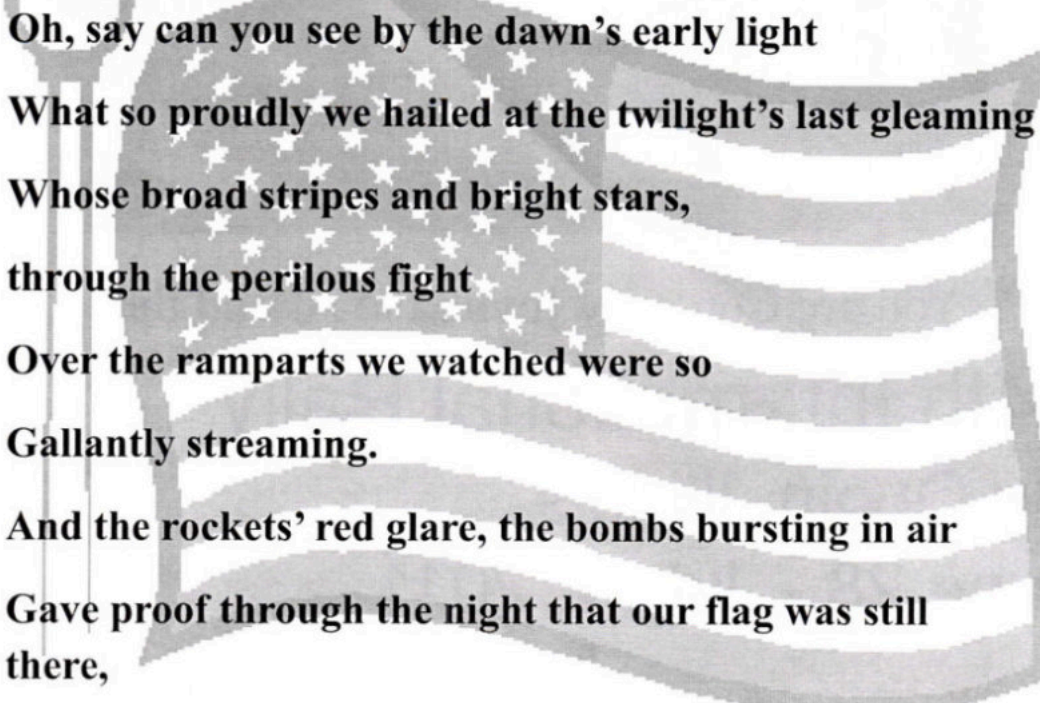
**Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!**

**Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.**

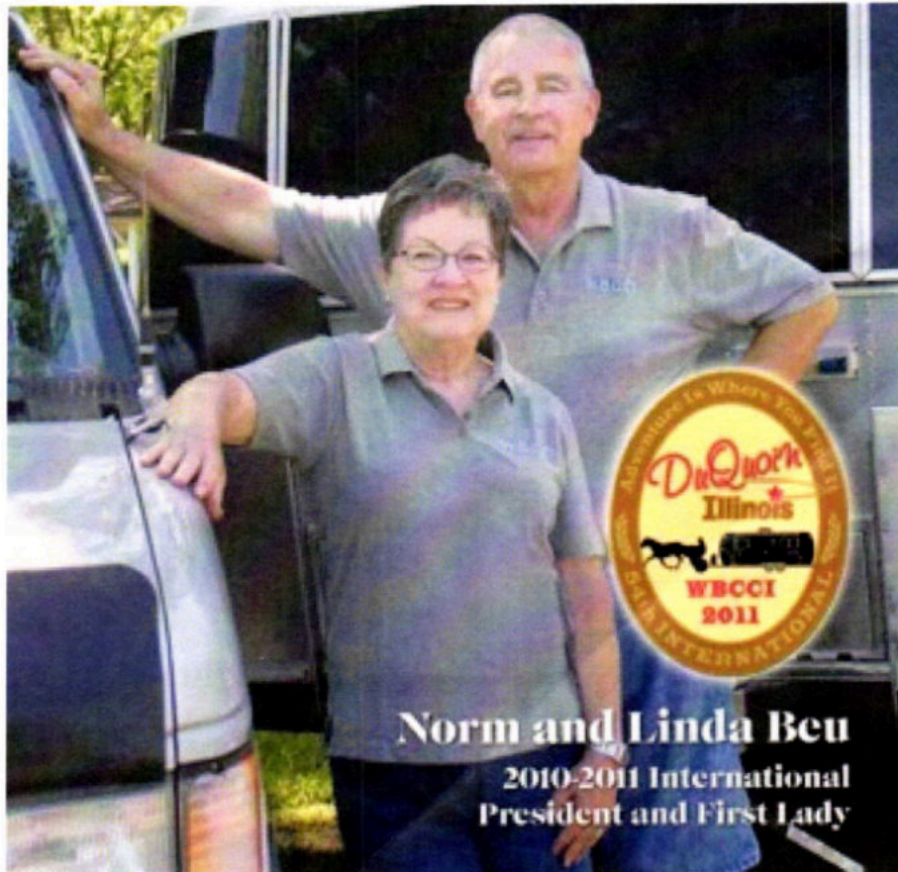
**Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.**

Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.

Star Spangled Banner



**Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight
Over the ramparts we watched were so
Gallantly streaming.
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still
there,
Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave,
Over the land of the free and the home of the brave.**



You are Cordially Invited to Attend the
54th International Rally
Du Quoin, Illinois
June 28 - July 4, 2011

Register Here at our Rally

See

Don Clark - International 2nd Vice President
For Registration, Polo Shirts and Ball Caps



Charter Oak Chatter



The WBCCI Airstream RV Association September, 2010



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

Upcoming Events

Fall Rally

October 1-3, 2010
American Family Campground
Godeffroy, NY
Hosted by
Raymond and Cynthia Richard

COCU Fall Caravan

to Gettysburg, PA
October 3-10, 2010
Hosted by
Bud and Jessie Gould
and
Raymond and Cynthia Richard

Installation Luncheon

October 31, 2010
Manchester Country Club
Hosted by
Raymond and Cynthia Richard

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Words from the Prez,

Well, folks here it is September already more than a midway point through the Summer camping season but it's still not over. As Yogi Berra would say "It ain't over till it's over"!

The Region One Rally held in Durham, CT August 18th to the 22nd, 2010 was a huge success in every sense of the word. In my opinion on a scale of 1 to 10 it was a 12 at least. Sixty Airstreams were scheduled to attend and our final number was 55.

I can't begin to tell you how thankful I am to have had Michael and Sandy Sasuta put this Region One Rally together. They covered every detail possible and did it with great ease making it look almost simple but as one knows nothing is ever really simple. They did a fabulous job and the club should lend their voice to a great thank you to this couple. Thanks MS and SS.

There are just so many people who volunteered in big and small ways. But to name them all would be to name the attendees. I do want to single out just a few folks and hope I do not offend those I don't mention. We all know what we contributed to the rally and why it was so successful. Firstly, Rich Kushman and his team did the usual and almost expected outstanding effort that it took to feed our crowd. Now remember we did have some daily drop in visitors who joined us in breaking bread. Rich was able to accommodate every possible circumstance. Thanks RK. My hat is off to Rich for such a good job even though on the last day, Sunday evening he inadvertently shut down the water supply to my trailer which required me to venture out scantily dressed to turn the water back on. I take Rich at his word that this was done inadvertently.

Now let me say something about our emcees, Lois and Ted Price. Juggling the emcee task is quite difficult when there are so many things going on almost all at once. They came through with flying colors: never being rattled, even when I had the opportunity to have the microphone. A special thanks to Lois for her effort in putting together the Mess Reunion Queen contest. You had to be there to understand how successful it was. Thanks LP and TP. And though my two able photographers, Gilles Rousseau and J. Rick Cipot captured it on film, in this case you had to be there to really appreciate it. Thanks GR and JRC.

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If you were able to witness the dedication that Aili and Val Galasyn put into coordinating and running the raffle, silent auction and door prize effort you would understand that these folks gave their all for the club sitting at the table day after day doing the job assigned to them. The resultant money sales from these efforts were super but it's not only money that makes what they did so fabulous. When you see Aili and Val you should ask them about the rug that Ted and Lois Price successfully bid on that was handmade by Val. It was beautiful. Thanks A & V.

The scenery at the Region One Rally was truly of labor of love. Bard Fuller and his team constructed and assembled the backdrop scenery which the photos do show how impressive they were. Thanks, Bard and Dad, John Fuller.

Our 1st VP, Lynn Blackwell deserves credit and praise for her effort in assembling Where to Go in CT ideas for the group. In addition, her husband, Jeff and his team deserve accolades for the smooth and orderly parking effort. Thanks, LB, JB.

Before I close the thank yous and as I said before many more can be listed, I must thank my wife, Fran for all her effort regarding the rally and specifically the entertainment program. If you saw Marilyn Monroe dancing with yours truly you would understand how much fun we had. Her side kid, Deano was very talented and what impressed me the most was that they mingled with the crowd after the show for individual photo ops and discussion. I think the entertainers enjoyed themselves because the group was so receptive to their talents. Thanks MM and DM.

We enjoyed a night of Karaoke and music proved by George Bergren, a local East Hartford DJ. He played well into the night while we danced and undid the stage, tables, etc. Atta boy, George!

We were long on fun and short on ceremonial activities and that seemed to have suited everyone just fine, including my grandsons, Michael and Sean McDermott, who had a great time and were treated so cordially by everyone. Thanks MM and SM for helping Grandpa all during the rally.

Once again thanks to ALL.....

On the calendar for October and camping we have the upcoming rally organized by Cynthia and Raymond Richard at Godeffroy, NY followed by the caravan to Gettysburg, PA.

I've asked Raymond Richard as Past President to chair the Nominating Committee for next year's officers. He's reported back to me that people are moving up in the chain of command but he's having difficulty filling in the bottom of the slate with new volunteers. Remember without new volunteers Yogi's statement may come true and it could be over. Please volunteer. Contact Raymond. Don't sell your abilities short to help the club.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the Manganos, Bill and Winnie, 25707 and the Lupiens, Mark and Marie, 1531. Both these lovely couples have been involved many years with Airstreaming and we certainly are glad to have them as part of the Charter Oak family.

Fran and I plan on being at the rally at Godeffroy, NY as we return from the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont after spending a week with dear friends overlooking Lake Willoughby. Our unit will then go into storage at our home in East Hartford. We will be in California in November and Tennessee in December via airplane.....then on to TR for the winter.

Stay well, stay safe, stay happy.

Jerry Ingallinera 18081

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Michael and Leslie Siek
#3333**

**Mark and Marie Lupien
#1531**

THOUGHTS AND CARES

**Raynold Lemaire
Dottie Walbridge
Aili Galasyn**



Region One Rally Summary

Michael & Sandy Sasuta

Thank you all for attending the rally & volunteering. I would like to mention each name and committee head personally, but I don't want to overlook anyone and possibly offend all the volunteers and great help that I received. Your assistance made the rally run smoothly, and we couldn't have done it without you.

We had a lot of fun with the school pictures—thanks for participating.

Thank you for all the door prizes, raffle and silent auction gifts. We did well with \$500.00 for the raffle and \$685.50 for the silent auction.

In addition to the businesses that sent door prizes, which were listed in the Program, we would like to thank Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne, FL—they sent 2 – two free night coupons. We'd also like to recognize Rich & Dottie Walbridge, Bard & Kathy Fuller, Ted & Lois Price and Rich Luhr for their donations.

The number of units in attendance were: Cape Cod – 10; Charter Oak CT – 22; Hudson Mohawk – 1; Metropolitan New York – 1 ; New England – 12; Ontario Canada -1; Quebec Canada -4; White Mountain New Hampshire – 4; Total of 55 units. We had 4 units that had to cancel. Because the rally was financially successful, we were able to give full refunds.

Thank you ONE and ALL—Hope you have enjoyed it.

See you in Quebec for Region One 2011.



Sandy and Mike Sasuta—Rally Chairpersons

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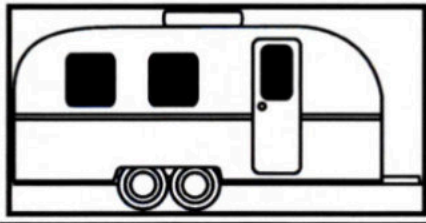
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much more.**

Asking \$32,000

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06029**

Thank You

I would like to thank all my friends in Charter Oak for their thoughts, cards, prayers and good wishes during my recent illness. Each one was deeply appreciated!

**Thank You**

Dear Friends,

Bob & I would like to thank all of you for your generous monetary gift. This summer has been one we will never forget, at least we were not hurt. The house fire was something we hope no one will ever have to go through. We miss all of you.

With appreciation,

Bob & Sharon Henschel



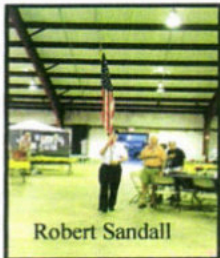
REGION ONE RALLY — CLASS REUNION

Hosted by The Charter Oak Connecticut Unit

Chaired by Michael and Sandy Sasuta

The days were warm and the nights were cool as Airstreams from all over New England and Canada began arriving at the Durham Fairgrounds in Durham, Connecticut for the Region One Rally.

Charter Oak supported by numerous volunteers were ready to host a great event. In total 55 rigs were on site to enjoy all the activities planned.



Robert Sandall

The Rally opened on Wednesday night with the Flag Ceremony. Bob Sandall of the Charter Oak Unit carried the American Flag and Jean-Guy Deschenes of the Quebec Unit carried the Canadian Flag. Eileen Bartram provided the music for both anthems at Opening Ceremonies and for the rest of the rally.



The theme of this year's Region One Rally was Class Reunion and the theme was executed superbly. From high school pictures of attendees posted, to the emcees dressed in cap and gowns and the back drop reflective of days gone by the theme was evident everywhere. Everyone had a great time matching the pictures with the person. Some were very easy to recognize and others were a mystery to the very end.

The entire rally was under the expert supervision of Michael and Sandy Sasuta. They had worked for over a year to pull this together. Many hours were spent on this project and it showed in the end.

The Food Committee lead Rich Kushman did a great job making see that the food was prepared, served and that no one left hungry. It was a big job but Rich and his volunteers did a great job.

There were days trips that were arranged by Charter Oak 1st Vice President, Lynn Blackwell. The trips included the Thimble Islands and a tour and lunch in the quaint Connecticut town of Essex.

The presentation for next year's rally in First Nations Rally in Quebec, Canada was presented by the Quebec Unit. It will be held August 4 - 8, 2011.

Of course no Class Reunion would be complete without the Homecoming Queen competition. They were Miss Appropriation (aka Trevor Lake, Cape Cod President), Miss Shapen (aka Ted Price, emcee of the Region One Rally), Miss Placed (aka Dick Bartrum Past International Treasurer), Miss Understood (aka Charter Oak Director, Bill Watts) Miss Miss Nomer (aka Jerry Ingallinera, Charter Oak President), and Miss Demeanor (aka Rich Walbridge, Cape Cod Newsletter editor and Caravan Leader



Ted Price

Extroadaire). They were escorted by Region One President, Russ Melocik and Ray Richard, Region One 2nd Vice President. The winner was Ted Price selected by a random drawing by Russ Melocik, Region One President.



Ted Price, Rich Walbridge, Trevor Lake, Bill Watts and Dick Bartrum — Jerry Ingallinera was still priming

The Rally ended on Saturday night with an excellent dinner followed by a DJ, karaoke and a dance. Closing Ceremonies followed the dance and the 2010 Region One Rally was over.

In the end it was a great rally.





Group Photo from Region One Rally

2010 - 2011

COCU SLATE OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Lynn Blackwell
1st Vice President	Jim Burnham
2nd Vice President	Fran Ingallinera
Treasurer	Sandy Sasuta
Recording Secretary	Francis Simmons
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	Bill Watts
1st year Directors	Toni Nolder
	Juanita Pestretto

Presidential Appointments

Correspondence Secretary	Kathleen Kushman
Legislaive Chairperson	Robert Sandall
Membership Chairperson	Evelyn Watts

Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

President's Monthly News

September—October, 2010



The following represents current information of general interest to the WBCCI membership.

1. The Constitution and Bylaws Revision Special Committee is taking shape. Approved during the International Convention/Rally at Gillette, WY on July 5, 2010, the Committee includes:

- Dona Garner, Committee Chairman and WBCCI Parliamentarian
- Kerry Mattila, President, Ontario Canada Unit
- Joe Perryman, 1 VP, Region 10
- Bob Novak, Member, Metro New York Unit
- Tom Smithson, 1VP, Northern California Unit

The Committee's initial report will be made during the January 24-28, 2011 Mid-Winter IBT Rally in Robstown, Texas. My general guidance to the Committee was to recommend revision to the Blue Book which would reduce the "bulk" and make it more user friendly, while at the same time retaining the essential character and traditions of the WBCCI, to include the Code of Ethics. The Committee is already hard at work, and I congratulate each member for stepping forward to contribute to this potentially significant effort.

2. The Fairgrounds at Robstown, Texas has a brand new campground, and it is the site of the 2011 Mid-Winter IBT Rally. The Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds is approximately 20 miles west of Corpus Christi. The main reason for this rally is to conduct one of three annual business meetings of the WBCCI, but the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting has developed into a fun rally over the years. Doug and Sheryl Wylie are doing a great job planning this rally, and will be assisted by members of Region 9. The reasonable rally fee includes a Reception, 2 Dinners, 1 Breakfast, and 3 nights of entertainment. Robstown claims to be the "Birthplace of Texas Hold 'Em" and is not far from the famous King Ranch. Corpus Christi has a long list of attractions, including the USS Lexington (the "Gray Ghost") and the Texas State Aquarium, which showcases the Gulf of Mexico. So, plan to attend the 2011 Mid-Winter IBT Rally, January 24-28. You'll be glad you did. Watch for the October, November and December issues of your Blue Beret for registration information. Y'all come!

3. I have accepted Daryl Ewles' resignation as Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws Committee with regret. He has served WBCCI in various leadership positions, including International President, with distinction for seventeen years. His resignation is effective September 30, 2010. Don Shafer has accepted the chairmanship position.

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International President message continued

4. Region 4 is preparing to travel to the 54th International Convention/Rally in Du Quoin, Illinois next June. Norm Hewer is a Past International President and is currently the Region 4 Caravan Chairman. He has developed a system of caravans to route each Unit in Region 4 from a central location of that unit for travel to Du Quoin. I would like to share some of his plans with you.

He plans to take all the units out of Region 4 starting with Youngstown Ohio to the north East, then Cleveland, then Akron, West Virginia, Units in Central Ohio and Cincinnati Ohio , and so on. Using the calculation of around 200 Miles a day, from each Unit start point, he located a camp ground and called it advising them what to expect and to obtain rates. He routed many Units down the same roads and stops. Last stop for most of the Units will be at Vandalia IL, where the campground owner will set rates with the Leader.

Region 4 officers doing an Installation are to discuss the caravan route with each Unit and encourage them to form a caravan to Du Quoin. They each have a letter from the Region President. Those wanting to caravan may send Norm Hewer an e mail giving him the route they want and how many miles they would like to drive per day and he will set up the campgrounds for them. He will also make a MapQuest route that gives the total miles to travel from their starting point and the mileage from point A to point B and etc. He has contacted Chuck Kiple, Caravan Chairman, who has assigned two dates when to arrive at the Rally.

Norm's suggestion to Region Presidents is that each Region Officer should take responsibility to talk to each Unit within their region regarding a caravan to Du Quoin, and that the Regions can assist them in planning caravans to the International Rally.

I think this is a very clever way to assist Units and to introduce some Members to caravanning. I ask that each Region develop a similar program.

5. Wool Berets are now available. For those of you who have requested a wool beret, they are now in stock at headquarters. Please contact Deb Sailor, dsailor@wbcci.org or 937-596-5211, if you would like to place an order. The wool beret is one size and priced AT \$21.50.

6. As of September 15, we have received 220 registrations for the 54th International Convention/Rally at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds in Du Quoin, Illinois. I need to add that Linda and I are currently at the Du Quoin Fairgrounds, attending the Region 5 Rally. Last week the Du Quoin State Fair brought 350,000+ visitors to these facilities. Flowers are in full bloom, fresh mulch surrounds trees and light poles - the 1300 acres never looked better. It's going to be a great place for our Rally next June.

Safe Travels!

Norm Beu,
President

Charter Oak CT Unit
Join Us Sunday October 31, 2010



Manchester Country Club
305 South Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Happy Hour 12:00
Lunch Served 1:00

Name: _____

Entrée Choice - Please Mark Your Selection and Quantity

English Cut Prime Rib _____ X \$23.50

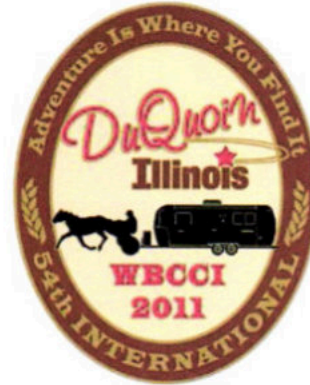
Baked Haddock _____ X \$23.50

Stuffed Chicken Breast _____ X \$23.50

TOTAL _____

Send Payment to: Raymond Richard, P.O. Box 41, Moodus, CT 06469

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Happy Fall, Ya'll

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Sunset over Region One—Durham, CT



AIRSTREAMS and BATTLEFIELDS
October 3 - 10, 2010



**COCU Fall Caravan
Airstreams and Battlefields
October 3 thru 10, 2010
Gettysburg, PA**

Your Hosts



Raymond & Cynthia Richard



Jessie & Budd Gould

Your Fellow Caravaners



Charles & Jeanne Wilson



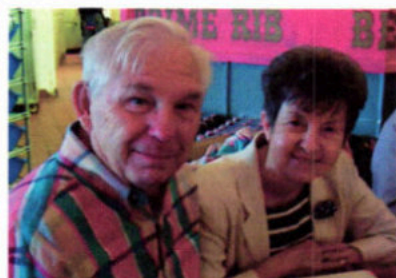
Ruth & Roger Crockett



Francis & Philip Simmons



Ernest & Madaline Bauer



Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck



Bette Lou & Bob Pease

They didn't attend

**COCU Fall Caravan
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Mark & Marie Lupien



Cynthia & Russ Melocik



Michael & Sandy Sasuta



Jean and Bob Landry



Seb & Juanita Pestretto



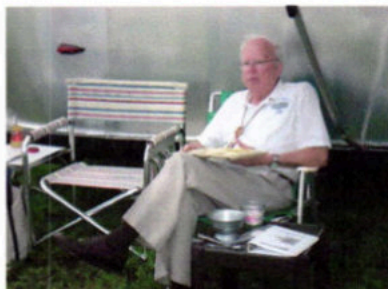
Fran & Maureen Eckels



Ken & Kathi Mitchell



Bard & Kathy Fuller



John B. Fuller



Fall Gettysburg Caravan Schedule

October 3 – Sunday

Arrive safely after 2:00 pm in Gettysburg
 Parking 2:00 to 6:00 pm
 Pizza Party 6:00 pm – Bring your own Plates and Drinks

October 4 – Monday

Explore the Area
 Happy Hour under COCU Tent 4:30 pm
 Fire Side Chat at the Fire Ring begins at Dusk

October 5 – Tuesday

Explore the Area
 Happy Hour under COCU Tent 4:30 pm
 Fire Side Chat at the Fire Ring begins at Dusk

October 6 – Wednesday

Explore the Area
 Happy Hour under COCU Tent 4:30 pm
 Hearty Beef Stew Dinner in the Campground Pavilion 5:30 pm
 Please Bring Your Own Set-ups and Drinks
 A Visit from President Abe Lincoln 7:00 pm
 Home Made Pies, Coffee, and Tea will follow
 Please Bring Your Own Set-ups

October 7 – Thursday

Danish, Coffee, and Tea under COCU Tent 8:00 to 9:00 am
 Please Bring Your Own Set-ups

October 8 – Friday

Pancakes and Sausages 8:00 to 9:00 am

Fire Side Chat at the Fire Ring begins at Dusk

October 9 – Saturday



We will Gather in the **ABIGAIL ADAMS BALLROOM**

for Our Farewell Dinner at the Historic 1776 Dobbin House Tavern at 5:00 pm

Please Car Pool as Parking is Limited and Tight
89 Steinwehr Avenue (Business Route 15 South)

www.dobbinhouse.com – (717) 334 – 2100

Rum Bellies Vengeance, the Drink of the Dobbin House or a Frosty Tumbler of Draft Beer or a Flagon Bottle of Beer is Available at a Charge Just ask the Waitstaff.

October 10 – Sunday

Please Feel Free to Stay and Enjoy the Area as Check Out is not till 2 pm

Also You May Make Arrangements with the Campground to Stay an Additional Optional Night as Monday October 11 is Columbus Day. Please call the Artillery Campground Directly to Make Your Arrangements at (717) 334 – 1288.

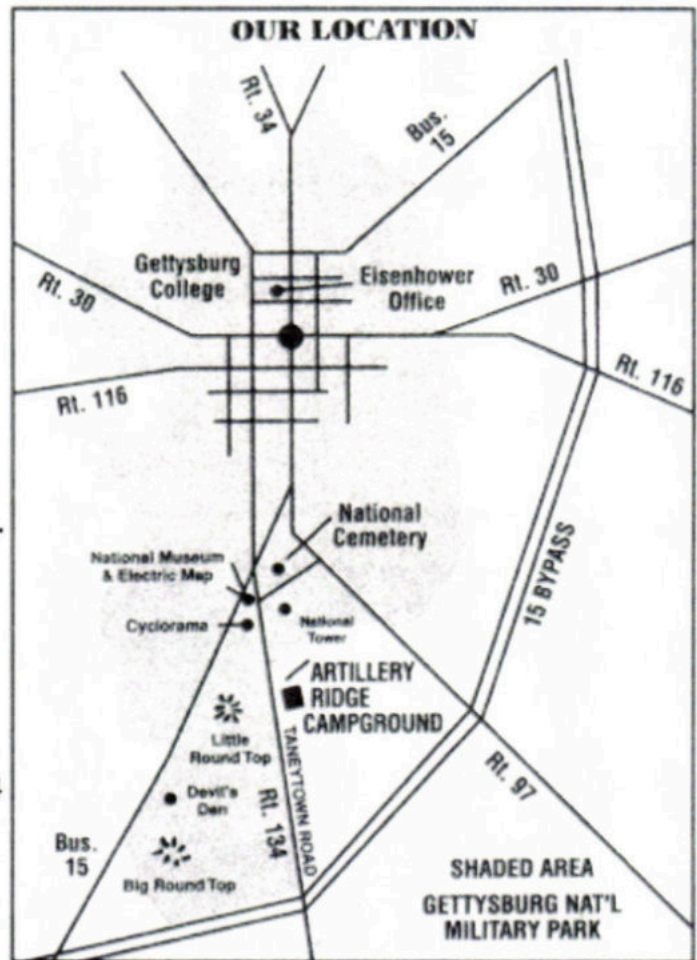
THANK YOU for JOINING US

We are staying at the closest campground to the battlefield!

The trip from our Rally Point in Godeffroy, NY to the Artillery Ridge Campground in Gettysburg, PA is 272 miles.

Back track along the same route back to I-84 That is, right onto US 209 North, then right on ramp to NY 17E to I-84 West (Exit 121 W).

Travel I-84 West to a left-hand exit for I-81 South. At Exit 47A take PA 34 South about 6.5 miles stay straight onto PA 94 South. You can take a break at Peter's Orchard and Fruit Stand on PA 94 South, there is room for several rigs. Total travel on PA 94 is about 8 miles to US 15 South. Take US 15 South about 18 miles to PA 134 (Taneytown Road) North. Campground is on right in about 2 miles.



PLEASE ARRIVE AFTER 3:00 PM

Artillery Ridge Campground
610 Taneytown Road (Rt 134)
Gettysburg, PA 17325
PHONE: (717)334-1288

Artillery Ridge GPS Coordinates:
Decimal: 39.801705, -77.229340
Degrees: 39° 48' 6", -77° 13' 45"

DAY TRIPS

Here at Artillery Ridge Campground

See Gettysburg as many of the Civil War Officers saw it -- on Horseback!

Guided Tour of the Battlefield on Horseback. One of the Best Ways to Enjoy the Battlefields.

1 Hour Trail Ride with Trail Master (no historical narration)

\$40.00 per person

2 Hour History Tour With historical Narration

\$72.00 per person

10% Admissions Tax Included

No doubles 240 lb. weight limit.



Harley-Davidson Factory Tour

Established as an assembly facility in 1973, Harley-Davidson Vehicle Operations in York, PA. is the largest Harley-Davidson manufacturing facility. The York facility covers more than 230 acres and has over 1.5 million square feet under roof.

Employees assemble the Touring and Softail® models, as well as limited production, factory-custom motorcycles. They perform a variety of manufacturing operations – from machin-

ing, polishing and chrome plating, to forming, welding and painting.

At the Vaughn L. Beals Tour Center, you'll explore exhibits that detail the plant's history, and guide you through the manufacturing and assembly processes. You'll also have the chance to sit on current production motorcycles and visit the gift shop for tour-related souvenirs. The Kids' Rally, a specially designed area for visitors under the age of 12, makes the York facility an ideal family destination.

Your journey begins with an introductory movie and continues on the factory floor where you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at the people, processes and products of York Vehicle Operations. You'll be guided through various manufacturing and assembly areas, watch as parts are manufactured and see freshly painted and chrome plated parts. Then it's on to the end of the line, where every motorcycle is roll-tested prior to crating and shipping. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Tours are free and last approximately one hour.

Take U.S. 30 East to 1425 Eden Road
York, PA 17402

**TOURS BEGIN AT REGULAR INTERVALS BETWEEN
9:00AM – 2:00PM | MONDAY-FRIDAY**

DAY TRIPS

Visit a Covered Bridge

History indicates that a bridge was covered to prevent animals from being spooked by the flowing waters below while entering or crossing the bridge. While another belief is that the animals would gladly cross the bridge thinking they were entering a barn. The following is a suggested list you may wish to check out:

Sachs Covered Bridge – Gettysburg
 Heike's Covered Bridge – Gettysburg
 Anderson Farm Covered Bridge – Gettysburg

Visit Flinchbaugh's Farm Market

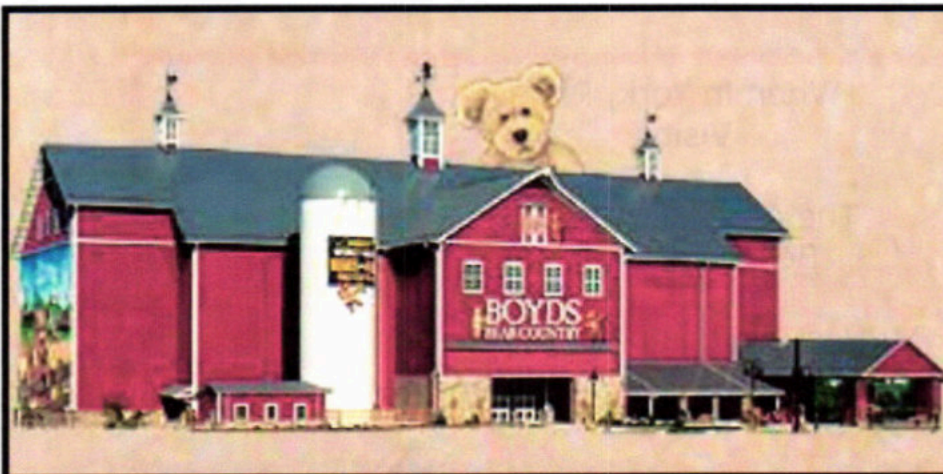


110 Ducktown Road Just one mile east of Hellam South of US 30 off Rt 462



Visit Boyd's Bears 75 Cunningham Road in Gettysburg

Hours 10AM to 6PM
 Steinwehr Ave Exit
 off Rt 15
 Left 2 miles



DAY TRIPS



BROOME'S
Orchards &
Farm Markets

Crisp and Delicious...
It's Apple Season!
Buy Fresh. Buy Local.
Taste the Difference!

**8892 Susquehanna Trail South in Loganville
OR
3100 North George Street in Emigsville**



When in York, PA
Visit

The Central Market
Began in 1754

34 West Philadelphia Street
Open Tuesday and Thursday
6 AM to 2 PM

Bluett Bros Violins

**122 Hill Street
York, PA
717-854-9064**

Tour Availability: Monday & Tuesday: Noon to 3 p.m.

Other days by appointment.

Admission Fee : \$5 per person

Reservations Are Required

Guided: Yes

On-site Retail Store: Yes

Minimum Age: Yes (10 years old)

Cameras Allowed: Yes

You're invited into to the shop as master Luthier Mark Bluett practices the intricate art of making stringed instruments. Watch as Mark handcrafts a variety of instruments, including violins, mandolins, cellos and more. You'll discover how he reads the wood to determine how to shape each instrument to achieve the highest quality sound and watch as he carves beautiful pieces right before your eyes.

Please call ahead for reservations.

Please no groups larger than 10 people at one time.

Family Heir-Loom Weavers

**775 Meadowview Drive
Red Lion, PA
717-246-2431**

<http://www.familyheirloomweavers.com/>

Tour Availability: By Appointment/Reservation Only Monday - Friday

Admission Fee: \$3 per person for each adult (No charge for children)

Guided: Yes

Outlet: Yes

Minimum Age: Yes

Cameras Allowed: Yes

The tour lasts one hour. Cameras are permitted on the tour. To schedule a tour, please call David Kline at least two days in advance at 717-246-2431.

Martin's Potato Chips

5847 Lincoln Highway (US Route 30)
Thomasville, PA
1-800-272-4477
www.martinschips.com

5847 Lincoln Highway (US
 Route 30)
 Thomasville, PA
 1-800-272-4477

Tour Availability: By Reservation Only (No Walk-Ins)
 Tuesdays 9, 10, and 11am only

Admission Fee : No

Reservations Required: Yes

Guided: Yes

Outlet: Yes

Cameras Allowed: Yes

Restrictions: Yes, Free tours of Martin's Potato Chips factory are available Tuesdays by

Snyder's of Hanover

1350 York Street
Hanover, PA
1-800-233-7125 ext. 8592
www.snydersofhanover.com

Tour Availability: Tue., Wed., & Thurs. 10am, 11am, and 1pm

Advance Reservations Required

Please call at least 24-hours in advance

Admission Fee: No

Guided: Yes

Cameras Allowed: No

Restrictions/Notes: Everyone must be able to climb a flight of stairs. Restroom is only available on the tour. We've been America's Pretzel Bakery since 1909. Your senses will be on overload while the guide offers you a glimpse of how tradition, technology and teamwork combine to make great tasting pretzels. A free sample to all tour participants. Reservations are required for the guided tour, and can be made by calling 1-800-233-7125 ext.8592. After taste-testing Snyder's products on the tour, be sure to stop by the on-site outlet, which is open from 9am-6pm Monday through Saturday.

Susquehanna Glass

731 Avenue H
Columbia, PA
717-684-2155 (ext. 124)
www.theglassfactory.com

Tour Availability:

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
 Reservations Required

Please Note: The factory store is open Tuesday through Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm. The factory store is closed Sunday & Monday.

Admission Fee: NO Guided: Demonstration Outlet: YES
 Cameras Allowed: YES

Barware, stemware, and crystal gift items since 1910. See glass hand cutting demonstrations. Call 717-684-2155 and choose the retail store prompt to reserve your space for the glass cutting demonstrations.

Utz Snacks

900 High Street
Hanover, PA 17331
1-800-367-7629 (Toll Free)
717-637-6644
www.utzsnacks.com

Tour Availability: Monday - Thursday 8am-4pm Friday - Call ahead

Admission Fee: No Reservations Required: No
 Guided: No Outlet: Nearby*
 Cameras Allowed: No

* The Utz Factory Outlet is located just two blocks from the factory tour, at 861 Carlisle Street.

The self-guided tour of Utz Quality Foods allows you to view the entire 30 minute process that transforms a raw spud into a crunchy chip. Utz has evolved into a large, regional snack food company that produces up to 14,000 pounds of award winning chips per hour. After your tour, don't forget your souvenir bag of chips! You can take the self guided tour of Utz Quality Foods for free, and reservations are not required. Additionally, cameras are not allowed, and there are no minimum age requirements.

York Time Institute

312 West Market Street

York, PA 17401

717-848-3152

www.yorktimeinstitute.com

Tour Availability: Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*

**Advance reservations required.*

To make reservations, call 717-848-3152

Admission Fee: No Reservations Required: Yes

Guided: Yes Cameras Permitted: Yes

The York Time Institute offers you an up-close glimpse at the hub of activity in a master timekeeper's shop. For over thirty years, York Time Institute founder, Dan Nied has kept perfect time with the conservation, restoration and repair of antique timepieces, as well as manufacturing of custom watches and clocks. Watch craftsmen at work as you discover the evolution of timekeeping. Enjoy an up-close look at historic and modern timepieces and the machines used to carefully craft and restore them. Groups are also accepted with advance reservations



Charter Oak Chatter



The WBCCI Airstream RV Association October, 2010

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



Upcoming Events

Installation Dinner

November 7, 2010
5 pm until 9 pm
Manchester Country Club
Hosted by
Raymond and Cynthia Richard

Holiday Party

December 5, 2010
Dakota Restaurant
Rocky Hill, CT
Hosted by Ted and Lois Price



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



October 2010,

Last words from the Prez,

As I write this last President's letter, it is with some relief that Lynn Blackwell will have this dubious task next month.

During my tenure as President I'd like the club to know that starting in January of this year I made 126 birthday phone calls as the Prez. It gave me quite a bit of satisfaction to tell people that it was the President on the phone with a birthday greeting. Some I called on their actual birthday, others a day or two later to check and see how their birthday went. I called people who didn't know what President was calling. Others who recognized my voice responded with joy that they had not been forgotten on their special day. It was fun doing the President calls, wouldn't have missed it.

This last letter will be short in comparison to previous letters. There are many people in the club who I could thank and I'm sure they know their effort on behalf of the club and need no further thanks. But, I would be remiss not to single out once again Mike and Sandy Sasuta for taking on the enormous task of the Region One Rally that was held in Durham, CT this past August, 2010. We did well dollar wise because our chief cook was able to do most of the cooking chores without engaging expensive outside caterers. Rich Kushman, it's to your credit that we were able to show a profit for the event and were able to be so generous to the Region One Treasury as well as the Cents for Kids program. Kush, by coming in at one half the budget for cooking you really saved the day. In addition, the silent auction and raffle manned by Val and Aili Galasyn was very profitable.

One other person that deserves recognition by the President is Cynthia Richard who for several years has produced, edited, coordinated, distributed, etc. the Chatter. She's done a fine job and she will be hard to replace. That's for sure.

I want to especially thank my wife, Fran for all her help during the year in keeping me on track and typing these President's letters on the computer as I dictated them. I know I couldn't have done it without her. Many thanks, Fran.

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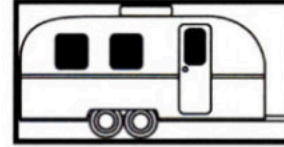
Lastly, Fran and I, will be attending a family function in California and regret we will not be at the November 7th Installation Dinner at the Manchester Country Club to see Lynn Blackwell installed as President. I wish Lynn well in the coming year and know she'll do a fine job as Prez.

Ciao! Stay healthy, keep smiling and be safe.

God Bless,

Jerry Ingallinera

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Thank You

I would like to thank all my friends in Charter Oak for their thoughts, cards, prayers and good wishes during my recent illness. Each one was deeply appreciated!

Joan Beardsley



Editor's Note: This notice was in last month's Chatter, however I left Joan's name off. So now we all know who was thanking us.

ATTENTION

Due to our by-laws which state that the officers have to be installed in November, the meeting has been moved back to November 7, 2010. However, the time has been changed to 5pm. Everything else remains the same, including the venue and the choices for dinner. We hope to see you there.

Raymond and Cynthia Richard
Hosts

THOUGHTS AND CARES

Get Well Soon!

Rich Kushman

Paul Good

Dottie Walbridge

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Howard "Mike" Kuehn on his passing

REMINDER

Please remember to send your dues in to Sandy Sasuta! They were due on October 1, 2010

**COCU FALL RALLY – AMERICAN FAMILY CAMPGROUND
GODEFFROY, NY
Submitted by Fran Ingallinera**

The fall rally held over the weekend of October 1st to the 3rd, 2010 hosted by Raymond and Cynthia Richard got off to a wet start but ended on a clear sunny day with most of the attendees headed for the Fall Caravan to Gettysburg, PA.

Most arrived on Friday afternoon by the allotted 3 PM registration time and gathered around 4:30 for Happy Hour since the weather had cooperated and the rain had subsided. On arriving we were given a goody bag with homemade brownies, candy and a “tractor” fashioned from a pack of Juicy Fruit Gum for the body, peanut butter cups for the wheels and other candies to round out Raymond Richard’s creation. After happy hour several folks decided to check out the dinner fare at a local diner.

Saturday morning we were treated to a breakfast buffet put on by the campground. Food was plentiful and despite the chilly morning everyone seemed to be have a great time.

The rest of the day was spent touring the area. There were apple orchards, museums and lots of places of interest to explore.

At the 4:30 Happy Hour, a meeting was held by President Jerry Ingallinera. The Sasutas gave an accounting of the Region One Rally profits. At Michael Sasuta’s request, a vote was taken to donate \$500 to the Region One Treasury and \$250 to Cents for Kids. Everyone present thought it was a great idea and the vote passed unanimously.

Raymond Richard held a driver’s meeting for those who would be joining the caravan to Gettysburg, PA. Twenty Airstreams attended the rally and 16 would be going on the caravan.

Dinner was a pot luck held in the rec hall where we had been served breakfast. The Airstreamers outdid themselves with a diverse assortment of entrees and desserts. After dinner we enjoyed a campfire. Raymond and Cynthia were kind enough to re-enact the skit they put on at the Region One Rally.

On Sunday morning the Prices and their beautiful daughters, Lisa and Allison, the Watts, the Ingallineras and the Peases remained behind as the Caravaners, began to make their way out of the campground. Joining caravan leaders, Raymond and Cynthia Richard, Bud and Jessie Gould were Region One President Russ Melocik and his wife, Cynthia, new COCU members, Mark and Marie Lupien, Ernie and Madaline Bauer of the New England Unit, the Landrys, the Fuller family including Bard and Kathy and Dad John Fuller with Grace, his friend. Also joining the caravan, the Crocketts, Rosenbecks,, Sasutas, Eckels, Pestrettos, Simmons, and Wilsons. Ken and Kathy Mitchell from the White Mountians Unit joined the caravan in Gettysburg.



John Fuller with friend Grace enjoy the pot luck



Ted and Lois Price



Happy Hour



Phil and Fran Simmons



President Jerry Ingallinera



Marie and Mark Lupien visit Orange County Choppers



Sandy Sasuta and Jessie Gould

Pictures by Jerry Ingallinera and Mark Lupien

The Airstreams and Battlefields Caravan

Submitted by Kathy Fuller

On Sunday, October 3rd 16 trailers/motorhomes set off for Gettysburg, PA. The sun was shining and the foliage was lovely. The Airstreams and Battlefields Caravan was off to a good start. Raymond and Cynthia Richard along with Bud and Jessie Gould were our hosts and they gave us more than we ever expected!

Artillery Ridge Campground was an excellent location that enabled quick access to Gettysburg National Military Park and dozens of other attractions. The new Visitor Center in the national park offered a movie, phenomenal museum and the renown Cyclorama. The 126 year old Cyclorama painting is over 300 feet long and depicts troop placements and key battle landmarks during Pickett's Charge. Ranger programs, bus trips and self guided auto tours also originated from the Visitor Center.

One of the most popular bus trips was to the Eisenhower farm. This was the only home President and Mrs. Eisenhower ever owned. The grounds included a putting green and a prize-winning bull breeding facility.

The Soldiers' National Cemetery, site of Lincoln's famed Gettysburg Address, contains the remains of Union soldiers, whether they were identified by name or not. Besides the Battlefield with its over 300 monuments, markers and memorials there was also the town of Gettysburg with its historic homes and trendy shops to mosey through.

One evening we were treated to a portrayal of Abraham Lincoln by Jim Getty at our campground. Jim has been honing his craft since before coming to Gettysburg in 1977. He incorporated humor, historical references and biographical facts. He has recorded voiceovers for the History Channel and appeared in the movies Gettysburg, Three Days of Destiny (2004) and Ironclads (1991). This personable man also performed at the DAR Constitution Hall during George H. W. Bush's inaugural festivities.

If the Civil War was not of interest there was still LOTS to do! The Harley-Davidson Factory Tour, pretzel and potato chip factory tours, wineries, breweries, Boyd's Bears, the Round Barn, farmer markets, ghost walks, weavers, wood workers, glass cutters, the Shoe House, candy makers, the 46th National Apple Harvest Festival with endless crafts and food plus MANY MORE places to go and see.

Meanwhile, back at the homestead (campground), we were treated to breakfasts, suppers, ice cream floats, toasted marshmallows PLUS the homemade pumpkin bread, apples and candy found in our welcoming goodie bag. Our last night we ate supper in the Dobbin House Tavern, built in 1776, and received CDs, made by Ernie Bauer, compiling the pictures taken by three of our members.

It was a wonderful week for the group consisting of our four hosts plus Charlie and Jeanne Wilson, Ruth and Roger Crockett, Fran and Philip Simmons, Ernie and Madaline Bauer, Niels and Lydia Rosenbeck, Mark and Marie Lupien, Cynthia and Russ Melocik, Mike and Sandy Sasuta, Jean and Bob Landry, Seb and Juanita Pestretto, Ken and Kathy Mitchell, Bard and Kathy Fuller, John Fuller and friend, Grace Firnhaber. The planning and effort of our hosts was evident and appreciated. The location was outstanding. If you missed this week long caravan you missed a GREAT TIME!!



Group shot of Airstreams and Battlefields Caravaners with Abe Lincoln (aka Jim Getty)



Hosts Raymond and Cynthia Richard and Bud and Jessie Gould with "Abe"



Jim Getty shared pie and coffee with Caravaners



Jean Landry toasts a perfect king-size marshmallow



Bard Fuller leads us in a participation song



Jessie Gould overseas kitchen work with Mark Lupien's help



Bob Landry



Kathy and Ken Mitchell from the White Mountain Unit were a great addition to the caravan!



Ernie and Madaline Bauer, NEU, visit with new COCU members Marie and Mark Lupien

We would like to thank everyone who joined us on this great caravan. It would not have been the same without each and everyone of you! We enjoyed leading and we hope to travel with each of you again soon.

Raymond and Cynthia Richard and Bud and Jessie Gould



Bud Gould and Sandy Sasuta make Root Beer floats

Charter Oak CT Unit

Join Us Sunday November 7, 2010



Manchester Country Club

305 South Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Happy Hour 5:00 PM
Dinner Served 6:00 PM

Name: _____

Entrée Choice - Please Mark Your Selection and Quantity

English Cut Prime Rib _____ X \$23.50

Baked Haddock _____ X \$23.50

Stuffed Chicken Breast _____ X \$23.50

TOTAL

Send Payment to: Raymond Richard, P.O. Box 41, Moodus, CT 06469

See You At

12:30

Cash Bar
Famous
Sunday
Brunch !

Menu Includes:

Carving Station
Salad Bar - Cheese, Cold
Cuts, and Fruit
Waffles, Eggs, Sausage,
Bacon, Smoked Seafood
Assorted Desserts. Also
includes Coffee, Tea,
Juice, Soda, or Milk

Charter Oak Ct Unit Holiday Bash



Sunday December 5, 2016
Dakota of Rocky Hill

1489 Silas Deane Highway
(860) 257 - 7752
Exit 24 off I-91

Let Us Give unto Others
Donations Received will Benefit the
Children's Home in Cromwell

Adults \$26.00 Children 3 to 10 Years Old \$11.00

Remit To: Lois Price 121 Boulter Road Wethersfield, CT 06109
No Later Than Dec 3rd (860) 529 - 9393 or (860) 841 - 2604

Name: _____ WBCCI# _____
Adults _____ Children _____ Check Amount _____



June 28—July 4, 2011

Rally Registration Forms are
available on the internet;

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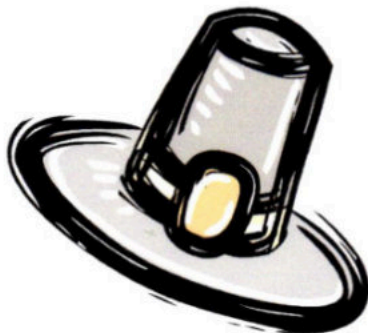
Upcoming Events

Holiday Party

December 7, 2010
 Dakota Restaurant
 Rocky Hill, CT
 Hosted by
 Ted and Lois Price
 and Brian and Pat Brosnahan

February Luncheon

February 6, 2011
 Zest Restaurant
 Tolland, CT
 Hosted by
 Bob and Jean Landry



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Allow me start by thanking our outgoing President and First Mate, Jerry and Fran Ingallinera for their dedicated service this past year. They involved their entire family, especially their charming grandsons Michael and Sean, to attend to our every need this year. Service as President during a Region Rally is particularly challenging, and the Ingallinera's did it with grace and their usual good humor and style. We all thank you very much. Instead of taking a bow and a well-deserved rest, they have decided to switch it up and we welcome Fran as our 2nd Vice-President. We hope he enjoys the "group photo" he took in absentia at the Installation Dinner!

Jerry has already done a great job of thanking those who worked so hard to deliver a terrific Region 1 Rally in Durham. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Cynthia Richard for her years of creative work as Editor of the Chatter. Cynthia has graciously agreed to extend her tenure - but we are in need of an Apprentice Chatter Editor. If you like to write, and need an outlet for your creativity, please give me or Cynthia a call so you can lend a hand. Speaking of great appreciation, our hats off to our 2nd Vice President, Jim Burnham. Jim (and Corinne) have agreed to host the storage shed. Sometime this winter we will work together (I'll be making and serving the coffee...) to relocate the shed. We hope to take an inventory to post on the website.

Thanks to everyone who has agreed to host or co-host events next season. A special thanks Gilles and Joyce Rousseau and Bill and Evelyn Watts for offering to co-host a new Rendezvous in September at Macedonia Brook State Park in Litchfield County. And thanks to the Landrys for volunteering to host the February luncheon. If you are staying up north this winter, please plan to join us at Zest in Tolland. It sounds like a great brunch will be served up.

I enjoy being part of this Club whose members form a loosely knit community, bound by a common love of the Airstream and its culture of group travel, camping, and the breaking of bread together. Similar to our larger community, Charter Oak is changing and evolving. We late middle agers, such as Jeff and I (okay, very late) - are becoming more active members. We may be a bit different, less willing to embrace the more intense food planning and preparation approach of the rally in favor more often of the simple rendezvous. (Not to mention I don't really cook...) Different is not worse or better by itself, but either way, it may take some adjusting and maybe even some conversation.

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While I will have filed our 2011 schedule with the Blue Beret editors by the time you read this, the schedule can always be increased, and if you are thinking of a new rally or rendezvous, please let me know. We don't have a caravan yet, but there is time to add one should inspiration strike one of you. We've been asked by Cape Cod to support their Special Events Rally at Provincetown on Columbus Day weekend. A lovely way to do that could be a short caravan through the coastal route to Provincetown. Any takers? Our schedule has lots of room for new events and new ideas. Give me a call!

My mission as your President this year is to strengthen the Charter Oak Unit, to continue the strong bonds that exist among our members, and the friendly and positive relations we have with our sister Units in the New England Region. I look forward to talking to each of you in an effort to understand your vision of the Unit and how we can continue the long tradition of fellowship and great camping embodied by the WBCCI Charter Oak Unit. Hope to see you all at Dakota for the Holiday Luncheon.

Lynn

THOUGHTS AND CARES

Get Well Soon!

Rich Kushman

Paul Good

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**Our Deepest Sympathy
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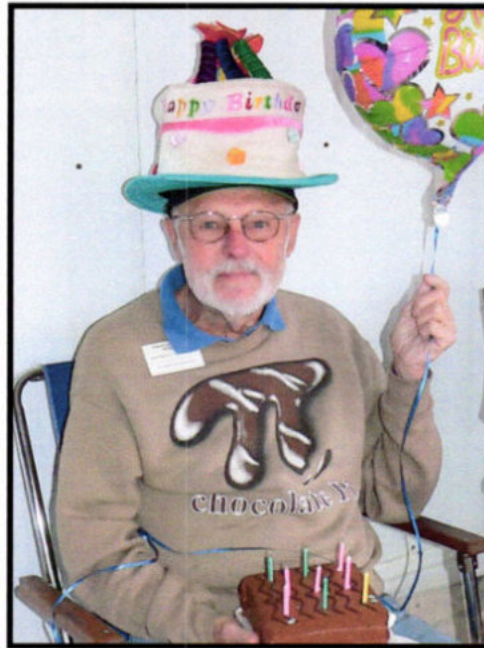
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to Sandy Sasuta! They
were due on October 1,
2010**



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Bill and Gail Huff
Trumbull, CT**





**Raynold Lemaire
1929 - 2010**

**The song has ended but the melody will linger
on!**

Raynold A. Lemaire was born on January 30, 1929 to Rouville and Delia Jacques Lemaire in Moosup, Connecticut, growing up in the Sandy Hill Section. After a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer he passed away on November 8, 2010.

His early education was at All Hallows Parochial School in Moosup, Connecticut, and Plainfield High School in Central Village, Connecticut.

On July 10, 1947 he enlisted in the US Marine Corps and served for four years, being discharged with the rank of sergeant. On July 26, 1952 he was united in marriage at Saint John the Apostle Catholic church in Plainfield, Connecticut to his high school sweetheart, Cecile Pauline Tetreault.

Raynold was employed at Plastic Wire & Cable in Jewett City, Connecticut, and worked in the laboratory and inspection for 14 years. He then earned his bachelor's degree with a math major from the University of Connecticut and a master's degree in math from California State University in Fresno, California.

He was a mathematics teacher at the Norwich Free Academy in Norwich, Connecticut for 26 years. He loved math, the students and NFA. He also enjoyed teaching mathematics at night at Mohegan Community College in Norwich, Connecticut for 23 years as an adjunct faculty member.

Ray and Cecile loved to travel. They have been in all fifty states, and eight of the ten provinces in Canada. An unforgettable trip was a forty-seven day caravan, by small motorhome, traveling throughout seven countries in Europe. They have been members of the Airstream RV Club for more than thirty years, traveling on caravans, going to rallies and meeting lots of wonderful people. Some of their travels have been to England, Europe, Greece, Australia and four trips to Russia.

He will be remembered as a dedicated family man who loved his children and grandchildren, traveling, reading biographies and working stained glass.

Besides his wife Cecile, he is survived by four daughters: Dr. Nancy and husband James Macione and their children Emily, Andrew and his wife Susie, of Waterford; Susan Lemaire of Yarrow Point, Washington, Diane Catania and her children Marissa and Mark of Rocky Hill; and Jill and husband Joel Rivera and their children Ava, Janexie, and Anthony of New London.

Surviving siblings are Blanche Prescott of Rochester, New York, Roger Lemaire and longtime friend Carolyn of Deland, Florida, Leon Lemaire of Las Vegas, Nevada and Janice Lemaire and longtime friend Bruce of Fort Collins, Colorado.

The Lemaire Family is grateful for the compassionate care that Ray received during his illness. They would like to thank the doctors and staff at Backus Hospital. Our gratitude is extended to the dedicated staff at Hospice Southeastern Connecticut.

Installation Dinner November 7, 2011 Manchester Country Club

Submitted by Charlotte LaRocca

On a chilly November 7th evening we had a rare supper gathering of the Charter Oak WBCCI Unit at the Manchester Country Club. It was quite well-attended and up-beat as the membership installed a new slate of officers for the coming year and thanked the out-going ones for their service.

Hosted by Cynthia and Ray Richard, the dinner began with lively socializing as Ted Price introduced this year's line of Claxton fruitcakes for sale, featuring a new "Dark" variety, in addition to the perennial favorite. After a delicious dinner, in the absence of President Jerry Ingallinera, our incoming President Lynn Blackwell chaired the Business Meeting. Ray Richard 2nd Vice President of Region One performed the installation of the new officers.

Highlights of the meeting included Lois Price reading her poem honoring Jerry's Presidency and in return his sealed letter to the Unit that ended by instructing us in detail how to gather for one last group photo in the Manchester CC dining room (thanks Jerry). The Prices also presented President Blackwell with a giant Christmas stocking as a gift. In turn she presented outgoing President Ingallinera with a telephone and a gift certificate as thanks for his service. She recognized new members Marie and Mark Lupien, who've joined COCU from the Cape Cod Unit and were present that evening; Bard and Kathy Fuller, also of the Cape Cod Unit who were not present; and new members Bill and Gail Huff, also not present. Carried away, she also introduced Fred and Dale McGoldrick who turned out to be "old" members but new faces at the dinner meeting so it was good for some of us to meet them for the first time. They received a big hand from the group. Mention was made of Rich Walbridge's recent illness, an emergency stent, but he is doing well from what was known.

A discussion of whether the by-laws need revision in order to provide better oversight of expenditures was held and voted down. It seemed to some members that the existing procedure might not have been followed regarding a recent purchase and this triggered the discussion. The issue will be taken up by the membership in a more deliberative way at a later date.

The following people were present to be installed in their new offices: Lynn Blackwell-President; Jim Burnham-1st VP; Cynthia Richard-Recording Secretary; John Bachar and Bill Watts-2nd Yr Directors; and Juanita Pestretto-1st Yr Director. Absent were: Toni Nolder-1st Yr Director; Sandy Sasuta-Treasurer; and Fran Ingallinera-2nd VP.

Our meeting was gaveled to a close by our new Pres. Blackwell. We will next meet Sunday, December 5th for the Holiday Bash at Dakotas hosted by the Prices and the Brosahnans. Hope to see you there.



**Incoming President Lynn Blackwell
installed by Region One 2nd VP,
Raymond Richard**



**New Directors, Juanita Pestretto,
Bill Watts and John Bachar
installed by Raymond Richard**



Bud and Jessie Gould



**First Mate Jeff Blackwell with new
President Lynn Blackwell**



Marie and Mark Lupien

Region One President's Newsletter

October, 2010

When we last wrote, Cynthia and I were fresh out of the International Rally in Gillette and the many business meetings and seminars. Since then we have summered in New England and visited family and friends on each side of the Canadian border. As summers go, 2010 was good. As good summers go, it went. We have now returned home and have been digging into what is arguably the busiest eight weeks of the WBCCI year: that period between new officer elections/installations and all the paperwork required by the First of November.

The highlight of the summer, of course, was the Region Rally in Durham CT. The Charter Oak Connecticut Unit, through its hard-working team of helpers put together a wonderful, fun, weekend. The "Miss Elaineous" beauty (?) pageant was a scream, the chow delicious and the flow of activities comfortable. Thank you, Charter Oak. And special thanks for your generous donation to the battered Region Treasury.

Francois Martel and his fellow Quebec Canada Unit attendees put together a slide show of what can be expected at their 2011 Region Rally in Riviere-Rouge. The "First Nations" theme will focus on the culture of the earliest inhabitants of the region. We can all look forward to a fun rally with built-in entertainment & education. Set your sights for August 04 to August 08, 2011. Look for the rally coupon / flyer at the Region One web site: <region1.wbcci.net> .

WBCCI is dealing with three issues of great importance: two ad hoc committees on motor homes and Constitution & Bylaws and the club's financial management. We now have a balanced budget following a year which saw an operational deficit and a profitable International Rally in Gillette. You should know that the club is in good shape financially and has taken steps to assure profitable International Rallies in Du Quoin, IL, in 2011 and Sedalia, MO, in 2012.

Come join us in 2011. Have fun. Get involved.

Submitted by Russ Melocik

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Presidents December Letter

Merry Christmas and Happy
Holidays !



Some of you may know that I was in Florida and missed the Holiday Party at Dakota, hosted by the Prices and Brosnahans. My handsome and clever Prince Consort, Jeff, reported that it was a festive and happy occasion, with an amazing attendance - 42 of us! Jeff particularly enjoyed the Price elves with their little gifties for all.

Jeff claims that the title he has adopted, Prince Consort, is the formal title for a man married to a sovereign who is not himself a king in his own right. It's a fine title and I hope you will all find it in your hearts to humor him.

I have been getting Facebook invitations from the New England Unit for their events - and if I were more clever and wise, I would figure out how to similarly advance the COCU events. There are not many COCU members on Facebook - so I think I have some leeway here to figure it out. Do take a look at our calendar, it is on our website, and make plans to join us this next camping season. Both New England and Cape Cod also have very interesting and fun events which you may wish to join as well (you can see



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some of those on Facebook when you join!)

This is the last Chatter until February, so don't forget to sign up for the February 6 Brunch - 11 a.m. at Zest in Tolland. The Landry's have worked with this award-winning restaurant to serve a sumptuous buffet, so I hope to see you there.

The Airstream community mourned the passing of Ray Lemaire and we send our best to Cecile and their family. A great guy with a wicked sense of humor; we will miss him. We are glad to hear that the Henschel's are back in their home now, just in time for the holidays.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and look forward to getting back to camping with you all.

Lynn and her Prince Consort

THOUGHTS AND CARES

Get Well Soon!

Lee Bradley

Also

**Our sympathies to the
friends and family of
Audrey Peters who passed
away Christmas Eve**

Editor's Note:

As most of you know, Raynold Lemaire, former Region One President, passed away recently. The Chatter reported his passing and obituary in last month's Chatter. However, Rich and Dottie Walbridge wrote a very moving tribute to Raynold in their newsletter. With their permission it is reprinted in this issue on page 4. For all of us who knew and loved Raynold, this article will bring back fond memories. Thanks to Rich and Dottie for allowing this editor to share this with our readers.



COCU Holiday Party
 December 5, 2010
 Submitted by Lois Price

HO! HO! HO! We Had Good Fun!

The COCU Holiday Party at Dakotas of Rocky Hill was enjoyed by 45 attendees.

The buffet was delicious; the venue comfortable and cheerful, and the wait staff did a fine job. There was much conversation enjoyed by the warm fire. How honored were we when Santa, accompanied by Reindeer named Allison, Lisa, Rudolfa, and a perky Elf paid us a visit ... prompted by a "Lois" poem.

Donations to the Children's Home of Cromwell amounted to \$132.00.

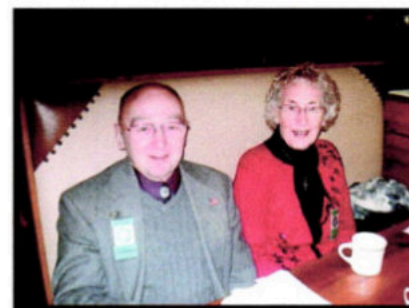
The party was hosted by Pat and Brian Bronsnahan, Ted and Lois Price, plus helpers. First Vice President Jim Burnham stepped in for our President Lynn Blackwell who was unable to attend.



Jerry Ingallinera and Bill Watts



Jim and Corrine



Larry and Pat



Willie and Winnie



Lois Price

Raynold Lemaire #203

By Rich & Dottie Walbridge #3371

The emptiness that Raynold Lemaire's presence will leave at WBCCI activities will be noted big time by members who knew and loved him. Many will say, "he was a good guy", while others will say, "he did a lot for the Club".

Our opinion is that he was an honest fellow who took on a fulltime job when he became a Region One officer and the International Chairman of the Ethics and Grievance Committee. One can easily understand why he was chosen for such a position which requires a person of integrity, honesty and even temperament. Anytime a tough decision had to be handed down, you can believe he put his heart and soul into it.



Anyone who knew that Ray had a U.S. Marine background knew that he was proud of his country and that he was always so neat; you never, ever could find anything out of place with his clothing or cleanliness.

When negative words were said about the WBCCI on any of the forums, it was as if they were aimed at him; he didn't like anyone speaking out against "his" WBCCI. His Club meant so much to him.

Although his second or third love was the WBCCI, his family was his first. Ray was hardly ever separated from his wife, Cecile who traveled all over the USA to Club meetings and activities.

Ray had other interests too! He really enjoyed photography and was very good at it too. The Lemaire's had a winter spot at TR in Florida where they always kept busy. Ray with

his photographer position with the TR Times and Cecile with exercise and other hobbies.

While in TR, Ray and Cecile always walked or biked wherever they were headed. It was part of life and staying in good physical condition.

Only in the last year did Ray take you up on giving him a ride in your golf cart; you could just tell he was tiring and not feeling himself. It brings tears to my eyes as I write this; being witness to his illness is difficult.

The Lemaire's almost always hosted a happy hour at their campsite at TR; they tended to be the center of attention at Club gatherings; they were the WBCCI.

Little personal things make me laugh about Ray; he loathed dogs barking in the distance and couldn't fathom why folks would allow them to yelp regularly. He was funny about this.

He bought a bike at the TR auction for a couple of bucks and used it for short trips to drop off a message or something simple like that; I used to kid Ray about riding his "park pony".

He enjoyed a beer occasionally and usually it was a Sam Adams; he loved to "toast" to the camera that was always snapping photos at a happy hour.

He was the Emcee at the Whale of a time on Olde Cape Cod Region 1 Rally. It wasn't work to him; he had such a good time with his Disney and Red Hat Society hats. His jokes were almost always very funny. When he heard a good one, he would always write notes about it and save it for the next "emcee" job...maybe the Region 1 Luncheon at an International Rally.



When we became editors of the unit newsletter, he made it very clear to us that his name was Raynold. He was so specific that whenever we wrote about him in an official manner, he was to be referred to as Raynold. And we did and still do. He was a proud guy.

As Region One President, it was important to him to speak French when dealing with the Quebec Canada Unit. He was never a "French Linguist", but he tried so hard out of respect for our French-speaking members. That was a big deal to Raynold.

Since he was not going to fly his Past Unit President's flag any longer (since he progressed higher to region stature, he signed his Unit Past President's flag with his signature and date of his presidency; it flies over my trailer at every unit activity as my flag in memory of Raynold.

Yes, Raynold will be missed, and he will not be forgotten.

On behalf of the entire WBCCI we share sincere condolences to his wife, Cecile and his daughters and their families.

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