



Charter Oak Connecticut History

2011

adventure inspired by
AIRSTREAM





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One unforgettable way
to explore.**

Wally Byam,
Airstream founder

With over 160 years of combined experience bringing quality products to generations of outdoor enthusiasts, Eddie Bauer and Airstream are two iconic brands steeped in the American traditions of innovation and adventure.

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- Sturdy exterior tie-downs keep Power from riving too far.
- A heavy-duty entry door guard keeps pets safely inside, protects screen door from scratching.
- A convenient hand-held outdoor shower is perfect for hosing off muddy paws.






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Charter Oak Chatter



The WBCCI Airstream RV Association

February 2011

Online at <http://Connecticut.wbcci.net/>



Upcoming Events

March Luncheon

March 6, 2011

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Glastonbury, CT**

**Hosted by Charlotte LaRocca
and Gene Hickey**

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April 3, 2011

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**Hosted by
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Meeting**

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Stafford Springs, CT**

**Hosted by
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This just isn't right!! Queen Bea in New Braunfels, TX after the mid winter IBT. An inch of snow fell that morning.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear COCU friends:

This is the time of year when the seed catalogues are coming in, giving folks in New England something warm to dream about. At the lovely February brunch, we distributed copies of the COCU 2011 events list, to be used the same way; to make summer a reality now by planning to participate in as many of the fun camping events we have on the schedule. Take a look at the events planned by New England, New Hampshire and Cape Cod units as well - and start filling your camping calendar.

We've noticed that the local restaurants are more likely to have increased their prices and require deposits, contracts and attendance minimums. Its been a tough year for them - when it's cold and icy, many people go home and stay home, opting to break down and cook instead of going out. We are trying to keep the cost of our luncheons reasonable, but it is going to take increasing ingenuity - and perhaps, pizza or tacos instead of haute cuisine. It's the comradeship we seek, the source of the calories is secondary. As the prices inch up, we hope you can still join us!

Please come to the March luncheon at Max Amore - the flyer is included in this Chatter. As mentioned above, Charlotte LaRocca worked with Max Amore to keep the price down, but the price is a bit higher (by \$2.50 pp). They require a 15 person minimum, and from the informal poll at the February lunch, we are well on our way to meeting and exceeding that hurdle.

Jeff (The Prince Consort) and I are hosting the business meeting in Stafford Springs in May. We are returning to the cozy clubhouse where Cynthia and Ray hosted Cinco de Mayo last year - they have just the facilities we need in case it is less than warm outside (heated clubhouse w/ a kitchen). Weather permitting, Jeff promises a campfire (seasoned firewood, if we don't run out by then). There is one major agenda item, as International is revising the Constitution. Rich already sent out the very well written Summary of the proposed changes. From the Summary, it appears the Committee has done good work. We will consider the new Constitution in between enjoying the first camping of the year.

We look forward to seeing you all - down the road.

Lynn and Jeff (Prince Consort)



MID WINTER IBT MEETING

Amid cool temperatures 118 rigs arrived in Robbstown, TX for the annual mid winter meeting along with 12 additional registrants staying at near by hotels made this a well attended rally with 130 total registrants. The facility was very nice and we were the first group to use the new camping area. Region 9 did an excellent job with the hosting duties. There was plenty of food, fun and fellowship.

We enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. We traveled to Robbstown with Region One President, Russ Melocik and first lady, Cynthia, along with Charlie and Jean Wilson. Bill and Sandy Johnjulio from Region 4 traveled with us. One of the best things about traveling with someone new is that they introduce you to some of their past experiences. This was the case with Bill and Sandy. They took us a restaurant in Manchac, LA called Middendorf's. Known for it's seafood, the thin catfish was certainly worth the trip. So if you are ever in the area of I-55, Exit 15 be sure to stop.

During our caravan we also enjoyed homemade beef stew and several fun happy hours.

The business meetings of WBCCI were held in the Expo Hall. The Standing Committee Chairmen gave their reports. Of special interest was the rewrite of the WBCCI constitution. Because we think this is particular importance to the club the entire report is included in this Chatter. It is expected to be completed in the near future and ready for the units to vote on at their spring business meetings. Also a motion for a committee to be formed to study the options on the motorhome issue was passed. A memo from Larry Huttle regarding the motorhome issue was read. (Please see entire content of memo on following page)

Region 9 prepared a chicken dinner for the Closing Banquet. The International Officers served the sit down meal and did an excellent job. The mid-winter rally closed on Saturday with Airstreams departing in all the major points of the compass



Cynthia & Raymond Richard, Cynthia and Russ Melocik and Jeanne and Charlie Wilson at an IBT Banquet



International President, Norm Beu, serves dinner at the Closing Banquet



Cynthia and Raymond Richard in front of the Alamo



View from the boat ride along the Riverwalk in San Antonio



MEMO:

To: Cindy Reed

From: Larry Huttle

Date: January 27, 2011

Re: Class "A" Motorhome Discussion /

WBCCI Membership Acceptance

Cindy,

Airstream discontinued Class "A" motorhome production in 2006.

In 2007, recognizing the fact that many WBCCI members are Class "A" motorhome owners and will seek new Class "A" motorhomes in the future, we served up to the WBCCI IBT a viable option. Thor companies (Damon / Four Winds), now merged together as one Company named Thor Motor Coach Division, offered the WBCCI a wide range of Class "A" models. A vote to accept Class "A" Thor coaches by WBCCI members failed in June, 2007 by a 2 to 1 vote.

No formal WBCCI action has taken place in the past 3 years to move toward WBCCI acceptance of Thor Motor Coach products, other than passionate discussions by both advocates and those opposed to any such action.

Airstream has no foreseeable plan to enter the Class "A" or Class "C" segments of the RV business in the next several years. We do offer, however, Class "B" Interstate (Mercedes powered) and Avenue (Chevrolet powered) as Airstream's only motorized product offering and both are compliant for WBCCI membership and reach the fastest growing motorized segment of the RV business.

Fast forward ... in speaking with the officers of the Thor Motor Coach Division recently, their sentiment is that interest in building a "WBCCI Edition" motor coach exists only if significant interest by WBCCI members is demonstrated and several buyers come forth with purchases without a long campaign for support. Also, several challenges lie ahead for Thor Motor Coach to offer a WBCCI Edition coach to WBCCI members to be successful, in addition to immediate sales purchases:

- Airstream approval
- Thor Motor Coaches sells via its own distribution system and not via Airstream dealers
- Warranty coverage would be provided through Thor Motor Coach and not via Airstream dealers
- Airstream dealers would have to approve this because it affects its contractual agreement with

Airstream and state DMV laws prevail with these types of matters

Cindy, I believe the Thor Motor Coach officials have lost interest in pursuing a workable arrangement with the WBCCI as a result of their experience in 2007 with a low WBCCI approval by the general membership of its involvement.

Without significant WBCCI support and strong interest in seeking an immediate workable agreement, I feel strongly the Thor Motor Coach Division officials will not seek to move forward.

Cindy, I hope these comments add some clarity?

Sincerely,

Larry Huttle - Chairman

LJH/lm

INTERIM REPORT, BLUE BOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Robstown, Texas

January 28, 2011

Good morning. My name is Kerry Mattila, Past President, Ontario Canada Unit and a member of the Revision Committee.

The Blue Book Revision Committee was initiated by President Norm Beu at the July 5, 2010 meeting in Gillette as a Special Committee of the Executive Committee. Why a Revision Committee? RONR describes the Revision process as one that includes sufficient changes that the resulting document really is a new document, not an amended document. Our Constitution, Bylaws and Policy - the Blue Book - is an amalgam of original text, multiple amendments and additions. It is complex, frequently contradictory or ambiguous and cumbersome. It needs an overhaul.

Dona Garner, our Club Parliamentarian, was asked to Chair the Committee and I was asked to be a member. Joe Perryman from Washington was next, followed by Bob Novak, Metro NY and finally Tom Smithson from the Nor-Cal Unit. We started as a diverse group of members from different geographic areas, with differing backgrounds in the Club. What we shared is a passion for this Club and a desire to see it move forward at a time when most of the news we get about the state of our Club is not encouraging.

At the outset, we had a ready supply of material to work with. Over the past number of years, there have been studies, member surveys, failed motions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws, reports from the 2020 Committee and many ideas for change that never reached the motion stage. We interviewed Standing Committee Chairs, Region Presidents, and Executive Committee members. Much of what we needed to do our job already existed or had been previously discussed.

A Constitution is the foundation on which an organization is built. Ours was designed in an era when WBCCI was growing into a club with tens of thousands of members. That is not the Club that we have today and our Constitution has grown dated. It is important to understand that the Constitution and its Bylaws are a very integrated package, where any change, even a small one, can have unintended consequences in one, two or five other areas. That has made amending our Constitution and Bylaws a difficult task. A Revision provides an opportunity for a fresh, comprehensive approach. The goal is to have a new Constitution ready for review by the members of WBCCI in the coming weeks, studied and then voted on by Units for the Delegates meeting at the International Rally in DuQuoin this June. I commend our President and the Executive Committee for having the courage to give us this opportunity and the commitment to see it through to completion.

Ladies and gentlemen, after many hundreds of hours of work, we are almost finished in drafting a new Constitution for WBCCI. We are still working some minor details but we are 99% there. We believe that this proposed Constitution is a workable approach to running the business of WBCCI in a leaner, more efficient and more participative manner. It is appropriate for the Club that we are today and hopefully will be well into the future. While a new Constitution can help us to operate more efficiently, it doesn't change the real heart of WBCCI – Fun, Fellowship and Adventure. Instead, it changes how we do our business.

So what is different? Virtually every Article and Section has been changed in some manner – from editorial changes to complete rewrites. The following are some of the highlights:

- We have gone back to our club roots and replaced the Code of Ethics with a Standard of Conduct that is positive, that further enshrines the Fun, Fellowship and Adventure of WBCCI.
- The proposal is based on a leaner WBCCI structure, with a smaller Executive Committee and a smaller regional structure resulting in a smaller IBT.

- We are shortening the term of office for region officers and lengthening the term for the International Treasurer and Recording Secretary, for purposes of continuity.
- We are proposing to use direct member voting for election of officers and for future amendments to our Constitution while retaining a deliberative forum for discussing key issues.
- We are giving greater flexibility in setting dates for the International Rally and, since with direct member voting there will be no Delegates, we will have fewer meetings at the rally, allowing more opportunity for Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.
- We are proposing that MALs be given more rights within the Club, such as the right to vote and hold office in Intra-Clubs and at the International level.
- There is a simplified and streamlined process for any future amendments to the Constitution and Standard of Conduct that will be the same for all, no matter where the proposed amendment originates.
- One thing that is new is that WBCCI will be able to use electronic means to do any and all of its business, as may be appropriate. Our current Constitution doesn't allow that.

This proposed constitution truly is a new document and a new way for WBCCI to conduct its affairs. But as Darrell Watters described us at Gillette last year, we are a traveling social club. What we value and want to maintain are the social aspects of our Club. Nothing that we are proposing will change that.

So, what is next? We are doing our final edit to make sure that we have all the words right and haven't overlooked anything in the final document. An explanation of what is different and the rationale will be developed to be distributed along with the proposed Constitution. This material will be made available to all Units so that members can study the proposal, vote on it and instruct their Delegate. The Delegates meeting at DuQuoin will be a pivotal meeting for the future of this Club. We may never have a better opportunity to make these kinds of decisions. To the Units, we ask that you make sure that your Delegate will be there and that your voice will be heard on this critical issue.

Our Committee has also started work on the Bylaws and Policy, but of course cannot go too far down that road until the Delegates vote and approve a new Constitution. Once that is done, the Bylaws will follow quickly and we can assure you, they will also be slimmer and simpler

Mr. President, we are very confident that we have a good workable package that will move this Club forward, that will remove some of the irritants that have caused dissension and that will give us a leaner, more efficient organization. There have been many calls for change in WBCCI. Well, it's here and it's time. Members of WBCCI, it's your time to decide.

Thank you.

February Luncheon at Zest Restaurant

Submitted by Lynn Blackwell



The Landry's did a great job on the February north event (not to be confused with the February luncheon in Florida) - at Zest in Tolland. A week prior, we were not sure we had enough to make the 20 person minimum - but through Jean's efforts and calls, we had a total of 25 COCUs in attendance. We welcomed the Ritters of Wethersfield who were attending their second COCU event; and the Bleakneys who joined us from New England Unit.

The restaurant was very cozy, lively colors, and lovely art, and they worked especially hard to sand and salt the driveway and parking lots so there were no casualties. The sun was out and the temperature was finally rising about freezing for the first time in a month so we were all happy and atwitter. The snow is piled so high that pulling in we couldn't even see the house, and pulling out required much neck-craning to ensure safety.

Much conversation and good natured complaining was about ice dams, roof shoveling, and pantyhose filled with ice melt was the tip of the day. (Clarification: put these on the roof, don't try wearing them.) I wonder what they found to talk about at the Florida event...seeds in the oranges?

Our thanks to Zest and to Bob and Jean Landry for a lovely winter luncheon. After a great meal and lively conversation, everybody was eager to get home to chop away at the slightly warmed icepack before the next storm.



Maureen Eckels and Pete and Laurie Soucey attended the February Luncheon at Zest's in Tolland

REGION I LUNCHEON

Submitted by Lois Price

It was a cool, sunny, cheerful Tuesday on February 7 when Region I had its Florida Luncheon.

Hosted by Bob Butler, this event took place at the Buffet City Restaurant in Brooksville. Everyone enjoyed a very bountiful Chinese Buffet.

Russ and Cynthia Melocik attended and discussed several issues. There is concern regarding the decreasing WBCCI membership.

Attendees included: Cecile Lamaire, Jerry and Fran Ingallinera, Dottie and Rich Walbridge, Sandy Sasuta, Ted and Lois Price, Mark and Marie Lupien, Rich and Kathy Kushman, Russ and Fran Stearns, Alan and Joan Beardsley, Roger and Ruth Crocket, Neils and Lydia Rosenbeck, and possible more but please forgive any lapse in memory.

Our thanks to Bob Butler for hosting.



Come and Join us for the April Luncheon

April 3, 2011

Brunch at the Tower Ridge Country Club

140 Nod Road

Simsbury, CT 06070

12 noon - \$25 per person

Hosted by Seb and Juanita Pestretto

Directions:

From Danbury Area: I-84 East to Exit 39 (Farmington) Go Route 4 West and turn onto Route 10 North for 6 miles to the junction of 10 and 44. Go straight through intersection onto Nob Rob. Country Club is 1 mile to Tower Ridge Country Club.

From New Haven Area: I-91 North into Hartford. Take I-84 West to Exit 39 (Farmington) Go Route 4 West and turn onto Route 10 North for 6 miles to the junction of 10 and 44. Go straight through intersection onto Nob Rob. Country Club is 1 mile to Tower Ridge Country Club.

From Hartford Area: Take I-84 West to Exit 39 (Farmington) Go Route 4 West and turn onto Route 10 North for 6 miles to the junction of 10 and 44. Go straight through intersection onto Nob Rob. Country Club is 1 mile to Tower Ridge Country Club.

From Boston Area: Mass Turnpike to I-91 South. Take I-84 West to Exit 39 (Farmington) Go Route 4 West and turn onto Route 10 North for 6 miles to the junction of 10 and 44. Go straight through intersection onto Nob Rob. Country Club is 1 mile to Tower Ridge Country Club

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Adults \$25 each X _____ = \$ _____ Total enclosed _____

Mail to Seb Pestretto

5 Ferry Lane
Simsbury, CT

Please send check by March 21, 2011



**Charter Oak Connecticut/WBCCI
March Luncheon
March 6, 2011**

Hosts: Charlotte & Gene Hickey-LaRocca
Lynn & Jeff Blackwell

Details: Max Amore @ Somerset Square
450 Glastonbury Blvd. Glastonbury CT

**Cocktails at 12 Noon
Order off Menu at 12:30**

Menu Selections:



Chicken Piccata ~ sautéed chicken breast over garlic mashed potatoes with zucchini, yellow squash, plum tomatoes & white wine caper sauce.

Melanzana Portafoglia ~ crisp breaded eggplant layered with smoked mozzarella and oven dried tomatoes over spinach and tomato butter sauce

Wood Grilled Salmon ~ roasted Yukon gold potatoes, escarole, sweet garlic cream

Included: soft drinks, coffee, tea, iced tea, and dessert: Tiramisu or Flourless chocolate cake

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

Send with check payable to Charlotte LaRocca; **\$28.50** per person:

Names: _____ **WBCCI:** _____

Mail to: Charlotte LaRocca
P.O. Box 113
Glastonbury, CT 06073

RSVP

Deadline: Wednesday, March 2

(We must make the minimum attendance number of 15 by this date or cancel; once we have the minimum, late attendees will be welcomed - call Charlotte @ (860) 543-4557

2011 Charter Oak Connecticut Unit -- WBCCI
 Business Meeting
 May 6 - 8, 2011
 Hosted by Lynn and Jeff Blackwell

Mineral Springs Campground
 35 Leonard Road (860) 684-2993
 Stafford Springs, CT
 Lower Safari Field (water & elect)

Friday: Arrive after noon

6:30 Dinner: Pizza from Willington Pizza (meals in **heated** Rec Hall)

Saturday: 8:30 Breakfast: Danish, yogurt, cereal, Coffee, Tea
 10:30 Business Meeting (Discuss & Vote on New Int'l Constitution)
 1:00 Lunch on your own
 4:30 Happy Hour - bring a snack & your own beverage
 6:00 Dinner - Baked Potatoes, Homemade Chili & all the fixings
 7:30 Dessert - Brownies & ice cream

Sunday: 8:30 Breakfast: Coffee, Tea & Continental Breakfast
 On your own, leave by 3pm

DIRECTIONS:

From 84 East or West: Take Exit 70, (CT-32/Stafford Springs). From 84E, turn LEFT onto Route 32 (River Road). From 84W, turn RIGHT onto Route 32 (River Road). Turn RIGHT (East) onto Route 190. Turn LEFT (North) onto Route 19 (East Street). Turn LEFT (North-West) onto Route 319 (Orcuttville Road), then immediately turn Right (North) onto Leonard Road. Follow Leonard Road one mile to campground on right.

Names: _____ WBCCI #: _____

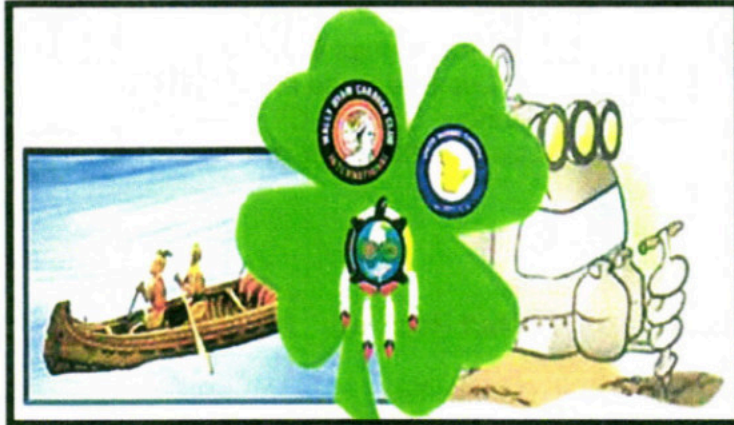
FAVORITE PIZZA TOPPING / PIZZA TYPE: _____

Fees: **Camping Fees** \$35 x ___ # nights = \$ _____
 Friday Yes/No
 Saturday Yes/No

Kitty Fee \$17.50 x ___ # persons = _____

Total Enclosed: (2 ppl x 2 nites 70 + 35 = 105) \$ _____

Payable to: Lynn Blackwell
 994 Main Street
 S. Glastonbury CT 06073



June 28—July 4, 2011

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

**First Nations Rally Region One
from August 4 to 8, 2011
Quebec - Canada**
Rally Registration Form is available on Region One Website

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June Rally
June 3 - 5, 2011
Skylark Airport
 Hosted by **Jim and Corinne Burnham** and
Giles and Joyce Rosseau



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear COCU members:

Soon we will all be back in the same State - and raring to go camping. There is one more "off-season" luncheon, hosted by the Pestrettos at the Tower Ridge Country Club. It was a very nice buffet last year, with a lovely view, so I hope you will join us.

Today is the first day that we could actually hitch up to our Airstream and tow it away - up until now it has been part of the northeast glacier that crept into the state back in January. Today, though, the melt has reached the Sovereign. Hallelujah (I can't believe I finally spelled that right) If there is a Phoenix-like creature that arises from the snow, our airstream is it. Every season we try to do at least one upgrade each. Jeff's plan this year is for a catalytic heater. (Maybe that is one more vestige of the long winter, but we dry camp enough and the noise of the furnace won't be missed.) My plan is to find a reliable automobile upholsterer to re-do our couch. (again) Anyway, spring seems near and thoughts return to air streaming. Somehow we feel we have earned it.

Our thanks to Jean Hickey and Charlotte LaRocca - they hosted the luncheon at Max Amore, and the food was great, the company even better. The Landry's agreed to write up the event (see below) and did a very good job of conveying the general hilarity and mutual enjoyment we all got from my attempts to correct the 2011 Events List. It provided a good laugh, and served to remind every one to plan to attend some of the terrific events coming up this season.

Kudos also to Rich Kushman for the work he has done in further refining our already excellent directory. He has added some helpful pages - and his Event list (page 2) is pretty accurate (unlike some others). I refer you also to page 20, which shows the events in a calendar format that I find helpful - take a look.

Hope to see you all "down the road" - like in Stafford Springs!

Lynn



March Luncheon at Max Amore

Submitted by Jean Landry

In a bright spot, on a dank rainy Sunday afternoon cabin fever was the number one topic of conversation for the crowd at Max Amore in Glastonbury. Over 20 COCU Air streamers were welcomed by Charlotte and Gene to a sumptuous spread and a great all around good time social hour. A savory meal was enjoyed while looking out the massive windows into the bleak rainy scene outside; and at the same time, feeling warmed, welcomed and well fed inside. There were fun stories told, trailer tips shared, mechanical pitfalls to avoid, random news about good parks to camp in, favored heaters for trailer camping, a few motorcycle stories thrown in and random general facts about Lake Como. Visits to Arizona, France and Scussett Beach were batted about and ipod used to research the exact location of George the Airstream mechanic. John Fuller's engagement to Grace was leaked and everyone cheered for them.

Lynn distributed another new list of COCU 2011 events, a re-corrected, but sadly, erroneous and malformed version of the first erroneous mis-issue. The reissue will be re-corrected and Lynnformed and probably redistributed to revise the previously re-corrected malinformed, and so..... LOOK OUT!!! Don't be taken unaware and go to Cabelas on Labor Day!

There were a few other announcements: #1 The late September rally Will take place but perhaps in a different campground in Western Connecticut. (Not Macedonia, but Housatonic) So stay tuned. #2 Giles Rousseau will organize a caravan to the "FIRST NATIONS" Region 1 Rally. With his language skills, that should be the way to go. Details to follow. #3 Cynthia and Ray Richard with Charlie and Jeanne Wilson are going to lead a fall caravan. Details TBA. Lots to do - and great to catch up.



Fran Ingallinera, Lois Price, Kathy Kushman and in the center, Karen Freed modeled in the annual TR Fashion Show

ANNUAL TRAVELER'S REST TEA AND FASHION SHOW

Every year the ladies at TR are treated to a wonderful fashion show. Many of the women in the park act as models, including our own Fran Ingallinera, Lois Price and Kathy Kushman.

This year Fashion Show featured clothes from the local thrift and consignment shops.

Teas was served along with dainty little sandwiches, sweet scones with cream and strawberry preserves and small cakes.

It was a nice event that was enjoyed by all who attended.

80 and one half

Ted, I think, was surprised when a quite sizeable group of friends gathered at Travelers Rest Resort to belatedly celebrate his birthday. The actual B-date was July 3rd but Lois, bless her heart, loves a good party. Two of their daughters, Allison and Leslie, with friend Tim were visiting, so a potluck party complete with cake was called for and planned. Important to note we also extended birthday wishes to Dorothy Freed who certainly doesn't look like or act like Ted's senior.



Gifts were not allowed but "Ted Stories" were encouraged. Those who have rallied or traveled with Ted and Lois most probably know what I mean by a "Ted Story". Ted is a lovable paradox, an investment wiz who loves to explore, travel, and learn and who on occasion may appear to bumble along wreaking havoc, but not chaos, only a mild level of calamity that brings a smile even belly shaking laughter and no real harm.

He is a very creative and energetic Airstreamer, devising unique methods to solve common problems. Did you ever get grease on your pants from your trailer ball? "Ted Sez" - replace the grease with wax paper, no more grease and plenty smiling nods.

Did you ever want to flush your black water tank? "Ted Sez" – close your black tank drain valve, turn on your tank wash and allow your black tank to fill then simply go into your house and enjoy a tasty lunch. Your neighbor will warn you when he notices water pouring from your trailer and imagine how pleased and excited your wife will be when picking out a brand new carpet and two gallons of bleach.

Still young at 80, fun to travel with, and just plain lovable - "Ted Sez" – *I am thankful for laughter, except when milk comes out of my nose.* Well actually Woody Allen said that but believe me, Ted can make milk come out of your nose.

~ Richard Kushman



Dorothy Freed and Ted Price celebrate with cake



Lois Price with Guest of Honor Ted

In case you have never spent time at Traveler's Rest and wondered what went on, here is a pictorial to shed some light on the activities.



We Nap!



We take group photos



We check on our neighbors



We participate in Fashion Shows



We go for rides



Happy Hour



We eat ice cream



We read



We keep those golf carts on the move



And we eat -- often!

SO
COME
ON
DOWN!




Come and Join us for the April Luncheon

April 3, 2011

Brunch at the Tower Ridge Country Club

140 Nod Road

Simsbury, CT 06070

12 noon - \$25 per person

Hosted by Seb and Juanita Pestretto

Directions:

From Danbury Area: I-84 East to Exit 39 (Farmington) Go Route 4 West and turn onto Route 10 North for 6 miles to the junction of 10 and 44. Go straight through intersection onto Nod Rob. Country Club is 1 mile to Tower Ridge Country Club.

From New Haven Area: I-91 North into Hartford. Take I-84 West to Exit 39 (Farmington) Go Route 4 West and turn onto Route 10 North for 6 miles to the junction of 10 and 44. Go straight through intersection onto Nod Rob. Country Club is 1 mile to Tower Ridge Country Club.

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From Boston Area: Mass Turnpike to I-91 South. Take I-84 West to Exit 39 (Farmington) Go Route 4 West and turn onto Route 10 North for 6 miles to the junction of 10 and 44. Go straight through intersection onto Nod Rob. Country Club is 1 mile to Tower Ridge Country Club

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Adults \$25 each X _____ = \$_____ Total enclosed _____

Mail to Seb Pestretto

5 Ferry Lane
Simsbury, CT

Please send check by March 21, 2011



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 Lower Safari Field (water & elect)

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- 4:30 Happy Hour - bring a snack & your own beverage
- 6:00 Dinner - Baked Potatoes, Homemade Chili & all the fixings
- 7:30 Dessert - Brownies & ice cream

Sunday:

- 8:30 Breakfast: Coffee, Tea & Continental Breakfast
- On your own, leave by 3pm

DIRECTIONS:

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Names: _____ WBCCI #: _____

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 Friday Yes/No
 Saturday Yes/No

Kitty Fee \$17.50 x ___ # persons = _____

Total Enclosed: (2 ppl x 2 nites 70 + 35 = 105) \$ _____

Payable to: Lynn Blackwell
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Charter Oak Chatter



The WBCCI Airstream RV Association

April, 2011

Online at <http://Connecticut.wbcci.net/>



Upcoming Events

May Rally and Business Meeting
May 6 - 8, 2011
Mineral Springs Campground
Stafford Springs, CT
Hosted by
Lynn and Jeff Blackwell

June Rally
June 3 - 5, 2011
Skylark Airport
Hosted by Jim and Corinne
Burnham and
Giles and Joyce Rosseau

54th International Rally
June 28 - July 4, 2011
Hosts Norm and Linda Beu
Illinois State Fair Grounds
DuQuoin, Illinois



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The most important business first: our thanks to Cynthia Richard for her commitment of her time and talents to write, design and produce the COCU Chatter. Cynthia has been the Editor in Chief for as long as I can remember, and we joined the Club in 2004! The Chatter is the glue that keeps this organization together, informed, inspired, amused, and connected with each other between rallies, caravans and luncheons. There is no way to thank her enough, but lets begin here, by simply saying, "Thank You for a Job Well Done."

I spent the weekend sprucing up the Sovereign, Jeff checked out the mechanicals and everything works, so we couldn't be happier. We had the usual freeloading rodents out there - but it doesn't look like they chewed on anything valuable (or critical wiring). These slightly warmer, almost sunny days make camping seem like a great idea - and speaking of camping...

We hope to see you all at the Mineral Springs business meeting rally, the formal notice is posted elsewhere - and I recommend you follow the link to the International Constitution revision documents, as each Unit is called to discuss and vote to give direction to the delegates to the International Rally. If you haven't sent in your reservation, there is time to do so - late arrivals welcome. If you can only come for the business meeting, please plan to stay around and join us for happy hour and supper - there is plenty of food and we'd love to have you. We are returning to Mineral Springs because their clubhouse is heated, there is a full kitchen, and regardless of the weather, we will be able to have our meals and hold our meeting in total comfort. Please join us. It should be fun.



President Letter cont'd

The Burnhams have agreed to help with the Rally, and since it is our first hosting a rally (yep.) we need and appreciate the guidance. Jim and Jeff promise to provide a campfire, and Corinne and I will be in the kitchen on Saturday afternoon, doing a bit of food prep and enjoying the chat. Bring your coffee, tea, or what'all to sit a spell and visit.

There are many rallies, caravans, and camping opportunities on the COCU calendar - the International, the Region 1 in Quebec, and our sister Units in New England have interesting rallies planned as well. One new addition is described in more detail in the Chatter, the Quietly to Quebec caravan, led by Rich and Dottie Walbridge. Get out and enjoy your Airstream and the camaraderie of the Club.

REGION ONE CARAVAN TO QUEBEC

In this Chatter, you will find the Flyer/Coupon for the Region One Caravan to the "1st Nation Region One Rally" taking place in Ste. Veronique, Quebec.

Timing is crucial on the return of those coupons & checks as campgrounds begin to open and make their reservations for summer travelers, etc. We know money is tighter this year than in some other years and we've done the legwork to get the most for our money; campgrounds in the East are expensive and the Canadian dollar is working against us too.

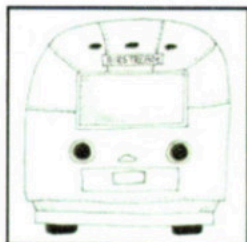
I have also attached a calendar of our proposed events; it is not the final calendar, but is a tentative schedule as we progress with our plans.

A Basic Caravan Plan is also available upon request if this sparks your interest.

Please note the deposit date is just about one month away and the final monies are due by July 1, 2011.

The maximum number of Airstreams going along with us will be limited to 20, so don't delay your application submission and deposit.

Take care,
Rich & Dottie Walbridge
Region One Caravan
Leaders

**THOUGHTS AND CARES**

Please remember these members and friends:

Joan and Al Beardsley

Dick Bartrum

Bud Gould

**NOTICE OF SPRING BUSINESS MEETING**

May 7, 2011

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location : Social Hall at Mineral Springs Campground, Stafford Springs, CT

Points of Discussion: review a proposed revision to the WBCCI Constitution and By-laws in order to give direction to the COCU delegate and alternate to the Delegates Meeting at the International Rally in DuQuoin, Illinois; and such other business as may come before the meeting.

REGION ONE LUNCHEON IN DUQUOIN

The luncheon will be held June 29 at 11:30 am, in the Second Heat Building on the Fairgrounds. If are attending the International please make plans to join us. Tickets will be available at a sign up table in DuQuoin.

APRIL LUNCHEON AT TOWER RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

Submitted by Evelyn Watts

Beautiful weather! – A lovely setting! – Delicious food! – Good conversation!

President Lynn conducted a short meeting outlining coming events. She also announced that COCU is looking for a person to copy and mail the hard copies of our newsletter "The Chatter" and Bob Sandall mentioned that he has served as the agent for service for COCU since incorporation, and hopes that another member will take this on.

Membership Chair Evelyn Watts passed out WBCCI information packets and asked members to give them to any "Baldies" or prospective members that they encounter on their travels.

The highlight of the afternoon was John Fuller's announcement that he and Grace Firnhaber will be getting married in six weeks. That is wonderful news and everyone shares their joy.

Thank you Juanita and Seb for arranging such a pleasant gathering.



Bob and Jean Landry



John Fuller and Bill Watts

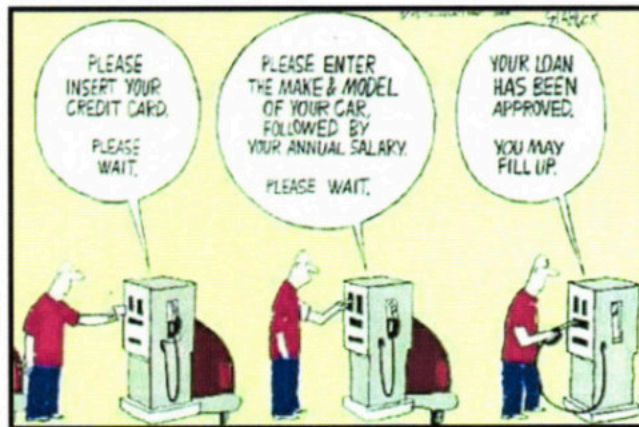
John B. Fuller & Grace Firnhaber

Would like to announce their marriage which took place at the Kensington Congregational Church in Kensington, CT on May 21, 2011 at 11:00AM

John also celebrates 50 years in WBCCI having joined the "Northeastern Unit" in July 1961.

Lets All Wish Them Happy Trails!

A LITTLE GASOLINE HUMOR



LAND YACHT HARBOR

MELBOURNE, FL

Several people have from time to time asked us about the place we stay during the winter. We thought we would share it with COCU.

LYH is an Airstream park. Owned by the shareholders and managed by elected volunteers from the park. It is located about a mile from I-95. Has a little over 300 sites which all have a shed..cement pad for trailer/rv..cement patio..cement runners for car/truck. It also has a very large club house and fully equipped kitchen and extensive library. Also since it's located within a city it has city water and sewerage. It is located on Florida's east coast, about 25 miles south of Cape Canaveral. It has about 50 miles of beaches (a guess) on the Atlantic. About every 3 to 5 miles there's a public, free, park with beach access, bathrooms, outside showers and picnic areas.

LYH is located about 7 miles from the beaches, couple miles from super Walmart, maybe 3 miles from dozens of restaurants, Barnes and Noble, Lowes, Home Depot and all the shopping women would want including a large mall. About a 12 screen theater is just about a mile from LYH (brand new). In Brevard county there are 26 public golf courses. One is a few miles away. Disney is about an hour west. Washington Nationals spring training is in Viera, about 10 miles north on I-95.

The one drawback for some is the no pets policy. But I hear from the rumor mill that the board is looking into the matter...stay tuned.

The cost for the season is quite reasonable. There is a waiting list.

Jeanne and I feel the park is run very well and the directors do a superb job of maintaining the park and grounds. For being close to everything you can't beat this location. We're out of the park everyday and I do a fair amount of surf fishing and inland water fishing. When your only 7 miles away it's a breeze.

Take a look at their web site: WWW.LANDYACHTHARBORMELBOURNE.COM

Jeanne & Charlie Wilson

REGION 1 NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2011

Previously we announced that a substantial revision of the club's 50-some-year-old constitution is underway. It's hard for me to imagine the thoughts, deliberations, back-and-forth communications etc that must have gone into the crafting of such a document. And doing so in accordance with the current constitution and Ohio Statutes. And true to the timeline for having it ready for presentation at the DuQuoin Delegates Meeting. Well, it has been done. Last I heard, it has been reviewed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The next step is to inform the membership so each unit, in turn, may take a thoughtful vote on the question and charge its delegate and alternate to deliberate and vote in the best interests of their unit. Add "Responsibility" to "Fun, Fellowship and Adventure."

As we move away from winter and into travel mode, I'd like you to consider an added attraction surrounding the *First Nation* Region Rally in Rivière-Rouge Quebec. As we speak, Rich & Dottie Walbridge are putting the finishing touches on a caravan to & from Rivière-Rouge. The travelers will have a choice of where they rendezvous: either in Danbury CT on July 23 or at Thornbush Acres RV Park in Indian Lake NY on July 24. (Because so many travelers might be coming from ME, NH, VT & NY, it may be advantageous for them to meet in Indian Lake).

Thornbush Acres in Indian Lake is a 4-day stay. Next, White Face Mountain KOA in Lake Placid is a 3-day stay and Camp Hither Hills in

Ottawa, Ontario is a 3 day stay. The Caravan enters Ste. Veronique on August 03. It departs on August 08 and stays in Montreal for 3 days and in Quebec City for 3 days, departing for home on August 14. Plans include a pot luck supper, a BBQ and a luncheon along with planned tours in the Adirondacks, Lake Placid, Ottawa, (the Capital of Canada), Montreal and Quebec City. The cost of the caravan is TBD and will include all the camping, museum tours, boat tour, BBQ, driver's manual and tourism guides and information. If interested, contact Rich at 781-254-6399 or write to Rich and Dottie at: <Region1Caravan@gmail.com> Please note the 20-unit maximum. When the remaining details have been finalized, Rich, Dottie and I will get the word out. Meanwhile, set your expectations in their full upright and locked positions and let Rich & Dottie know you're interested.

BTW: If you have been on a Walbridge Caravan or debriefed one who has, you can count on a well-organized adventure at a terrific value.

<<http://www.campingquebec.com/laurentides/campground-municipal-de-sainte-veronique.html>>

For those interested in an express caravan to DuQuoin, contact Per Hamnqvist at <hamnqvist@earthlink.net>. Per advises the caravan will assemble at Penn-Wood Airstream Park <<http://pennwood.org>> just off Rte 66 at Exit 84 of I-80 in PA on Saturday, June 25.

Those interested in a candidacy for Region Office (President, 1st VP and 2nd VP), please contact Franklin Sanders, Chairman of the 2011

Nominating Committee. The Nom Comm report will be submitted at the Rivière-Rouge Rally where nominations from the floor will also be entertained. Ballots will be prepared and sent to the units which will vote at their fall business meetings. There is a provision for a write-in candidate on each unit's ballot. V.P.'s-elect will be installed during the Region 1 Luncheon at the 2012 International Rally. The Pres-elect will be installed at a separate ceremony at the 2012 International Rally.

<franklinsanders@earthlink.net>.

Region 1 News (Blue Beret) contributors are needed. Cynthia and I have submitted most of the articles so far this club year. The article we submit on April 15 (June Edition) will be our last. If you would like to get involved in this way, please let me know. This can be a fun way for you to contribute to the club and to share your personal Region One travel experiences and observations. Multiple contributors & by-lines welcome. You do the writing and I'll do the rest. < mcmlxii@comcast.net >

Think Spring.

Russ Melocik

< http://blueberetonline.com/Blue_Beret_Online_Magazine/blueberet.html >

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East Windsor CT
June 3 to 5, 2011

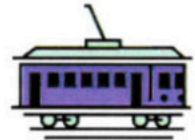
Airstreams at the Airpark Rendezvous

Hosted By

Jim and Corinne Burnham and Gilles and Joyce Rousseau

WHAT TO DO

- Skylark Airpark will be in operation; flight banners load and unload in view of our camp
- Go see the East Windsor Trolley Museum. The conductor will pick us up at our camp and take us to the museum to purchase a ticket for our ride and the museum
- Soapstone Mountain is in Somers with a lookout tower. You can drive or hike to the top
- Bradley Air Museum in Windsor Locks
- Visit Newgate Prison in East Granby also Walmart is just 3 miles away



COST

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

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

DIRECTIONS

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

COUPON

NAME _____ WBBICI # _____

Number of Nights _____ x \$20.00 = _____ (amount enclosed)

Make check payable to Jim Burnham

184 Scantic Road

East Windsor, CT 06088

phone—860-463-5251



If canceled due to weather a full refund will be given.

Includes:

- 7/23 Rendezvous @ Danbury, CT Rest Area @ Exit 2 (Eastbound Exit). One Night Dry Camping @ Danbury, CT.
- 17 days on the road before & after the 1st Nation Region One Rally .
- Campground fees at all 6 stopovers which are mostly WES sites.
- 1 Dinner/Buffer @ Rideau-Charleton Raceway.
- Adirondack Museum, Cruise on Raquette Lake, Tour Lake Placid Olympics Facilities, Bus Tour Ottawa (Capital of Canada), Tour Old Montreal, Tour Quebec City.
- 7 Campfires, 7 Ice Cream Socials, 2 BBQs & 1 Breakfast, a "Lunch on the Lake".
- "No Rush-No Fuss Stopovers" Pull in-Park-Tour.
- One 4-day and four 3-day stopovers.
- A Caravan Farewell BBQ in Quebec City.
- A Driver's Manual with all driving directions, Region 1 Caravan Plaque & Quietly to Quebec window sticker.
- The safety, camaraderie & companionship of 20 other Airstream RVers on this trip through New York's beautiful Adirondack Mountains. See Ottawa, the Capital City of Canada.
- Enjoy a well-planned route to the Region 1 Rally with your friends.
- Experience Old Montreal & Quebec City next to the St. Lawrence River.



A deposit of **\$200** is required by: **May 15, 2011**.
 The kitty fee (2 in an Airstream) is: **\$1140** per Airstream RV; remaining payment (\$940), due by **July 1, 2011**.
 The kitty fee (one in an Airstream) is: **\$987** with remaining payment (\$787), due by **July 1, 2011**.
 Extra person fee is: **\$258** due by **July 1, 2011**.
 Kitty fee funds are **U.S. Dollars**.

Note: The cost of the 1st Nation Region One Rally fee is NOT included. Travelers are required to make payment to the Quebec Unit separate from the Q2Q Caravan fees.

An audit of the caravan operations will be completed after the end of the caravan; remaining kitty fees after all expenses are paid will be distributed back to the caravanners. Every effort will be made to ensure over-payments are refunded within 45 days of the end of the caravan.
 Please be aware that if you decide not to attend our caravan after submitting your deposit, refunding campground registration deposits may not be possible. [Your deposit is payment of campground reservations and fees to make those reservations.] *We will make every effort to return your \$200 deposit, however, there may be unrecoverable expenses and they will be itemized with your refund.*

Make checks payable to:
"Quietly to Quebec Caravan"
 Mail to: Caravan Leaders,
 Rich & Dottie Walbridge
 15 Edgewood Road
 Scituate, MA 02066-4021
 For more information write or call:
Region1Caravan@Gmail.com
 Cell Phone: 781-254-6399

Got your passports? All US Citizens are required to produce a valid passport for Canadian travel.

Driver's Name: _____ Navigator's Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Town _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Area Code: _____

Winter Phone: _____ Summer Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ WBCCI Membership Number: _____

WBCCI Unit Name & Number: _____

Airstream Type: TT MH Length: _____ Tow Vehicle Year/Make/Model: _____

Airstream License Plate #: _____ Tow Vehicle License Plate #: _____

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

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

(due by 5/15/2011)



**WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB
INTERNATIONAL, INC.
54TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION/RALLY
JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2011 • DUQUOIN, ILLINOIS
REGISTRATION**

Convention/Rally Fees for registrations received prior to January 1, 2011, will be \$475 for couples, \$375 for singles, and \$120 for each additional adult. **Convention/Rally fees for the first 1100 to register include 30 amp electricity and water. Pump trucks will be used. (Please note that there is no 3 amp electricity or generator section available).**

Rally Fees received after January 1, 2011, will be \$500.00 for couples, \$400 for singles, and \$130 for additional adults.

Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members pre-registering on or before January 1, 2011, will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of \$2,000.00 in awards. These awards may be redeemed at any Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Center for parts and service.

Free parking in the Bull Pen, with no services, is permitted for one night before your assigned parking date only. If you arrive before your parking date and are parked with services, the parking fee is \$25 per day. **Please use the marked gate on Route 14.**

FEE REFUND POLICY All convention/rally fee refund requests must be postmarked by **May 15, 2011**, and must include the complete pass receipt. All cancellations will be assessed a \$30.00 administrative fee. There will be no refunds if postmarked after May 15, except as approved by the International Rally Committee.

Convention/Rally Parking Pass Receipts will be mailed beginning January 17, 2011.

Make checks payable to: WBCCI
Mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334
Canadian Checks must be stamped "US Funds"

For registrars only:	
Amt: _____	Check # _____
Date: _____	Recd. by: _____

**54th International Convention/Rally
DuQuoin, Illinois
June 28 - July 4, 2011**

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ WBCCI # _____

SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST/PROV _____ ZIP _____

RALLY FEES INCLUDE 30 AMP ELECTRICITY, WATER and SANITATION TRUCKS

Number	Fees prior to Jan. 1	Fees after Jan. 1	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Airstream w/2 adults	@ \$475.00	@ \$500.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Airstream w/1 adult	@ \$375.00	@ \$400.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional adult in Airstream	@ \$120.00	@ \$130.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (Ages 4 - 19)	@ \$ 60.00	@ \$ 60.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth after <u>two full youth payments</u> :			
_____ Youth (Ages 4 - 19)	@ FREE	@ FREE	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Not bringing Airstream	DEDUCT \$200.00	DEDUCT \$200.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> WBCCI Life Members	DEDUCT \$5.00	DEDUCT \$5.00	_____

Mark boxes that apply:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	First International
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staying Off Site
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer to park in Dog Section
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vintage Parking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Handicapped Parking Application on file at Headquarters

TOTAL FEES INCLUDED \$ _____

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June 28—July 4, 2011

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

First Nations Rally Region One
from August 4 to 8, 2011
Quebec - Canada
 Rally Registration Form is available on Region One Website

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CHARTER OAK

Chatter



May 2011



Club Events

June 3 - 5
Buddy Rendezvous Skylark Airpark, East Windso Jim & Corinne Burnham Gilles & Joyce Rousseau
June 2 - 5
New York - New York Joint Rally with NEU Per Hamqvist Richard Kushman
June 28th-July 4th
DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, IL 54th WBCCI International Rally (Look for Region 1 Luncheon - 6/29/2011 at 11:30 a.m.) Dureiko/Butler
July 8 - 10
Marina Rally - Joint w/ CCU Riverside Marina, Portland Bard Fuller
July 22 - 24
Buddy Rendezvous - No Fee Cabela's East Hartford Jerry & Fran Ingallinera
August 4 - 8
Region 1 "First Nations" Rally River Rouge Municipal Campground, Quebec Clemence Lemay
September 23 - 25
Litchfield County Rendezvous Housatonic State Park Gilles & Joyce Rousseau Bill & Evelyn Watts
October 6 - 10
Cape Cod Unit Special Event Rally Columbus Day - Coastal Acres Camp Court, Provincetown, MA Ron Chateauneuf
November 6
Installation Dinner Ray & Cynthia Richard
December 4
Holiday Luncheon Dakota Restaurant, Rocky Hill Ted & Lois Price Brian & Pat Brosnahan

A good philosopher is one who does not take ideas seriously.

-- Edward Abbey

Presidents Message

Successful and productive Business Meeting !

I write this the afternoon after a successful and productive COCU Business Meeting in Stafford Springs at the Mineral Springs Campground. The Campground is just opened for the season, and looks great. We were in the "pool grounds" which was open, spacious, and because the weather cooperated, it was sunny and breezily warm. The may flies were mainly kept at bay by the wind, except for the one that nailed Fran Simmons on the scalp! I didn't even know they had a

mean streak. I wonder if they bite the trout?

Well, the rally involved lots of fun, and that part will be duly reported by Lois Price in her summary - later in this Chatter. We were able to give Cynthia Richard a spring bouquet of flowers in thanks for her work as Chatter Editor, lo, these many years. She has already filled her spare time by volunteering to be recording secretary and the International Program Chair. We love a committed volunteers, and no club survives



Lynn Blackwell

without them.

The meeting involved vigorous discussion of the proposal to replace the Constitution and an eventual replacement of the by-laws. Several members had spent considerable time and put a great deal of thought into their review of the proposal. I would especially like to thank Bard Fuller and Raymond Richard for having done their homework. Their thoughtful, respectful comments, a gentle point-

Presidents Message Page 3

Cynthia & Raymond Pass the Baton

By Lois Price

"The Charter Oak Chatter" has played a most important part of COCU's success as a Unit. It helps keep the members informed and entertained and the unit cohesive.

Most of us have little or no idea how this "just happens" to arrive via E-Mail or by our friendly post-person.

Since about 2005, Raymond and Cynthia

have been co-Editors. The April issue will be their last; it is time to pass the responsibility on to others. I, being a "new" Roving Reporter", had a very pleasant and informative chat with them.

They have been WBCCI members since the year 2000, and joined Charter Oak in 2002. Their motto, "Keep Involved" has taken

Cynthia & Raymond Page 4



Puzzle Your Brain

A farmer challenges an engineer, a physicist, and a mathematician to fence off the largest amount of area using the least amount of fence.

The engineer made his fence in a circle and said it was the most efficient.

The physicist made a long line and said that the length was infinite. Then he said that fencing half of the Earth was the best.

The mathematician laughed at the others and with his design, beat the others. What did he do?

Wait - give it a try and don't look yet for the answer on page 6



Airstream Art



May flowers on the road...

L.E.D. Lighting?

We want to know...

Have you tried LED interior lighting? Did you convert existing light fixtures or replace fixtures with new LED units? Well - how do they work, are they bright enough?

Come to a rally and share your experience - let us see what they look like and how effective they are. Submit a review for publication in the next Chatter.

Great chili and a professional business meeting highlight the start of a new season...

Links

- <http://connecticut.wbccci.net/>
Connecticut Unit Website
- www.airstreamtrailers.com
Nice assortment of links
- <http://region1.wbccci.net/>
Region One Website
- <http://airstreamlife.com/>
Airstream Life

Region One Rally

The lure of Quebec, the "oh, oh, oh" sensuous appeal of French Canada is calling. The Region One Rally will be very much worth the journey. Plan to caravan with Rich Walbridge. His relaxing and scenic route will be tough to beat. Details are attached in a flyer and remember to sign up early.

CONTRIBUTE

A story - an opinion - a concern - a recommendation - a tip - a picture - a recipe - a great idea - an item for sale - a piece of juicy gossip, well maybe not gossip but take a moment and contribute to the Chatter. Only one contribution per member would keep the newsletter chattering. Send what you have to Sandy, Lois, or Richard. ~

WE SPRUNG INTO SPRING AT MINERAL SPRINGS

May 6 - 8, 2011

By Lois Price

The May spring business meeting and rally was held in Stafford Springs. Thirteen rigs happily gathered for fun and friendship as well as for the more serious business at hand. In addition to the "13" rigs, additional members came just for the meeting which is testimony to the activeness and concern of Charter Oak as a unit.

Happy Hours were happy; dinners and breakfasts pro-

vided. Lynn presented a beautiful spring bouquet to Cynthia and Raymond Richards, thanking them for their many years as co-editors of The Chatter.

President "Lynn" conducted a very involved meeting due to an agenda which generated much discussion re: proposed changes to the WBCCI Constitution and By-Laws. The wishes of the club on the various issues will be brought



to The International Rally in DuQuoin, IL. Raymond Richards was appointed Delegate to International; Ted Price

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WINDING ROADS BY JOE SCHMIDT





Presidents Message From Page 1

counter-point gave the rest of us an enlightening overview of the proposal and the arguments for and against.

We decided that while we applaud the work done by the ad hoc Committee on Constitutional Revision, and we support the overall direction, those in attendance had concerns in



Thank you Cynthia!!

several specific areas, including the desire to retain both the region structure and the delegates system. Because there was clear consensus, we were able to move forward with a plan. We agreed there is a need for more fiscal openness and restraint. There was consensus not to include the tag line of "Airstream RV Club" in the Constitution to avoid complicating the name. We support the changes that would tone down the disciplinary system and provide flexibility around the International Rally date. We want to keep the current requirement that to serve as an International Officer one must be a member of a Unit.

Our Region 1 3rd Vice President, Raymond Richard boldly agreed to draft amendments that would reflect the big thoughts we expressed during the meeting. The minutes of the meeting will be published in this Chatter and reports the votes taken. Those who voted by e-mail were counted in the first vote - which was an up or down vote on the Revision, and then those in attendance voted on the Revision with the proposed four amendment areas mentioned above. This gives direction to our delegate and alternate to the International: Raymond Richard and Ted Price, respectively. We thank them for their attendance representing the interests and views of the Unit as expressed in the meeting.

We welcome the new Chatter Editor Team: Lois Price, Sandy Sasuta, Joyce Rousseau and Rich Kushman. Lets get our Airstreams out and enjoy them --- together! Lynn ~

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will be the Alternated Delegate. Lynn did a fine job guiding us through the various issues and the many pages of the written word!

The rally was a great start for the camping season. Many thanks to Jeff and Lynn Blackwell for hosting the rally with all the "fixin's!" ~

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers and card that I received at the May rally. It was so nice to be appreciated. I enjoyed my tenure as the Newsletter Editor for Charter Oak. I look forward to the New Newsletter and will support the Chatter staff anyway that I can. Again thank you for remembering me. ~ Cynthia Richard



Thoughts and Cares

Our Deepest Sympathy to Eileen & Dick Bartram and their family on the loss of Eileen's mother, Olive Richardson. (1914-2011)

Joan & Alan Beardsley - both recovering

Meeting Minutes

Charter Oak Unit - Business Meeting

May 7, 2011 10:30 am - Mineral Springs Campground
Stafford Springs, CT

The Spring Business Meeting of the Charter Oak Unit was called to order by President Lynn Blackwell.

Region Second Vice President, Raymond Richard, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of the Officers

President, Lynn Blackwell, Present

1st Vice President, Jim Burnham, not present

2nd Vice President, Fran Ingallinera, present

Treasurer, Sandy Sasuta, present

Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Kushman, not present

Recording Secretary, Cynthia Richard, present

Directors: John Bachar, not present - Bill Watts, present

Toni Nolder, present - Juanita Prestretto, present

Treasurer report given by Sandy Sasuta reported a balance as of April 30, 2011 of \$7,878.44. She also reported that the bank has changed to Wells Fargo and it will cost \$2 to receive a paper statement. In order to avoid this fee, she will go online and print the statements each month. Jerry Ingallinera made a motion to ac-

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Cynthia & Raymond From Page 1

them to the "max". Raymond was our President in 2009, and is presently Region I 2nd Vice-President. Cynthia is Recording Secretary for Charter Oak, and is now Program Chairperson for the International Rally.

During Raymond's tour as President, he and First Lady Cynthia did two events per month. During this time they attended every club event, all the time editing "The Chatter". In addition they have done many rallies and caravans.

Playing an active part has been and enjoyable and rewarding experience and they wish to thank all who supported them. They are grateful for the many friends they have made.

Let us take the time to thank Raymond and Cynthia for giving so much of themselves – always 110% which included some of their *special touches*. Rest assured, they are not *jumping ship* – just retiring as co-editors of The Chatter.

Your Chatter will continue under a team effort. Sandy Sasuta collecting information, Lois Price as a contributing editor, Richard Kushman will produce, email, and post the Chatter and Joyce Rousseau will print and mail to members who can not receive it digitally. We encourage members to submit articles – as the saying goes – many hands, etc., etc., etc. In the words of Cynthia and Raymond: "**KEEP MEMBERS INVOLVED!**"

Until next Time – Happy Trails ~

It is more fun to talk with someone who doesn't use long, difficult words but rather short, easy words like "What about lunch?"

~Winnie the Pooh quotes



Charter Oak ladies having lunch at Limoge - Dade City Florida.



Corinne & Lynn - born to serve!

Editors Note:

We begin here with a multi chaptered serial experiment into the mind of a committed Airstreamer. No - not committed to a red bricked edifice with barred windows but to the exciting lifestyle and adventure that Airstreaming offers. Fasten your seat belts and let's all take a ride with our new author Russ Melocik.

Author's Note:

Sometime during early April, the new Chatter editor, ever a keen judge of shabby journalism, asked for some articles for the enrichment and entertainment of his readership. Naturally I resisted. Resistance is job #1. Besides, what must he think of his readers to subject them to these writings? Inevitably persistence overcame resistance. As we speak, I'm still trying to understand why I was asked if I had seen Marathon Man and whether I know what an Airstream trailer looks like minus all its rivets.

With therapy for chronic writer's block under way, some thoughts are collected and ready to record and share. For lack of a better title, I'll call them ...

TRAVELS WITH BUCK RIVET

~ by Russ Melocik

Chapter One

It was a dark and stormy night...

Watch for another short chapter in the next issue of the Charter Oak Chatter.



Meeting Minutes

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cept the report as read subject to audit, and it was second by Joyce Rosseau. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Toni Nolder and second by Bill Watts that the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting be dispensed with. The motion passed.

Bob Sandall, Legislative Committee Chairman reported a new luxury tax in Connecticut. This means that any Airstreams over \$50,000 would be subject to this tax.

Membership Committee Chairperson, Evelyn Watts, reported that the unit membership is strong. She made available membership packets from Corporate and encouraged all members to take one and pass them out to Airstreamers we meet along the way who do not belong to WBCCI.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

A vote was taken to elect Barry Heckenswiler as International President for 2012-2013. The vote was 22 yes and no opposed and 4 abstained.

The remainder of the slate was voted on as a unit and the vote was 22 yes and no opposed and 4 abstained.

A motion to pass Amendment 2 to the Existing Constitution was made by Joyce Rosseau and second by Jerry Ingallinera.. Discussion followed with comments made by Bard Fuller, Jerry Ingallinera and Ray Richard. The motion passed.

The motion to pass the Revision of International Constitution was made by Jerry Ingallinera and second by Ted Price. Much discussion followed with summaries of the proposal given by Bard Fuller and Ray Richard. The motion failed. Yes 7 No 19

A motion to accept the revision of the International Constitution with the following issues addressed with amendments written by Ray Richard was made by Jerry Ingallinera and second by Bob Pease. The issues to be considered for revision were fiscal responsibility, name change, delegate representation vs direct voting, regions vs areas, MALs not eligible for International Office and units ability to have any WBCCI member represent them as a delegate. The motion passed 19 (one email vote resended to vote at meeting) yes and 0 no and.

Joyce Rosseau made a motion which was seconded by Toni Nolder that Ray Richard be the Delegate at the International Delegate Meeting and that Ted Price be the Alternate Delegate. The motion passed.

Mike Sasuta made a motion that the club allocate up to \$200 to be spent at the discretion of the Charter Oak members in attendance at the International Rally. The motion was second by Bob Sandall and passed.

A motion to purchase new software to aid in the production of the Unit Directory and Chatter not to exceed \$130 was made by Jerry Ingallinera and second by Bill Watts. The motion passed.

Through Lynn Blackwell, President, Jim Burnham 1st VP asked that people start thinking of events for the 2011-2012.

Jerry Ingallinera, Chairman of the Nominating Committee asked for two volunteers to work with him on the committee to recruit the state of officers for next year.

Joyce Rosseau volunteered to print the Chatter for the members who still require a hard copy.

Several announcements were made regarding upcoming events, specifically the Skypark Rally which is June 3 -5, 2011, hosted by Jim and Corinne Burnham and Giles and Joyce Rosseau. Also the Marina Rally hosted by the Fuller Family which will be July 8 - 10, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm by President, Lynn Blackwell.



Gilles Rousseau reacts to the adjournment!

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True from the Classroom...

A teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where first pig was trying to gather the building materials for his home.

She read, 'And so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said: 'Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?'

The teacher paused then asked the class: 'And what do you think the man said?'

One little boy raised his hand and said very matter-of-factly... 'I think the man would have said - 'I'll be a son of a b_____! A talking pig!'

The teacher had to leave the room.

COCU Calendar **May 2011** Birthdays - Anniversaries - Events -

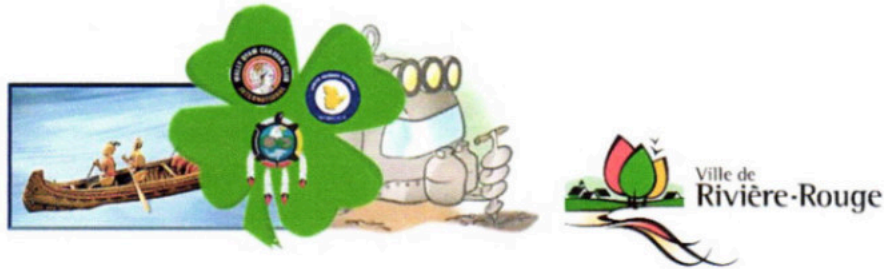
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bard Fuller		Joyce Rousseau		John J. & Serafina M. Bachar Cinco de Mayo	Business Meeting Rally Giles Rousseau	
Mother's Day			Jean Landry			
		Raymond Richard		Bob & Kim Terry	Frank & Donna Gauthier	William Watts
				Richard & Kathleen Kushman Ted & Lois Price		
John F. Kennedy's Birthday	Memorial Day	Michael & Sandy Sasuta	Fred & Dale McGoldrick	New York Rally		
					Buddy Rendezvous Sebastian Pestratto	Richard Jackson

COCU Calendar **June 2011** Birthdays - Anniversaries - Events -

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
John F. Kennedy's Birthday	Memorial Day	Michael & Sandy Sasuta	Fred & Dale McGoldrick	New York Rally		
					Buddy Rendezvous Sebastian Pestratto	Richard Jackson
			Russ & Rhona Fuller			
Linda Maxwell		Bob Pease	Russ Mallock		Charles & Sharon Henschel Jim & Corinne Burnham	Franklin & Jane Sanders
		Flag Day				
Father's Day	Pete Soucy Russ Fuller			Philip Simmons	Leland & Claire Bradley	Bob & Jean Landry Trevor & Gale Lake
	Evelyn Watts Toni Horder	International Rally Raymond & Rosalee Jefferson		Nelis & Lydia Rosenbeck Robert & Barbara Moyer Sebastian & Juanita Pestratto	Jim Burnham	Val & Ali Galayn Candy Korb

Puzzle Answer May 2011
The mathematician made a small fence around himself and declared himself to be on the outside.

"Teamwork is essential - it allows you to blame someone else" ~ *Don't know the author but it wasn't me!*



FIRST NATIONS RALLY FROM AUGUST 4 TO 8, 2011/QUEBEC CANADA UNIT

Wednesday August 3, 2011: Early parking and registration

Thursday August 4, 2011

4:00 to 5:30 Welcome cocktail (free)

7:00 to 8:30 Opening ceremonies

Friday, August 5, 2011

8:00 A.M. Breakfast (included)

2:00 P.M. Flea market on the site or local sightseeing (free)

6:00 P.M. Dinner included

7:30 P.M. Casino (free transportation) For the ones not going to the casino, free games on the site

Saturday, August 6, 2011

8:00 A.M. Breakfast (included)

9:00 A.M. Region One meeting

11:00 A.M. First Nations day on a sacred site (lunch included) and sales booth of indian crafts

Or

1:00 P.M. River rafting with ice cream social

6:00 P.M. Dinner (Included)

7:30 P.M. Presentation of 2012 Rally and a drawing of gifts followed by a show

Sunday, August 7, 2011

8:00 A.M. Breakfast (included)

10:00 A.M. Picking and tasting of mushrooms with a specialist (free) or games on the site

7:00 P.M. Closing ceremonies followed by a drawing of gifts (must be in attendance to receive gifts)

Monday, August 8, 2011

Departure

Location of the Region One 2011 Rally

Paste the link below into your browser - green arrow points to campground.

Visit the Charter Oak website - the Events page - there is a link to a google map of our events including the Region One Rally.



First Nations rally
 Region one from august 4 to 8, 2011
 Québec - Canada

REGION ONE RALLY * FIRST NATIONS * 2011 August 4 – 8 (Thursday thru Monday)
Camping municipal de Sainte-Veronique
320, Tour du Lac Tibériade, Quebec Canada J0T 1T0
Notice of cancellation must be made by July 27, 2011

Fees: Checks payable to: Region 1 rally Quebec Unit in Canadian or USD funds

Trailer with 2 persons – includes 4 nights parking	\$290.00	\$ _____
Trailer with 1 person - includes 4 nights parking	\$235.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Person	Number: @ \$ 65.00	\$ _____
Each Child 13-18 (12 & under – FREE)	Number: @ \$ 45.00	\$ _____
Early Parking Wednesday, August 3 rd after noon	\$ 30.00	\$ _____
Weekend special: 2 persons – 2 nights parking – Friday & Saturday	\$200.00	\$ _____
1 person - 2 nights parking - Friday & Saturday	\$150.00	\$ _____
Each child 13-18 – Fri.& Sat.	Number: @ \$ 35.00	\$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Name: _____ WBCCI# _____

Address: _____ Unit _____

City, _____ State _____ /Province, _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Cell: _____

All Youths names & Ages: _____

Length of Rig: _____ Handicap parking: Yes No Vintage trailer parking: Yes No

Region One Rally 2011 – Mail before July 15, 2011 to :Clemence Lemay, 891, rue L'Annonciation nord – Rivière-Rouge, Qué. J0T 1T0 Canada

Telephone : 819-430-2557 or 819-275-2557 Email : clelemay@gmail.com



**WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB
INTERNATIONAL, INC.
54TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION/RALLY
JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2011 • DUQUOIN, ILLINOIS
REGISTRATION**

Convention/Rally Fees for registrations received **prior to January 1, 2011**, will be \$475 for couples, \$375 for singles, and \$120 for each additional adult. **Convention/Rally fees for the first 1100 to register include 30 amp electricity and water. Pump trucks will be used.** (*Please note that there is no 3 amp electricity or generator section available.*)

Rally Fees received after January 1, 2011, will be \$500.00 for couples, \$400 for singles, and \$130 for additional adults.

Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members pre-registering on or before January 1, 2011, will be eligible to participate in a drawing for **up to a total of \$2,000.00** in awards. These awards may be redeemed at *any Airstream Dealership* or at the *Jackson Center Service Center* for parts and service.

Free parking in the Bull Pen, with no services, is permitted for one night before your assigned parking date **only**. If you arrive before your parking date and are parked with services, the parking fee is \$25 per day. **Please use the marked gate on Route 14.**

FEE REFUND POLICY All convention/rally fee refund requests must be postmarked by **May 15, 2011**, and **must** include the complete pass receipt. All cancellations will be assessed a \$30.00 administrative fee. There will be no refunds if postmarked after May 15, except as approved by the International Rally Committee.

Convention/Rally Parking Pass Receipts will be mailed beginning January 17, 2011.

Make checks payable to: **WBCCI**
Mail to: **WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334**
Canadian Checks must be stamped "US Funds"

For registrars only:
Amt: _____ Check # _____
Date: _____ Recd. by: _____

**54th International Convention/Rally
DuQuoin, Illinois
June 28 - July 4, 2011**

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ WBCCI # _____

SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST/PROV _____ ZIP _____

RALLY FEES INCLUDE 30 AMP ELECTRICITY, WATER and SANITATION TRUCKS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Mark boxes that apply:</u>
	prior to Jan. 1	after Jan. 1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Airstream w/2 adults	@ \$475.00	@ \$500.00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> First International
<input type="checkbox"/> Airstream w/1 adult	@ \$375.00	@ \$400.00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Staying Off Site
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional adult in Airstream	@ \$120.00	@ \$130.00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to park in Dog Section
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Youth (Ages 4 - 19)	@ \$ 60.00	@ \$ 60.00	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Vintage Parking
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth after <u>two full youth payments:</u>				<input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped Parking
_____ Youth (Ages 4 - 19)	@ FREE	@ FREE	_____	Application on file at Headquarters
<input type="checkbox"/> Not bringing Airstream	DEDUCT \$200.00	DEDUCT \$200.00	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> WBCCI Life Members	DEDUCT \$5.00	DEDUCT \$5.00	_____	

TOTAL FEES INCLUDED \$ _____

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Make checks payable to: **WBCCI** Canadian checks must be stamped **US FUNDS**

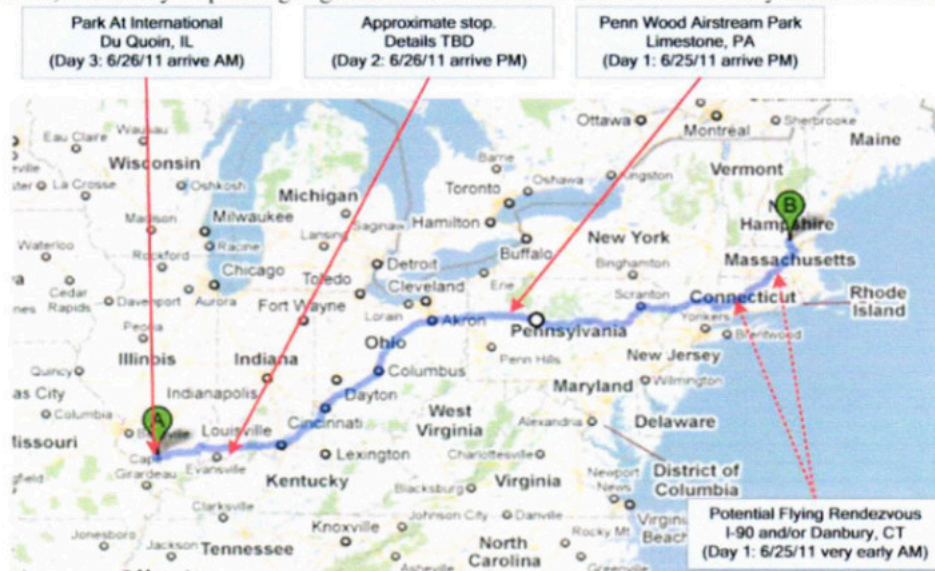
For registrars only:
Amt: _____ Check # _____
Date: _____ Recd. by: _____



Express to Du Quoin, IL From New England Sat 6/25/11 – Mon 6/27/11



If you are going to WBCCI's International Rally in Du Quoin, IL, you might enjoy travelling in a group. This is an express caravan that attempts to get you there quickly with the added fun of travelling in a group. Also, group travel (and arrival) is the key to parking together at International. The basic itinerary looks like this:



Additional information:

- Draft itinerary above. I'm open to customize to meet the needs of those who travel with me.
- Hit the road early, arrive early. About 500 miles/day for first two days. Short trip on 3rd day.
- Use CB Radio or Cell Phone to stay in touch
- Travel together or at your own pace and meet up for Happy Hour / Dinner
- Day 2 might use courtesy parking, if our group is small, or State Park, if we are bigger.
- Contact me ASAP so I can make arrangements for parking

==== Caravan leader: Per Hamnqvist (hamnqvist@earthlink.net) =====

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____ WBCCI #: _____

Send information to: Per Hamnqvist, 2 Queens Way, Merrimack, NH 03054.. Need more information? Drop me a note.

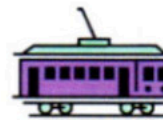


East Windsor CT
June 3 to 5, 2011

Airstreams at the Airpark Rendezvous
Hosted By
Jim and Corinne Burnham and Gilles and Joyce Rousseau

WHAT TO DO

- Skylark Airpark will be in operation; flight banners load and unload in view of our camp
- Go see the East Windsor Trolley Museum. The conductor will pick us up at our camp and take us to the museum to purchase a ticket for our ride and the museum
- Soapstone Mountain is in Somers with a lookout tower. You can drive or hike to the top
- Bradley Air Museum in Windsor Locks
- Visit Newgate Prison in East Granby also Walmart is just 3 miles away



COST

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

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

DIRECTIONS


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

COUPON

NAME _____ WBBCI # _____

Number of Nights _____ x \$20.00 = _____ (amount enclosed)

Make check payable to Jim Burnham
184 Scantic Road
East Windsor, CT 06088 phone—860-463-5251



If canceled due to weather a full refund will be given.



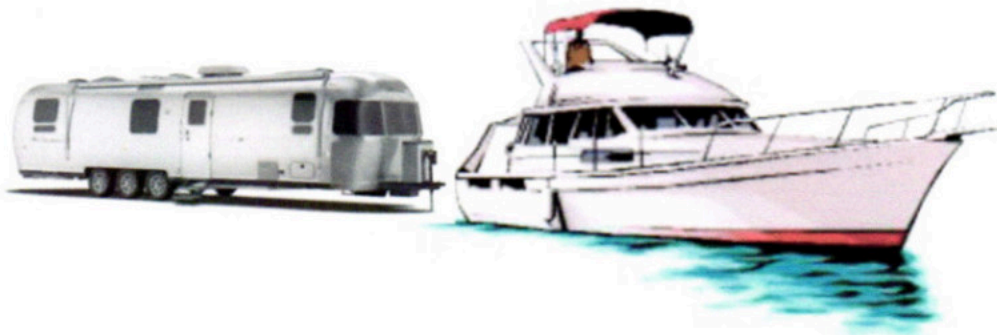
Land Yachts at the Marina Rally

July 8-10, 2011

Riverside Marina, Portland, CT

Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit



Your Hosts: The Fuller Family

John & Grace

Bard & Kathy

Russ & Rhona

Back by popular demand! This site is a great location, right on the Connecticut River at one of the busiest marinas in the area. The unit tent will be on the waterfront. All the sites are under large shade trees and many have water views. All sites have water and electric (limited). Rest rooms and showers are available at the marina office. Great location for your kayak or canoe. Note, there is no dump station available. **Limited to only 23 sites.**

Friday - Arrive after 12 noon, 4:30 happy hour, 8:00 campfire & Egyptian travelogue with Grace.

Saturday - 7:30 continental breakfast, 4:30 happy hour, 6:00 Lobster Clam Bake or Chicken dinners prepared by your hosts, 8:00 campfire & movie under the stars. (Lucile Ball's Long, Long Trailer)

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 onto 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# _____	
Email for updates _____		
Camping Fee for 2 night weekend -----	\$50.00	Example with 2 in trailer = \$50.00
Kitty fee \$6.00 per adult (under 12 free) Number of adults _____ X \$6.00 = _____		2 X \$6.00 = \$12.00
Number of Saturday evening Lobster Clam Bakes _____ X \$19.00= _____		2 X 19.00 = \$ 38.00
Number of Saturday evening Chicken Dinners----- X \$7.00 = _____		0 X \$7.00 = -----
Total = _____		Total = \$100.00

Make checks to: Russ Fuller

26 Luciano Dr.
Southington, Ct 06489

Rally info: Bard Fuller at 860 621 9246 or bardfuller@hotmail.com
Registration information: Russ Fuller at 860 747 1193



Cape Cod Unit Scusset Beach Buddy Rendezvous June 9-12

Arrival Time after 1pm. Departure Time before 3pm.
Arrive Thursday or Friday or Saturday.
Depart Friday, Saturday or Sunday.
Just pay for the nights you are staying over.



Hosts: Rich & Dottie Walbridge

- Facilities:
- NONE** Dump Station Available, Come EMPTY and FULL
- Pet Reminder:
If you have a pet remember to bring the "Rabies Certificate".
NO dogs allowed on the beach. Grilles OK-No open fires.

We will be grilling together on Saturday late afternoon/early evening. If you have a grille, bring it along and share your fire. Bring your bikes, fishing rods, cameras & binoculars. Meet you at Seafood-Sams on Friday night! Watch the ships & boats go by in the canal, shop at the local shops, kick back and enjoy your friends.

Directions:

- From the North, take Route 3 South to Exit #2 at Cedarville & Route 3A to Scusset Beach State Park.
- From the West, take Route 495 South to Route 6 to Sagamore Fly-over & Scusset Beach State Park.

Stop and register at the office. One tent/screen room allowed for each self-contained RV.

Registration no later than: **May 25, 2011** (No further reservations or cancellations can be accepted after this date.)
Made checks payable to: Dorothy A. Walbridge
Mail to: Dottie Walbridge 15 Edgewood Road, Scituate, MA 02066-4021

Cape Cod Unit Scusset Beach Buddy Rendezvous, June 9-12, 2011

Name: _____ Spouse _____

Children's names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: # _____ Cell # _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit: _____

Auto License Plate # _____ RV/Camper License Plate # _____
(Required)

Type of RV/Camper: _____ Length of Camper: _____

No. of nights X \$15= _____ + Kitty Fee \$2/person= _____

Please add Reserve America Fee \$5/trailer Enclosed is a check in the amount of: \$ _____

Will Camp Overnight On: Thurs Fri Sat Will Depart On: Fri Sat Sun

(Please circle choices above.)



Weekend July 22th – July 24th, 2011

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

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Dinner - room reserved for us at the
Cabela's Cafeteria (exotic meats)

Saturday –

Shop Cabela's or visit local attractions

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner – grills available. Bring something
to grill and a dish to share.

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 15th, 2011

Hosts: Jerry and Fran Ingallinera

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Note:

Jerry Ingallinera, Nominating Committee Chair is looking for two volunteers to assist him in coming up with a slate of officers for the 2012 season. Please call him at 860 289-9149 or email Airstream1@sbcglobal.net.



Includes:

- 7/23 Rendezvous @ Danbury, CT Rest Area @ Exit 2 (Eastbound Exit). One Night Dry Camping @ Danbury, CT.
- 17 days on the road before & after the 1st Nation Region One Rally .
- Campground fees at all 6 stopovers which are mostly WES sites.
- 1 Dinner/Buffer @ Rideau-Charleton Raceway.
- Adirondack Museum, Cruise on Raquette Lake, Tour Lake Placid Olympics Facilities, Bus Tour Ottawa (Capital of Canada), Tour Old Montreal, Tour Quebec City.
- 7 Campfires, 7 Ice Cream Socials, 2 BBQs & 1 Breakfast, a "Lunch on the Lake".
- "No Rush-No Fuss Stopovers" Pull in-Park-Tour.
- One 4-day and four 3-day stopovers.
- A Caravan Farewell BBQ in Quebec City.
- A Driver's Manual with all driving directions, Region 1 Caravan Plaque & Quietly to Quebec window sticker.
- The safety, camaraderie & companionship of 20 other Airstream RVers on this trip through New York's beautiful Adirondack Mountains. See Ottawa, the Capital City of Canada.
- Enjoy a well-planned route to the Region 1 Rally with your friends.
- Experience Old Montreal & Quebec City next to the St. Lawrence River.



A deposit of **\$200** is required by: **May 15, 2011**.
 The kitty fee (2 in an Airstream) is: **\$1140** per Airstream RV; remaining payment (\$940), due by **July 1, 2011**.
 The kitty fee (one in an Airstream) is: **\$987** with remaining payment (\$787), due by **July 1, 2011**.
 Extra person fee is: **\$258** due by **July 1, 2011**.
 Kitty fee funds are **U.S. Dollars**.

Note: The cost of the 1st Nation Region One Rally fee is NOT included. Travelers are required to make payment to the Quebec Unit separate from the Q2Q Caravan fees.

An audit of the caravan operations will be completed after the end of the caravan; remaining kitty fees after all expenses are paid will be distributed back to the caravanners. Every effort will be made to ensure over-payments are refunded within 45 days of the end of the caravan.

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

Make checks payable to:
"Quietly to Quebec Caravan"
 Mail to: Caravan Leaders,
 Rich & Dottie Walbridge
 15 Edgewood Road
 Scituate, MA 02066-4021
 For more information write or call:
Region1Caravan@Gmail.com
 Cell Phone: 781-254-6399

Got your passports? All US Citizens are required to produce a valid passport for Canadian travel.

Driver's Name: _____ Navigator's Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Town: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Area Code: _____

Winter Phone: _____ Summer Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ WBCCI Membership Number: _____

WBCCI Unit Name & Number: _____

Airstream Type: TT MH Length: _____ Tow Vehicle Year/Make/Model: _____

Airstream License Plate #: _____ Tow Vehicle License Plate #: _____

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

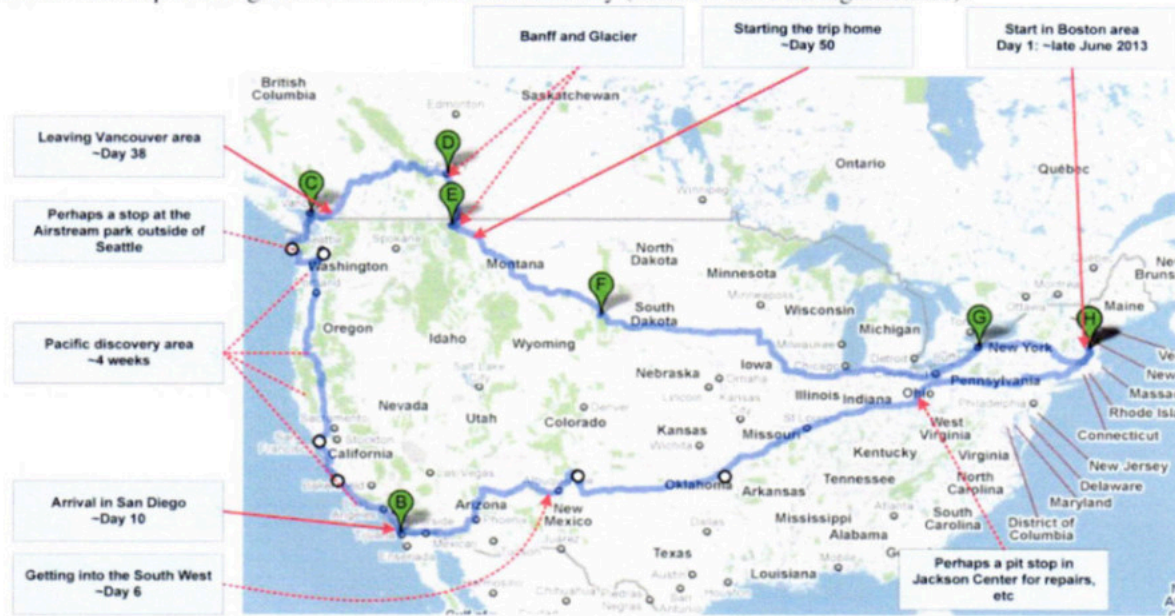
Amount of Deposit: **\$200.00**; Check Number: _____
 (due by 5/15/2011)



Draft: Pacific Adventure Caravan Sand Diego to Vancouver Summer 2013

Possible Adventure

As many of you probably know, I plan on ideas for trips far in advance and then slowly put pieces into place. I thought I'd share an idea with you that I now have on the drawing board about a trip to explore the Pacific Coast in 2013. The map below gives an idea of the draft itinerary (markers have no significance):



The idea is this:

- **Leave the Boston area sometime in late June 2013**
- **Drive, Park and Explore** rather than go around and Explore with your RV
- **Full range of parking styles:** from boon docking to full hookup. Spend money where it matters.
- Drive out to San Diego by cutting an almost diagonal path through the US. Pass through the South West along the way. Take about 10 days to reach San Diego from the Boston area.
- Spend about four weeks to make our way up to and past Vancouver in British Columbia
- Cut over BC to Banff National Park, swing on down to Glacier National Park in northern Montana.
- Once we're past Glacier, take about one week to return back to the Boston area.
- The grand total would be about **7-8 weeks of travel**.
- About **8,500 miles of towing and 2,500 miles of exploration** without RV
- **Plan the trip as a team** so that we can stop at places we have on our bucket lists.

If you are interested, drop me a note (hamnqvist@earthlink.net) or tear of the coupon below and I'll include you in the team effort of defining the specifics for the trip.

Regards,

Per Hamnqvist, #5287

YES! I am interested in learning more about this potential NEU Caravan. Please keep me posted

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Member #: _____

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June 2011



Club Events

June 28th-July 4th
DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, IL 54th WBCCI International Rally (Look for Region 1 Luncheon - 6/29/2011 at 11:30 a.m.) Dureiko/Butler
July 8 - 10
Marina Rally - Joint w/ CCU Riverside Marina, Portland, CT Bard Fuller
July 22 - 24
Buddy Rendezvous - No Fee Cabela's East Hartford Jerry & Fran Ingallinera
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Think

Always old, sometimes new. Never sad, sometimes blue. Never empty, sometimes full. Never pushing, always pulling. What am I?

Answer Page 6

Presidents Message



Lynn Blackwell

Summer Found—Bulletin Board Lost

Well, it seems spring left and summer hit hard all in the same day. And all of us who stay north over the winter were certain we would never again complain about the heat of the summer. Are we never happy?

We bid a fond "au revoir" to Ray and Cynthia, who left last weekend to follow their whim and perform their duties as Region Officer and International Program Chair, respectively. What a month they've

had; they sold their "land" home, cleared it out, and in days after the closing, left for points west. They took advantage of the elder Pestretto's "courtesy parking" and general hospitality for a few nights - and as Cynthia reports, it was the best camping ever!

At the business rally, a small group of us did a "brainstorm" about the design for the bulletin board to be presented at WBCCI International, and then, after several searches of the

COCU storage shed, one by me and a few by Pete Soucy, we realized we couldn't find the bulletin board. If you get e-mail, then you got an 'all points bulletin' for the bulletin board. . . but alas, nobody has it! But in a lucky and fortuitous turn, David Levinson responded by offering the bulletin board from the Berkshire Unit! He then got up at the crack of dawn on a holiday Sunday to meet Ray and Cynthia on I-84 as they passed by

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New York City Rally

By Lois Price

A combined rally with the New England Unit and Charter Oak took place June 2-5, hosted by Per and Lilly Hamquist and Kathy and Rich Kushman. I believe that 22 rigs navigated the busy highways to Liberty Harbor RV Park in New Jersey with (easy!!) access to New York City.



The Statue of Liberty at your fingertips!

The park was near a marina and we could see the Statue of Liberty from a distance. This park must have been planned by someone who had previously designed jigsaw puzzles. Per and crew did a noble job of parking us. We enjoyed "gathering" and planning trips into NYC and elsewhere.

Your friendly Roving Reporter and spouse took the narrated bus tour arranged by Jerry and Fran Ingallinera. The bus made many stops, which included St. John the Devine Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral (do you know who is buried in Grant's Tomb?), and silent mo-

ments at the World Trade Center site - A walk up to Wall Street, quickly passing the many street vendors.

Some folks took the ferry to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty and other venues. For "us", a play at Lincoln Center (War Horse), which was an extraordinary experience. Much walking and subway rides - a challenge for those who had no idea where they were going!

Continental breakfasts were provided, and Happy Hours happened.

The rally offered many sites to visit, as well as the pleasure of being with old friends and new ones. The weather was perfect!

Thank-you Hosts!!



“Newlyweds” - John & Grace Fuller

By bard Fuller

John Fuller married Grace Firnhaber on May 21st at the Kensington Congregational Church. After a week of intense rain the clouds parted on that Saturday allowing for a rain free ceremony and reception. Russ Fuller was best man and Bard Fuller was an usher along with his son, Brian.

A reception followed at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, CT. The festivities were complete with a decorated car, throwing of the bouquet and tossing of the garter...(albeit at age 90 for John there were few bachelors in attendance to catch the garter.) Grace slipped out of her church shoes into a pair of comfortable Airstream slippers for part of the reception.

This young-at-heart couple

took off to explore the east coast from South Carolina north to New England. They arrived at Scusset Beach, MA with Airstream in tow in time for the rendezvous.

John, a 50 year member of WBCCI, served as President of Region I during the mid 80's

and is one of the oldest members of the club to continue to tow his trailer. Grace brings to the marriage traveling experience from around the world. As you might expect, Grace is learning to tow the trailer!

Links

- <http://connecticut.wbcci.net/>
- Connecticut Unit Website
- www.airstreamtrailers.com
- Nice assortment of links
- <http://region1.wbcci.net/>
- Region One Website
- <http://airstreamlife.com/>
- Airstream Life
- <http://www.wbcci.org/>
- WBCCI



Look at those smiles!



Are those slippers from Jackson Center?



Not just another Weiner!

Top Dog Airstream

By Bard Fuller

Portland, Connecticut's own "Top Dog" concession stand represents a growing number of Airstream trailers that have been converted for a second life. Just four blocks away from the Land Yachts at the Marina Rally site located at the Portland Riverside Marina it serves as a lunch destination for many in the area.

The modified trailer, a 1963 Bambi, is the creation of Andrea and Allen Spaulding of East Hampton, CT. They have been selling hot dogs from this trailer for 30 years. Originally they were under the Arrigoni Bridge in Portland. They have been a fixture on Route 66 near Airline Ave. for the past 25 years. Originally purchased as a travel trailer, Allen converted the trailer to a traveling lunch stand. He built all the counters, steamers and

Top Dog—Continued Page 3



Chihuly picks bay area as home for first gallery

As a result of the glass artist's successful show at the Museum of Fine Arts last year, his first permanent installation will become part of a downtown development.

"A TOUCH OF GLASS"

By Lois Price



I am constantly reminded that this world is filled with extremely talented people whose craft is shared with the rest of us! What they give richly enhances our lives and brings immeasurable pleasure.

Ted's and my trip with the Kushmans and the Sasutas to the Chihuly Collection presented by the Morean Arts Center in St. Petersburg, Florida was one of those "Ahah" moments.

The name "Chihuly was known to me as I had previously seen 2 or 3 of his Chandeliers displayed in Connecticut. It was not until our visit to St. Pete that a new world of creativity opened up to me. It is not a large exhibit but it features a wonderful variety of glass objects ranging from chandeliers to wall, garden, water, ceiling pieces, Macchia bowls, and more – all with unbelievable lighting, colors and designs. Who would think that man could do this with sand and with heat.

Our tour included viewing glass blowing in the nearby Hot House, and of course, the obligatory gift shop!

Dale Ghihuly and his team of glass blowers travel the world. Their work can be seen in most of the United States (including Hawaii and The Bellagio in Las Vegas) as well as

Israel, Taiwan, France, Monte Carlo, and in private collections.

"In the early years of the American glass movement Chihuly, who received a Fulbright fellowship in 1968 to work at the distinguished Venetian firm of Venini Glass, recognized the need for American artists working with glass to gain knowledge of the historical traditions of the craft, to learn the techniques of working glass as practiced by the greatest glass masters."

To quote Ghihuly, "There is nothing evenly remotely similar to glass blowing, and there is nothing like glass, itself. Fire is really the tool – it's the heat of the glory hole, and the heat of the furnace, and the blowtorches, and centrifugal force a gravity opening up these forms."

Thank-you Mr. Ghihuly, you made my day!

If any of you have a very large home with a pocketbook to match, you might want to consider adding a tasteful glass object d' art to the décor – not recommended for trailers or motor homes!

For further information go to:

<http://www.chihuly.com/home.aspx>

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Top Dog - Continued from Page 2 added new plumbing. The classic silver outside was first painted red. Then with a little imagination and the help of a neighbor in the fiberglass business they built the hot dog ends at home and secured them to the trailer. It was repainted to the familiar hot dog and bun colors. They then topped the trailer with custom made mustard, ketchup and onions.

Today it rarely ventures away from its Route 66 location. Its longest trip was to the WBCCI Region I Rally in Woodstock, CT seven years ago. Occasionally it is hired for church fairs or private parties around the Middletown area. The tow vehicle is a classic 40 year old Checker taxi cab complete with a ticking meter.

Although the trailer and car are showing some wear and tear they are still American classics...just like the hot dog. ~



Beer garden—just a walk away—we love NY!



Great job arranging rally— Thanks Per & Lillie!



She know how to get the lowest Price.



Warm bagels for breakfast.



Enjoyed "War Horse" at Lincoln Center.



Now - That's a Weiner!



Why Times Square is a hoot!

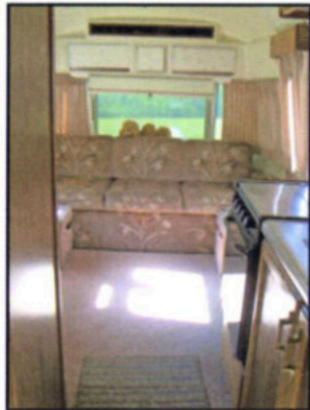
REAL

911 Calls from Memphis, TN

Dispatcher: 9-1-1 What is your emergency?
 Caller: I heard what sounded like gunshots coming from the brown house on the corner.
 Dispatcher: Do you have an address?
 Caller: No, I have on a blouse and slacks, why?
 Dispatcher: 9-1-1 What's the nature of your emergency?
 Caller: My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart
 Dispatcher: Is this her first child?
 Caller: No, you idiot! This is her husband!
 Dispatcher: 9-1-1 What is your emergency?

Caller: Someone broke into my house and took a bite out of my ham and cheese sandwich.
 Dispatcher: Excuse me?
 Caller: I made a ham and cheese sandwich and left it on the kitchen table and when I came back from the bathroom, someone had taken a bite out of it.
 Dispatcher: Was anything else taken?
 Caller: No, but this has happened to me before and I'm sick and tired of it!
 Dispatcher: 9-1-1 What is the nature of your emergency?
 Caller: I'm trying to reach nine eleven but my phone doesn't have an eleven on it.
 Dispatcher: This is nine eleven.

Caller: I thought you just said it was nine-one-one
 Dispatcher: Yes, ma'am nine-one-one and nine-eleven are the same thing.
 Caller: Honey, I may be old, but I'm not stupid.
 Dispatcher: 9-1-1
 Caller: Yeah, I'm having trouble breathing. I'm all out of breath. Darn....I think I'm going to pass out.
 Dispatcher: Sir, where are you calling from?
 Caller: I'm at a pay phone. North and Foster.
 Dispatcher: ! Sir, an ambulance is on the way. Are you an asthmatic?
 Caller: No
 Dispatcher: What were you doing before you started having trouble breathing?
 Caller: Running from the Police.



For Sale



1987 25' Sovereign

All systems are in good working order; rear twin beds; 4-burner stove; 2 Fantastic Fans; bat-wing antenna and booster; awnings on 3 sides; hitch and sway bars; original interior; towed less than 9,000 miles; garaged in winter ... \$12,000 **Contact: Lynn Perlotto at wperlotto@optonline.net**

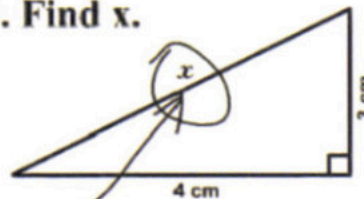
After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring.
 He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.
 The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut. — Will Rogers

TRAVELS WITH BUCK RIVET
 ~ by Russ Melocik
 Chapter Two
 ... when all Frank Fields could hear from the extreme rear of their 16' Bambi were the screams from his bride, Wrigley: "...

Watch for another short chapter in the next issue of the Charter Oak Chatter.

Why Teachers Drink

3. Find x.



Here it is



Presidents Message From Page 1 his hometown of Newburgh, New York on their way to Du Quoin. What luck! Such a good deed - and one that Wally Byam would have applauded.

Speaking of WBCCI and camping - what are your plans for this season? Please look at the list of events and rallies, and make plans to join us for an event. Jim and Corinne were disappointed that the Skylark event had to be cancelled, but hope those who were planning to go went to the New York rally instead.

July 8 - 10 we will be at the Riverside Marina, where you can camp right next to the Connecticut River. The Cabellas event is July 22 - 24 and it is always a surprise what a lovely rural feel you can find in the heart of East Hartford. Quebec is hosting Region 1 this year and while we have to skip the Region, (we can't miss my Mom Ruth's 100th birthday party!), I'd encourage you to join Gilles and Joyce on their way to Quebec. While theirs is not a WBCCI-sanctioned caravan, they have a good itinerary planned and it will be a great way to enjoy the route to Region 1.

So, time's a-wasting. Send in your reservation forms and checks and get out and use your Airstream. Hope to see you down the road. ~

CONTRIBUTE

A story - an opinion - a concern - a recommendation - a tip - a picture - a recipe - a great idea - an item for sale - a piece of juicy gossip, well maybe not gossip but take a moment and contribute to the Chatter. Only one contribution per member would keep the newsletter chattering. Send what you have to Sandy, Lois, or Richard. ~

Region One Rally

Another reminder! The lure of Quebec, the "oh, oh, oh" sensuous appeal of French Canada is calling. The Region One Rally will be very much worth the journey. Plan to caravan with Rich Walbridge. His relaxing and scenic route will be tough to beat. Details are attached in a flyer and remember to sign up early.

There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

~ Will Rogers

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Fred & Dale McGoldrick	2	3 Sebastian Petrotello New York Rally	4 Richard Jackson
5 New York Rally	6	7	8 Russ & Rhona Fuller	9	10 William & Gail Huff	11 Michael & Leslie Sisk
12 Linda Maxwell	13	14 Flag Day Bob Pears	15 Russ Melock	16	17 Jim & Corinne Burnham Charles & Sharon Henschel	18 Franklin & Jane Sanders
19 Father's Day	20 Russ Fuller Pete Soucy	21	22	23 Philip Simmons	24 Leland & Claire Bradley	25 Trevor & Gale Lake Bob & Jean Landry
26	27 Evelyn Watts	28 Raymond & Rosalie	29 International Rally	30 Sebastian & Juanita Robert & Barbara Moyer Neil & Lydia Rosenbeck		

Think from page 1
The Moon.

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. ~ Will Rogers



July 2011

Birthdays Anniversaries Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Jim Burnham International Rally	2 Val & Ali Galasyn Candy Korb International Rally
3 Ted Price International Rally	4 Independence Day Charlie & Jeanne Wilson International Rally	5 Kathleen Kuzhman	6 Dale McGoldrick Cecile Lemare Brian & Pat Brosnahan	7	8	9 Frank Gauthier Marina Rally
10 Marina Rally	11	12	13 Stephen & Carol Kelly	14 Dick & Eileen Bartram	15	16
17	18	19 Rob Terry	20	21 Carol Kelly	22	23 Caravan to Region One Cabela Rally
24 Cabela Rally	25 William Huff	26 Lons Price Judy Good	27 Caravan to Region One	28 Joan Beardsley	29 Kathy Fuller	30
31 John Tavares Ed Maxwell Caravan to Region One						

August 2011

Birthdays Anniversaries Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Robert Fuller	2 Jeff & Lynn Blackwell	3	4 Ali Galasyn Caravan to Region One	5 Steve Pedrillo Russ Stearns Region One Rally	6
7	8 Jeanne Wilson Fred McGoldrick Region One Rally	9	10 Caravan to Region One	11	12	13 Gail Huff
14 Caravan to Region One	15 Maryann Jackson	16	17 Howard M. & Carolyn L.	18	19	20
21 Russ & Cynthia Melock Rose Tavares	22	23	24	25 Marie Lupien	26	27 Wayne Rully Trevor Lake
28 Art Hall	29 Richard Kuzhman Gary A. Levinson Art & Carol Hall	30 Charlie Egelse	31			

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.



Weekend July 22th – July 24th, 2011

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

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Dinner - room reserved for us at the
Cabela's Cafeteria (exotic meats)

Saturday –

Shop Cabela's or visit local attractions

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner – grills available. Bring something
to grill and a dish to share.

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 15th, 2011**

Hosts: Jerry and Fran Ingallinera
18081



First Nations rally
Region one from August 4 to 8, 2011
Québec - Canada

REGION ONE RALLY * FIRST NATIONS * 2011 August 4 – 8 (Thursday thru Monday)
Camping municipal de Sainte-Veronique
320, Tour du Lac Tibériade, Québec Canada J0T 1T0
Notice of cancellation must be made by July 27, 2011

Fees: Checks payable to: Region 1 rally Québec Unit in Canadian or USD funds

Trailer with 2 persons – includes 4 nights parking		\$290.00	\$ _____
Trailer with 1 person - includes 4 nights parking		\$240.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Person	Number: @	\$ 65.00	\$ _____
Each Child 13-18 (12 & under – FREE)	Number: @	\$ 45.00	\$ _____
Early Parking Wednesday, August 3 rd after noon		\$ 30.00	\$ _____
Weekend special: 2 persons – 2 nights parking – Friday & Saturday		\$200.00	\$ _____
1 person - 2 nights parking - Friday & Saturday		\$150.00	\$ _____
Each child 13-18 – Fri.& Sat.	Number: @	\$ 35.00	\$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Name: _____ WBCCI# _____

Address: _____ Unit _____

City, _____ State _____ /Province, _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Cell: _____

All Youths names & Ages: _____

Length of Rig: _____ Handicap parking: Yes _____ No _____ Vintage trailer parking: Yes _____ No _____

Region One Rally 2011 – Mail before July 15, 2011 to :Clemence Lemay, 891, rue L'Annonciation nord – Rivière-Rouge, Qué. J0T 1T0 Canada

Telephone : 819-430-2557 or 819-275-2557 Email : clelemay@gmail.com

Land Yachts at the Marina Rally 2011

Bachar	Serafina John	3089
Blackwell	Lynn Jeff	1384
Cipot	Sandi Gould Rick	3411
Crockett	Ruth Roger	8627
Fuller	Kathy Bard	5406
Fuller	Grace John	318
Fuller	Rhona Russ	1745
Galasyn	Ali Val	8115
Grossman	Mary Rosenbach Tom	1465
Hickey	Charlotte LaRocca Gene	4034
Ingallinera	Fran Jerry	18081
Kushman	Kathy Rich Plus kids and grand kids	1442
Landry	Jean Bob	3990
Lupien	Marie Mark	1531
Nolder	Toni	2245
Pestretto	Juanita Seby	4922
Rosenbeck	Lydia Neils	25115
Rousseau	Joyce Gilles	8988
Sandall	Helen Bob	5593
Sanders	Jane Franklin	273
Sasuta	Sandy Mike	1001
Simmons	Fran Phil	9348
Tavares	Rose John	5981
Watts	Evy Bill	5535
Wilson	Jeanne Charlie	7459

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Presidents Message



Lynn Blackwell

Welcome Back From Region One

Welcome back to those of you who were able to go to the Region 1 Rally in Quebec. We are looking forward to hearing from you about the adventure. With limited vacation time, I had to save my days to go to my Mom's 100th birthday in Chesapeake Virginia.

day, and then get up at the crack of dawn to make sure we get our promised "courtesy" parking spot in my sister's driveway. From there, Jeff will stay out of the way while my four sisters and I prepare a feast for all of Mom's guests, coming from far and wide.

My Mom, Ruth Steinseifer, (see Ruth page 3) has been to a few WBCCI/COCU events and I want to thank all of you who were so kind and thoughtful of her. She is very shy, but you

make her feel at home. A special thanks to our former President, Jerry and First Lady Fran for making Mom feel special when she attended the Cabela's rally.

Please check your calendars for September. COCU has two events that are not to be missed: The Ingallinera's rescheduled the Cabela's rally so we wouldn't melt during the

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Question

Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?

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- WBCCI

DU QUOIN OR BUST !!

~ Lois Price

I don't know how it works in "your" house, but when "someone" says, "what about going to International?" and the other one says, "we'll see", does a discussion of some sort usually follow? Or as in our case, you check the refrigerator door to see what is posted and what your life is going to be for the next 6 to 12 months. So it was that I came to realize in early June, that Ted and I would set forth traveling to DuQuoin, IL for the International Rally. Didn't we just return from Florida? As luck would have it, an impressive list of repairs to the trailer was

necessary so we could include a stop in Jackson Center which turned out to be three full days and nights, with a bill to match - but who's counting? Happily, we got our rear end repaired, together with some other flaws.

Jackson Center, as many of you know, is not the entertainment center of the world. We did enjoy its one very nice restaurant. My hopes to see a movie were dashed as the theater was only open on Friday and Saturday nights. Much time was spent in the comfortable lounge at the factory and we did get to talking with fellow captives. Each morning, bright and early, the tractor arrived

to pull us to the repair location; promptly, at the end of the day, back it came.

Ted and I toured the Neil Armstrong Museum as well as The Bicycle Museum, both of which were extremely interesting - all this took one day, and then what??

The DuQuoin Fairgrounds were nice and very spread out; trying to locate people became a challenge. Fortunately, we missed the earlier tornado but others were not so lucky.

The various New England units were not well represented; we missed you all. However, Cynthia and Raymond Richard took

Du Quoin or Bust Page 6



WHAT'S IN A NAME?



~ Lois Price

Well folks, it's that time again – more pearls of wisdom from

“guess who?”

Finding that we had time on our hands at Jackson Center at the Airstream Factory, I enjoyed looking through some of the history books re: “the product”. Wally Byam had a dream. Unique to Airstream is a long and interesting story; what are some of the other-than-traveling uses for our silver bullets?

Airstream was so named because it rode the highways as smoothly as a stream of air, but when it was first launched it was called “Airstream Clipper” – a reference to the PanAm Clipper airplanes of the time.

Its unique shape was sleek, dashing, svelte, and daringly new, modern in the extreme, and was an instant sensation. It was advertised as using no more gas than not towing at speeds above 50 MPH (any comments?) One of its first customers was the president of Mexico!

Vintage has challenged many to refurbish so they can comfortably carry their owners hither and yon; they are truly works of art.

In a second life, Airstreams have become



diners, bars, mobile TV studios, Green Rooms for actors, a Bistro at the base of the Eiffel Tower, funeral caskets as well as



hearses, garden sheds, bookmobiles, art galleries, movie theaters, bowling alleys, motels, guest houses, various medical units (including a mobile quarantine for



NASA's Apollo Space program - the return of Apollo 11 with the orange-suited astronauts). Even business offices, solar demo home in New Canaan, CT, Toaster mobile. RIGHT IN Portland, CT the TOP DOG hot dog stand. A wonderful photo of the TOP Dog appears in one of the Airstream books with the Pestretto and Ruddy children/grandchildren. On one of our trips Ted and I saw an old “streamer” made to look like a Bumble Bee outside of an RV Park. Look for an Airstream in TV ads and in magazines. I am sure we have seen some used as chicken coops – or just out in some field, proving that old Airstreams never die --

Don't forget the display fashioned after Cadillac Ranch, although I think planting our beloved “homes on wheels” face down in the ground is just a little bit over the top”

Donald trump challenged contestants to create a mobile business using an Airstream. Ralph Lauren is not just neckties! He brought 4 Airstreams to his Colorado

Ranch –designed each with a different theme (i.e. Nautical, Western, Adirondack, Utility Plus) and then sold them for \$150,000 each to benefit medically underserved persons suffering from cancer.

On his new show, Makeover guru Carson Kressley will travel the country with an Airstream full of supplies, making over families, bridal parties, class reunions, stores, etc. (can be seen on OWN (Oprah Winfrey Network).

Don't forget the limited editions – Norman Rockwell and Eddy Bauer. Why use the side of a bus to advertise when you can upgrade to “one of us?”

In 1984, Gene Pell, Director of The Voice of America (VOA) wanted a studio on wheels to travel the United States. This “van” would collect sound/ tape to be broadcast behind The Iron Curtain. He wanted the very best vehicle for the job. He chose an Airstream ! Airstream provided the frame. A San Antonio, TX, company built “the Studio” to specification for this recording facility. The Van carried 3 reporters, who spoke various languages (African, European, Asian). They would meet and interview people, tours of interest, etc. This van included Old Wethersfield in its travels! Do you want to know why and why it was sent to Wethersfield?? You are going to find out anyway!



Our good friend Dick Bertel (formerly of Wethersfield) moved to the Washington, DC area to become director of this VOA program. It was Dick's responsibility to create the itinerary, scheduling of travel, etc. for the Van. Thus, our loss, was VOA's gain. I asked

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My Mom Ruth

~ Lynn Blackwell

Ruth Marjorie Doolittle Steinseifer achieves her 100th Birthday on August 23, 2011. She is looking forward to the party. Born in Trout Lake, Wisconsin, she had an interesting though isolated childhood growing up in one of Wisconsin's most beautiful state parks where her father was the Park Superintendent who both designed and built the park. Ruth's dad used snowshoes to make a



path through the deep snow for her homemade skis so she could get to school from the family home in the Park. She remembers when women were first granted suffrage in 1920 - but says she dreaded having her father tell her how to vote. Her plans for nursing school were interrupted by a good looking local, Ernest Steinseifer, who she married in 1933.

Ruth followed Ernie through Wisconsin, Illinois, and finally Michigan. While Ernie plied his significant talent at all things mechanical, Ruth plied her significant talent at parenting five daughters. Ruth and Ernie enjoyed six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Throughout her 80's and 90's Ruth was an active great-grandmother, meeting kids at the bus, supervising home work and baking cookies.

Ruth got a puppy at 95 and new luggage at 96. She never turns down an adventure. In 1922 she was a passenger in an open cockpit airplane; At 97 she rode in a 4-seated helicopter. She has taken rides in boats, on jetskis, motorcycles, gone camping, was photographed at the wheel of a fire engine dressed out in full firefighter gear..... All in her 90's.

Ruth, at 100, is amazingly healthy, interested and alert her quiet intelligence, faith and warmth make her beloved by her family and all who know her. ~

A Way-Way-Way Point Tale

~ Richard Kushman

Our Garmin GPS is named Wanda (yes we named her) - we Wanda where we are - we Wanda where we're going. Sometimes it is a very good practice to enter a "way point", forcing the GPS to follow a preselected route and not just go the way of the algorithm. I now share a little way point tale as we made our way to the Region One Rally in Canada.

We received a report that RT15 and the RT10 Bridge were very slow through Montreal and that taking a different bridge might be advisable. Setting a way point on the Mercier Bridge further south would easily avoid the expected logjam. I even printed out directions from Streets and Trips which could help Kathleen navigate. Upon entering Canada and reading the street signs Kathleen simply said "We are not capable of doing this!".

"But we have Wanda!" I said with a foolish level of confidence. We continued to travel without delay or any real idea where we were at a given moment, then eventually we approached the Mercier Bridge which of course was jammed. We slowly crossed as Kathleen audibly wondered what bridge was that we had previously crossed. "Never you mind honey that was just some lake; Wanda has us headed to the way point."

Something seemed wrong or at least confusing, so we stopped for fuel and for me anyway to reluctantly seek directions. French speaking customers at the fuel pump pointed to the same bridge we had just crossed, clearly demonstrating a language problem, they just couldn't understand me. Inside the store a lovely clerk with some English ability promised the needed help so I placed my finger on the map indicating our current location as the north side of the Mercier Bridge and slid it to Riviere Rouge. She touched the map on the south side of the Mercier Bridge indicating our current location and where she slid it is a blur. I again placed my finger on the north side of the Mercier Bridge fighting back the reality that was slowly and painfully seeping into my consciousness and then then slid it into my ear or nose but thank goodness not where it probably belonged.

We had obviously gone the Wanda Way - over the RT10 Bridge and back south to the trusted way point on the Mercier Bridge. Kathleen had been correct - we couldn't do it! ~

Note: Housatonic Meadows State Park campground is a short distance North of the picnic part of the park. The park is just North of the intersection of CT route 4 and US route 7 on route 7. Those coming should NOT attempt going through Cornwall Bridge! The covered bridge over the river is not friendly for trailers.

CHARTER OAK *Chatter*



Land Yachts at the Marina Rally

~ Toni Nolder

It started at Riverside Marina in Portland, CT, on Friday afternoon, July 8th. Question: Was it hot? Answer: Yes.

Sandy and Michael accompanied me to the F40 Motor Sports, just across Route 66. What a marvelous display of cars, arranging in price from \$54,000.00 to \$3 million. "Touch with your eyes only." Some very fascinating vehicles, worth the look.

About 4:00 pm, (while some of the Kayakers were doing "their thing"), it started to blow, rained side-ways, poured water from the Heavens along with lots of lightening immediately followed by HUGE crashes of thunder, steadily for over an hour, no kidding. Then, it just rained all night. Except for a few "water-logged die-hards", the Happy Hour was sparsely attended! One heck -of-a welcoming party.

Saturday, it was sunny and bright, started with a well presented Breakfast, after a 1960's Vintage Open House in the Vintage Park...Really Neat. Rightly so, these owners deserve a lot of credit for the accomplished restorations.

Many of us lunched at "Top Dogs", a Vintage Airstream parked on Route 66, made to look like a Hot dog in a roll with mustard, ketchup and onions.

There was a fleet of Kayakers and the usual comfortable sitters, (looked like a nursing home convention!), watching the boats on the Connecticut River. The Happy Hour was a dry success, (no rain), on Saturday an incredible Lobster Dinner, (chicken upon request), with steamers, (Yummm!), potato and corn-on-the-cob. Grace Fuller took us on a wonderful trip to Egypt, (Lucille Ball in *The Long Long Trailer* will show-up another time).

On Sunday after breakfast, Bard hosted a GADGETS & GIZMOS session, so many great ideas and hints, (we are clever and innovative creatures).

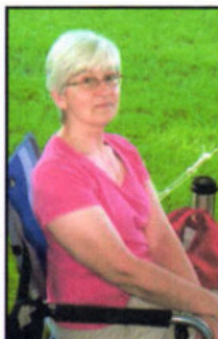
Lynn and Jeff brought their power boat for rides on the River, (fun to go fast!). There were more canoe paddlers and kayakers this year. Bard and Kathy paddled-off, (to Hartford, I think), in their new yellow boats after a short Christening ceremony, (with Bud Light). Rich Cipot and Toni in Kayaks with Evelyn and Bill in their Canoe ventured into an opening south of the marina and observed sunning turtles, birds and bugs.

Thank You, FULLERS, this River Rally was even better than last year....See you again next year.

Happy and SafeTravel,



CHARTER OAK *Chatter*



I don't need music, lobster or wine - Whenever your eyes look into mine;
The things I long for are simple and few: - A cup of coffee, a sandwich--and you!
~ Billy Rose



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heat wave, and they are likely to have wonderful weather on September 16-18 so please join us. The Rousseaus and Watts will be hosting our final rally at Housatonic Meadows State Park the weekend of September 23rd. It has been a while since we ventured out to our Northwest corner and I hope to see you there.

A final word is to thank all of you who have responded in the positive to Jerry's call for your volunteering to keep the Club active. He has a full slate of officers and directors to present to the membership at the Installation Dinner on November 6th. That will be held at the Manchester Country Club and is hosted by Bob and Helen Sandall. We are so fortunate that the Chatter continues, as a result of the willingness of Rich Kushman, Lois Price, Sandy Sasuta, and Joyce Rousseau to make it a joint effort. Stay well, stay happy, and see you down the road.

Your President and the Prince Consort

What's In a Name From Page 2

Dick when I interviewed him for this portion of my article, "How did you decide where to send the Van?" He said, "We had a big map!" I just left it at that!! For those of you who might remember Dick, he was with Channel 3 and WTIC and had some great programs. The one that stands out in my mind was the one he did on radio when he interviewed "me" re: the Wethersfield Volunteer Service. He said that he was as nervous as I was. Why wouldn't he be - after all he only interviewed very high-profile people. Sometime ask me how he got us involved in the possible purchase of Ellis Island!! Dick is now retired from VOA; Ted and I try to see them whenever we can.

That's about it for now! Do you remember when you saw your first Airstream? Can you add to the list of "recycled" Airstreams? Why did you purchase one? Do you feel a story for a future "Chatter" coming on??

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Quote

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.

~ Will Rogers

Question from page 1

Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: Asparagus and rhubarb.

TRAVELS WITH BUCK RIVET

~ by Russ Melocik

Chapter Three

... Frank, when are you going to learn that weather like this makes the horses...

Watch for another short chapter in the next issue of the Charter Oak Chatter.

Du Quoin or Bust From Page 1

us under their wings, as did Cynthia and Russ Melocik. Per Hamquist prepared a wonderful outdoor breakfast. Many of our group from the Golden Anniversary Caravan gathered and relived wonderful experiences.

Opening Ceremonies, as well as the entertainment, were held outdoors in the Grand Stand. Ted carried the Charter Oak Flag; Cynthia and Raymond were part of the Region I delegation. I carried the flag for Cape Cod, which if you looked closely, said New Hampshire on it. Try and figure that one out.

\$6,000 from the Common Cents Fund was given to the family of an 18 month old child undergoing treatment - your dollars and cents really do count. Boxes and boxes of pull-tabs were collected so keep on drinking my friends!

We circled the vendors, hugged and kissed many "good old what's their name", then it was time to make the journey home. We left "DQ" on Ted's birthday and celebrated at a Cracker Barrel - he was thrilled! Wal-Marts all the way - to and from; life just gets better and better!!

Until we meet again - Lois Price ~

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August 2011

Birthdays Anniversaries Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 Region One Rally	8 Jeanne Wilson Fred McGoldrick	9	10 Caravan to Region One	11	12	13 Gail Huff
14 Caravan to Region One	15 Maryann Jackson	16	17 Howard M. & Carolyn L.	18	19	20
21 Russ & Cynthia Meloik Rose Tavares	22	23	24	25 Mene Lupien	26	27 Wayne Ruffy Trevor Lake
28 Art Hall	29 Richard Kushman Gary A. Levinson Art & Carol Hall	30 Charlie Eglose	31			

September 2011

Birthdays Anniversaries Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 John & Rose Tavares	5 William Mangano Labor Day	6 Sharon Henschel Richard & Kathy Griffin Bob & Helen Sandal	7	8	9 Richard & Maryann	10
11 Wayne & Susan Ruffy Joseph & Carol Potter Carolyn L. Knight	12	13 Kathy Griffin Bill & Candy Korb	14 Dan Dureiko	15 Paul & Judy Good	16 Cabef's Rendezvous	17
18 Cabef's Rendezvous	19 David Johnson	20	21	22	23 Mark & Marie Lupien Housatonic Rendezvous	24 Rich & Dottie Walbridge
25 Housatonic Rendezvous	26	27	28 Michael & Lianne Ruffy Donna Gauthier	29 Bob Butler	30	

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)



2011-2012 Nominating Committee Chairman Report

As immediate past president of COCU, it was my responsibility to serve as the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Listed below are the individuals who accepted the nomination for 2011-2012 year.

President:	Jim Burnham	2nd Year Director:	Toni Nolder
1st Vice President:	Fran Ingallinera		Juanita Pestretto
2nd Vice President:	John Bachar		
Treasurer:	Sandy Sasuta	1st Year Director:	Bard Fuller
Recording Secretary:	Serafina Bachar		Mark Lupien
Corresponding Secretary:	Kathy Kushman		

I want to thank these individuals for agreeing to serve our club.

Jerry Ingallinera
Past President



Weekend September 16th to 18th, 2011

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

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Dinner - room reserved for us at the
Cabela's Cafeteria (exotic meats)

Saturday –

Shop Cabela's or visit local attractions

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner – grills available. Bring something
to grill and a dish to share.

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 15th, 2011**

Hosts: Jerry and Fran Ingallinera 18081



Litchfield Hills Rendezvous

Sept 23 – 25

Housatonic Meadows State Park– Route 7– Sharon, Ct

Cost– \$17 per night camping fee to be paid upon arrival
 (Reservations cannot be made on line. Park may be closed after Labor Day due to budgetary decisions. Email/phone Joyce or Gilles Rousseau if you'd like to attend so that we can contact you when we find out!)

Friday– Arrival after 1 pm

5 pm – “High Tea” – Bring your best tea cup and snacks to share
 Supper on your own

Saturday– Tour the area’s many sights*

5 pm– “High Tea” and snacks
 Bring a dish to share for dinner and your own main course
 (We’ll have a grill to use.)
 Campfires both nights

* Hopkins Vineyard, Sloan Stanley Museum, Mining Museum, Kent Falls, Kent Main St Antiques, White Flower Farm, Lime Rock Race Park, White Memorial Foundation and Conservation Center in Litchfield

We look forward to seeing you in beautiful western Ct.

Reminder– State Parks do not allow dogs or alcohol.

Evelyn and Bill Watts

Joyce and Gilles Rousseau (203.264.5372 or joycezr68@gmail.com)

CHARTER OAK

Chatter



August 2011



Club Events

September 18-18
Cabela Rendezvous FREE Jerry & Fran Ingalinera
September 23 - 25
Litchfield County Rendezvous Housatonic Meadows State Park Giles & Joyce Rousseau Bill & Evelyn Watts
October 6 - 10
Cape Cod Unit Special Event Rally Columbus Day - Coastal Acres Camp Court, Provincetown, MA Ron Chateaufort - 413-537-6150 rchateaufort@charter.net Mary Rosenbach - 508-246-3210 streamingpilot42@comcast.net
November 6
Installation Dinner Manchester Country Club Ray & Cynthia Richard
December 4
Holiday Luncheon Dakota Restaurant, Rocky Hill Ted & Lois Price Brian & Pat Brosnahan

Presidents Message



Lynn Blackwell

Summer leaving but still more camping...

The summer is just about over, and I hope you survived Hurricane Irene, without too much inconvenience, and got a chance to do some camping with other Airstreamers. We always have the best time when we wake up in our Airstream, knowing there are other WBCCI Airstreamers waking up all around us!

There are still two more camping opportunities with Charter Oak, and several with other WBCCI Region 1 Units.

I don't know about you, but starting in September, I'm a lot more happy camping once the temperature gets lower than 80!

The Ingalinera's were kind enough to postpone the Cabelas Rendezvous due to the heat wave in July - and it is this weekend, Friday, September 16 - 18. No kitty fee, just a pot luck, deliciously cool weather and lots of laughs. Please join us. The Rousseaus and Watts are hosting a rally at Housatonic

ic Meadows State Park the next weekend with a similarly small kitty fee and a lovely rural location with kayaking.

Jeff and I enjoyed our family reunion in Chesapeake, VA, for Mom's birthday party. We camped for free in my sister's driveway -excellent courtesy parking. We just returned from a quick trip to Brooksville, Maine, to see my stepson and park in his field (for free). We stayed at the Scarborough

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The Legendary "Pee Wee" at AirPocono

~ Bard Fuller



Pee Wee back in the day.

For WBCCI history buffs the Air Pocono Rally weekend at the Poconos Raceway could not have gotten any better.

This Airstream rally was a non-WBCCI event hosted by Leo Garvey, a recent exile from our trailer club, having been removed last year by the Executive Committee of the WBCCI. The irony is that he has an immense appreciation for the history of WBCCI and had the legendary Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn flown out to this rally from Dale's home in Arizona.

Dale is Wally Byam's cousin and the son of Helen Schwamborn, the principal architect of WBCCI and its Executive Director from 1955 until her retirement in 1979. Dale holds membership # 2, the most distinguished number now that Wally's #1 has been retired. He was part of the 1950's Mexican and Central American caravans, the 1956 European caravan and the 1955 and '57 Eastern Canadian caravans. His most infamous caravan was acting as the lead scout on the 1958-59 Cape Town to Cairo Caravan. On this caravan he drove the first Airstream motor home.

Dale was tagged "Pee Wee" during the 1951 Mexican caravan by Wally and it's stuck through all these years.

Friday night's evening program at the AirPocono Rally was Pee Wee's two hour power point presentation of Wally Byam's life and

Pee Wee Page 2

Question

What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?

Answer page 4

Links

<http://connecticut.wbcci.net/>

Connecticut Unit Website

www.airstreamtrailers.com

Nice assortment of links

<http://region1.wbcci.net/>

Region One Website

<http://airstreamlife.com/>

Airstream Life

<http://www.wbcci.org/>

WBCCI



Pee Wee From Page 1

the beginnings of the Airstream company. For myself, it was a dream come true to discuss and relive memories of some of the early history of our club. The two of us reminisced about our joint experiences at the 1964 Princeton New Jersey International rally as well as the Cadillac Michigan rally in 1966. Having also read Lilly Douglas' novel, Cape Town to Cairo, I had an insight of some of Pee Wee's adventures in Africa.



Pee Wee went on to work for the Airstream Company in the 1960's and later with three other RV companies during his early working years. In 2008 he was in Nova Scotia for the dedication of the WBCCI monument commemorating the origin of our club as established during the 1955 Eastern Canadian caravan. This past July he was at the dedication of the Wally Byam exhibit at the Baker City Heritage Museum in Oregon. He is philosophical about our club's future and discord as seen through Air Forums and other social media. He had this to say, "One can disagree with each other but let's not be disagreeable." ~

FIRST NATIONS RALLY

Region I - August 4-8, 2011
Quebec, Canada

Lois price ~

Your happy wonderers (Ted and Lois) returned from DiQuoin, and "quickly" prepared to join the Walbridges and the Sanders on the caravan entitled "Quietly to Quebec, July 23-Aug. 14). A well planned and enjoyable time, not "quickly or quietly!!

Arriving safe and sound at Riviere Rouge, Quebec, our hosts warmly greeted their friends from the south. Parked not far from a lake in the municipal park, approximately 50 Airstreams enjoyed the beautiful weather, and time spent together.

There were raffles, door prizes, entertainment, delicious meals, and various activities including a casino visit, bus tour, and a bumpy ride to an Indian Reservation's "Sacred Ground". Then mushroom gathering, a tag sale, and a first timers meeting led by Region I president, Russ Melocik. Cynthia Melocik was busy doing her First Lady duties.

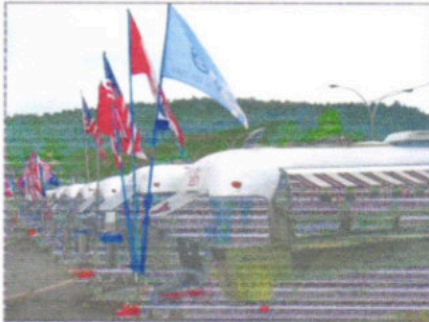
Among those attending were International President and First Lady Barry and Lesley Heckenswiler; also incoming Region I Presi-

dent and First Lady, Cynthia and Raymond Richard.

Many thanks to the hosts, Jean-Pierre Meiller and Clemence Lemay of the Quebec Unit, and to the emcees Paul Fuller and Russ Melocik. Another successful Region I Rally to enter into the history books.

Time quickly passed and it was "on the road again" to complete the caravan back to the USA - past our friendly Border Guards!

Lois & Ted (still roving)





Priceless Poem

CLICKITY CLACK AND QUACK, QUACK, NOT QUICKLY TO QUEBEC

Not long after our trip to DuQuoin
It was time to pack up in order to join
A caravan that was called "Quietly to Quebec.
It was a trip that we'll never forget.
This event was carefully planned and led
By Walbridge and Sanders (thank heavens not Ted).
The drivers' manual was a work of art.
What a great way from which to start.
But "quietly" is not in our vocab
As sometimes the noise level got really bad.
We were honored to be traveling with several "high mucky,
mucks;
A former, a present, and a future higher ups.
Our first stop was a beautiful site,
Spoiled only by mosquitoes that did bite.
Sunny skies, then sudden rain
Challenging Happy Hours to sustain.
A sightseeing boat upon Raquette Lake
Complete with tasty food to partake.
I personally can vouch for the clean restrooms for Ladies and
Gents alike,
For when I entered one I beheld a very strange sight -
Ice cubes in the urinal gave me somewhat of a fright!
What to do? Are they serving drinks?
For those cubes were placed right next to the sink!
I thought, how strange these people must be -
To partake of some ice before they pee!
A Birthday party complete with cake was planned
Which included a surprise visit from one of my childhood
friends and her man
The sight of "Pickles" Melocik, kneeling and praying to start a
fire
Will remind me not to hire this poor failed Boy Scout to start
my fire.
Then off to Lake Placid, on roads hilly and bent,
But the scenery was truly heaven sent.

A ride in a Gondola - up very high.
I was scared to death and my mouth went dry.
I couldn't help thinking of those who skied down those hills.
There must be an easier way to get your thrills!
The BBQ was a big success
With hamburgers, sausage, salads, and all the rest.
Another Birthday (this time for John) was well celebrated.
Sometimes I wonder if getting older is over rated!
Soon 'Twas off to Ottawa, kind of round about,
Crossing the border with passports in view while carefully hid-
ing our Guinness Stout"
From Camp Hither Hills to Quebec
is a story not to be told, at least not yet.
With a Garmin, maps, CB, and printed directions too many
And a driver who would not follow "any"!
The Region One Rally was about to start.
We had traveled may miles to take part.
Onto a parking lot we were tightly squeezed;
A situation that did not exactly please.
But we are Airstreamers, after all,
And our hosts worked hard to correct discomforts that did
befall.
Riviere Rouge was a beautiful place to be.
But no Cell phones or TV's!!
A tour or two over bumpy road, the city and Indians to see.
It was hot, and some of my body parts threatened to leave
me.
Flags were presented and message given.
It was now time for the fun to begin.
Bonjours, Bonsois, and "how 'ya all -
Hugs and kisses, may good luck befall
All who entered toe Sacred Ground
Old and new friendships did abound.
We ate too much, drank too much, and spent too much.
The Indians talked and smoked too much; they fed us hot
dogs, bison and such.

Poem Page 4



Presidents Message From Page 1

Maine Cabella's on the way and back (for, guess how much...?) We were without power for 8 days after Irene and spent that time living in the backyard in the Airstream – all the comforts of home.

Our Excellent Membership Chair, Evelyn Watts just e-mailed me this small world story: She and Bill are camping in Halifax Nova Scotia, and they drove into a campground behind a Connecticut Airstream – it turns out it is Parker and Lorraine Boylan, who have been COCU members. They have been on leave from Airstreaming due to a family illness. Unfortunately, Lorraine's mother has passed away. The Boylans plan to rejoin COCU when they return to Connecticut and we look forward to their return to active camping. When you have an Airstream, the world is a smaller and friendlier place.

I have been in touch with our incoming COCU President Jim Burnham, and while he has certain roofing responsibilities that will keep him from joining us until the Installation dinner, he has a full slate of officers, and a full schedule for next year. Enjoy the best weather of the year these next few months and we'll see you down the road. ~

Once Upon a Time

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen.. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations.

However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.

Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey.. Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

Question from page 1

North American landmark constantly moving backward:

Niagara Falls

(The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.)

Thoughts and Cares

Dottie Walbridge recovering—preparing for a long hike!

Renew Now

Help Sandy!

Send In Your 2012 Dues By the end of September!

TRAVELS WITH BUCK RIVET

~ by Russ Melocik

Chapter Four

... you know, turn into pumpkins. Considering what we paid for them and the Airstream, wouldn't we be better off ...

Watch for another short chapter in the next issue of the Charter Oak Chatter.

Poem from Page 3

Ted found more leaks in the trailer to fix - This, together with the old ones, makes about six.

Water got into the window sills and the windows opened and closed of their own free will.

We also found many things on which not to agree But we had a wonderful time, as you can plainly see.

Now it's Clickity Clack, we are leaving Quebec

To our leaders, Rich and Dotty, Franklin and Jane:

Many, many thanks for your leadership and advice so sage - But especially for respecting and celebrating our Old Age!!

Merci, AuRevoir - Ted and Lois

FOR SALE

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4 John & Rose Tavares	5 William Mangano Labor Day	6 Sharon Herschel Richard & Kathy Griffin Bob & Helen Sandall	7	8	9 Richard & Maryann	10
11 Wayne & Susan Rutty Joseph & Carol Potter Carolyn L. Knight	12	13 Kathy Griffin Bill & Candy Korb	14 Dan Dureiko	15 Paul & Judy Good	16 Cabel's Rendezvous	17
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Quote

There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves. ~ Will Rogers



2011-2012 Nominating Committee Chairman Report

As immediate past president of COCU, it was my responsibility to serve as the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Listed below are the individuals who accepted the nomination for 2011-2012 year.

President:	Jim Burnham	2nd Year Director:	Toni Nolder
1st Vice President:	Fran Ingallinera		Juanita Pestretto
2nd Vice President:	John Bachar		
Treasurer:	Sandy Sasuta	1st Year Director:	Bard Fuller
Recording Secretary:	Serafina Bachar		Mark Lupien
Corresponding Secretary:	Kathy Kushman		

I want to thank these individuals for agreeing to serve our club.

Jerry Ingallinera
Past President



Weekend September 16th to 18th, 2011

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

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Dinner - room reserved for us at the
Cabela's Cafeteria (exotic meats)

Saturday –

Shop Cabela's or visit local attractions

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner – grills available. Bring something
to grill and a dish to share.

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 15th, 2011



Litchfield Hills Rendezvous

Sept 23 – 25

Housatonic Meadows State Park– Route 7– Sharon, Ct

Cost– \$17 per night camping fee to be paid upon arrival

(Reservations cannot be made on line. Park may be closed after Labor Day due to budgetary decisions. Email/phone Joyce or Gilles Rousseau if you'd like to attend so that we can contact you when we find out!)

Friday– Arrival after 1 pm

5 pm – “High Tea” – Bring your best tea cup and snacks to share
Supper on your own

Saturday– Tour the area’s many sights*

5 pm– “High Tea” and snacks
Bring a dish to share for dinner and your own main course
(We’ll have a grill to use.)
Campfires both nights

* Hopkins Vineyard, Sloan Stanley Museum, Mining Museum, Kent Falls, Kent Main St Antiques, White Flower Farm, Lime Rock Race Park, White Memorial Foundation and Conservation Center in Litchfield

We look forward to seeing you in beautiful western Ct.

Reminder– State Parks do not allow dogs or alcohol.

Evelyn and Bill Watts

Joyce and Gilles Rousseau (203.264.5372 or joycezr68@gmail.com)



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Renew Now

Please send your check for \$80.00 payable to Charter Oak CT and send to Sandy Sasuta. (Life & Affiliate Members \$15.00)

Question

Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words.
Name two of them.

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Presidents Message



Lynn Blackwell

This Ones for You Jim...

This is my last Chatter message to you as your President. I want to thank all of you members for electing me, and for your kindness throughout the year. I must thank the former President, Jerry Ingalinera for his great work in putting together a full slate of officers and directors for next year. My sincere thanks to all of you who have agreed to either continue to serve or begin to serve in some official capacity with our Unit. And a special thanks to those who

host dinners and rallies. Without a spirit of volunteering, we would have no Unit. I would be remiss if I failed to recognize the efforts of the Chatter team: Rich Kushman, Lois Price and Sandy Sasuta. They work together to produce a monthly newsletter that keeps us entertained and in the know. Is it all peaches and cream at COCU? Not exactly. We had several great rallies this year, but two had to be cancelled. One was due to extenuating

circumstances; a squatter trailer was blocking our entrance to the Skylark Airline rally. Sadly, the other was cancelled for lack of interest. The hosts were hosting for the first time and it must have been very discouraging for them to make plans and get so few takers. On the bright side, we continue to have good solid turnouts for our off-season luncheons and dinners.

During the Riverside Marina

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NOT EXACTLY A HALLMARK MOMENT

~ Lois Price

My calendar tells me it is time to create another "off the top of my head" article for the Chatter. Perhaps this one will hit home or a tender spot for some of you.

It was a bright and sunny morning as I headed for the doctor to have a routine colonoscopy - my heart was full of joy that it would soon be over, with the knowledge that I had successfully endoured the "prep" the day before. Leslie had sent a very comical description of the procedure to lighten the moment. I packed a comb and lipstick in my Vera Bradley pocketbook for the short time I would be gone. Ted thought that I looked over-dressed so I changed my cloths twice before leaving the house.

The doctor greeted me as I came out of the anesthesia - I said, "You did what and you did it where?!?" Long story short, I now have 4 inches less colon which, I suppose makes it a "semi-colon"! He assured me

that I had plenty more where that came from.

Over the period of two weeks I signed so many papers that I was sure I had declared war on a small Monarchy, or given most of our children's inheritance away.

Time spent in a Rehab Center took what little dignity I had left, and the only bare rear end going down the hall that I could not see was my own. Aside from the nausea and pain and enough gas to make CNG proud, I guess it wasn't too bad. As for the food - if I ever see another carrot it had better be in a ring or on a chain to wear around my neck.

I was constantly being flattered re: on how I didn't look my age, etc., etc. - then as the drugs wore off I realized that everyone else looked really awful!

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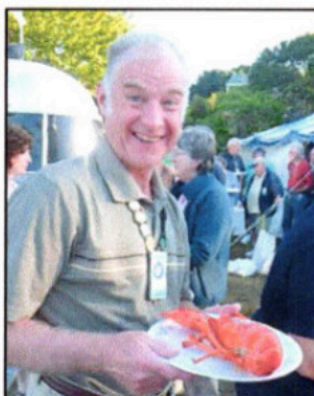
A Good Old Time

~ Richard Kushman

Say "Lobster" say "Cape Cod" say "The Provincetown Rally was excellent", and you would be right. Very well organized and perfectly executed this was a Cape Cod special events rally hosted by Ron Chateaufneuf and Mary Rosenbach with tireless support from Tye Mott and many others. The food was very tasty and plentiful, oh—did I mention Lobster?

The campground was comfortable, local attractions inviting, and the weather absolutely delightful. Women's week was being celebrated in Provincetown which easily explained the preponderance of female teams strolling the shops. There is a special liveliness and gaiety that makes downtown Provincetown just plain fun to visit.

We were also honored with the presence of WBCCI President Barry Heckenswiler and First Lady Lesley; they exhibited excellent judgment when they picked this event to attend. There was also a very entertaining presentation of Provincetown history ala Gary Cox, and did I mention chowder, steamers, corn, and Lobster.



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rally - where we had a terrific turnout; we tried to explore your minds about what other events and rallies you would like to attend. I've shared those ideas with the incoming President, Jim Burnham, and he and Corinne will be creating a schedule of events. Let us know what interests you - and don't be afraid you will be "recruited" to host. There are others who might host, while you make the commitment to attend.

The Club is about getting out and Airstreaming. Lets do more of it; together.

See you on down the road, ~ Lynn

TRAVELS WITH BUCK RIVET

~ by Russ Melocik

Travels With Buck Rivet

Chapter Five

... getting rid of the nags and buying a more modern tow vehicle? You know, something like a ...

Watch for another short chapter in the next issue of the Charter Oak Chatter.

Thoughts and Cares

Our sincere sympathy to Lillian Herpich and family on the loss of Lillian's husband, Bill. (October 7, 1915-Sept. 19, 2011) They were long time members of Charter Oak CT.

Bud & Jessie Gould— Bud a heart scare and Jessie fell.

Dottie Walbridge continues to ramble on!

Lois Price getting better, showing movement.

Sugarcreek 2012

September 22 - 30, 2012

The Land-O-lakes Unit of Ohio will be hosting the 50th Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek, Ohio next year. This is the oldest WBCCI Rally. Because this rally is always well attended and because this is the 50th anniversary, they expect it will sell out quickly. They are limited to 200 units and they sold at least 60 pre paid registration rally fees this year's rally.

Rich and Dottie Walbridge are planning a caravan to Sugarcreek. If you plan to travel with Rich and Dottie you need to reserve your space as soon as possible. If interested email Joann Cubbison, Chairman at jocubbison@yahoo.com.

Sugarcreek is located in the hills of Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover and 18 miles east of Millersburg, Ohio on scenic Route 39, west of I-77.

This is a great opportunity to attend one of the best rallies WBCCI has to offer. Whether this will be your first visit or a repeat visit, Sugarcreek is a fun time and traveling with Rich and Dottie can only add to the experience.

~ Cynthia Richard

Welcome Back

Parker & Lorraine Boylan. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event."

Hallmark Moment From Page 1

I did my share of physical and occupational therapy, including cooking a fried egg which someone actually ate. My home instructions are to do the exercises for the next 20 years - good luck with that one.

Ted did well during my captivity; cooking up a storm, leaving cabinets and drawers always open, not making the bed, leaving his clothes on the bedpost until gravity brought them to the floor - in general leading a non-structured life.

I am now home and doing well. Many thanks to all of you for your phone calls, e-mails, and cards; they were much appreciated.

Hallmark has recently come out with a new line of cards for those who are jobless. Personally, I do not find this very tasteful This has sparked comments on TV as well as in a recent article in the Hartford Courant. It does, however give pause to consider endless other possibilities, such as "Sorry your colonoscopy was not all it was cracked up to be".

Until we meet again - Lois

Here is an illustration of
Lois's semicolon.

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A picture of Lois's Colon
has been reluctantly omitted!



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November 2011

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6 Installation	7	8 Election Day Bette Lou Pease	9 Clarence Gould	10 Paul Good Beth Pitrie	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16 Winnie Mangano	17 Alan & Joan Beardsley	18 Jeff Blackwell	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 Larry & Pat Larson
27	28 Helen Sandell Cynthia Melock	29 Charlie & Sandy Egise	30			

Answer from page 1

Three English words begin with dw: Dwarf, dwell, and dwindle

If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old. ~ Will Rogers

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HOLIDAY SUNDAY BRUNCH

Please join Charter Oak for our Holiday Brunch.

When: Sunday, December 4, 2011
12:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Where: Dakota of Rocky Hill
1489 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill
Exit 24 off of I-91
860-257-7752

Full Cash Bar...Mimosa and Bloody Mary's \$2.00 each
Sodas \$2.25 each -free refills

Buffet includes a full breakfast menu plus ...
Smoked Seafood, Carving Stations, Hot Entrees, Salad Bar, Cheeses and
Cold Cuts, Desserts and Beverages.

Cost: Adults: \$ 29.00 Children: 3- 10 \$ 13.00

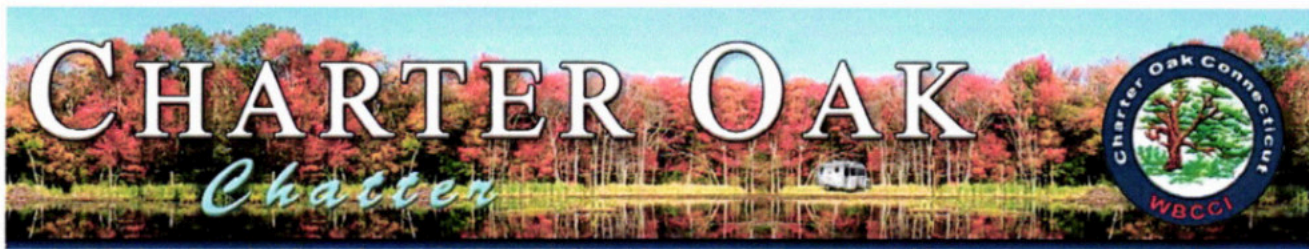
Make Checks payable to: **Lois Price**
121 Boulter Rd.
Wethersfield, CT 06109

No later Than December 1, 2011

Free Will Donation to The Children's Home in Cromwell.



Santa will greet you and show you to your seats;
prepare to enjoy your friends at an event that will be a
treat!



November
2011

Presidents Message



Jim Burnham

Club Events

December 4

Holiday Luncheon
Dakota Restaurant, Rocky Hill
Ted & Lois Price
tedprice73@gmail.com

Riddle

Once there was a night watchman who had been caught several times sleeping on the job. The boss issued the final warning. On the next night he was caught with his head on his hand and his elbows on the desk. "Aha, I've caught you again," exclaimed the boss. The watchman's eyes popped open immediately and he knew what had happened. Being a quick thinking man, he said one word before looking up at the boss. The boss apologized profusely and went home. What was the one word?

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My First Letter As President

Ted told me what he did was to write like I was writing to a friend, not hard to do with this organization.

My wish this next year is to explore the theme "fond memories", written or spoken. There are many from all, so help bring them out, search your data bank and share.

I have many but our first with Charter Oak involved Jim & Laura Edmonson who helped me with our first trailer. It was filthy, broken in half, and smelly. They did not care. They came over the

next day and were nothing but positive and so it went; Jim & Laura, Wayne & Susan Rutty and Mike & Lianne Rutty all part of a very helpful family.

Just a few days ago with the gavel in my hand for the first time, I found out from Roger & Ruth Crockett (charter members) that Ruth's father made the gavel and Roger refinished it.

As many may or may not know Ruth has been the club historian and wants to pass the job - of keep and adding memories - on to anyone interested. Please

contact me if you can help. Please feel free to share more of your good memories within the club, it a good thing for everyone.

I am taking over for Lynn & Jeff "prince consort" Blackwell and if there is anyone who has not gotten to know them, do so, you won't regret it and I can't say enough positive about both.

For fourteen years I have been putting off doing this - being the president of COCU, hopefully I can live up to our former leadership.

President Jim Burnham

Husband of "Princess Consort"
Corinne

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

~ Cynthia Richard

After a week of record setting snow and days without power, members of the Charter Oak CT Unit gathered at the Manchester Country Club on Sunday, November 6, 2011. The attendance



Ernie, New Region VP

was good and included several special guests. Present were Ernie and Madeline Bauer of the New England Unit. Ernie recently became the 2nd VP of Region One.

Also attending

from the Cape Cod Unit were Rich and Dottie Walbridge, Bob Butler and Dan Dureiko. It was nice to see and visit with all of them.

As always lunch was delicious with the choices of roast beef, chicken, and fish. The country club always welcomes us and does a great job.

Lynn Blackwell led the Fall Business Meeting. (See minutes of meeting in this Chatter.) After the meeting, Ray Richard, 1st Vice President of Region One, installed the slate of incoming officers. They are:

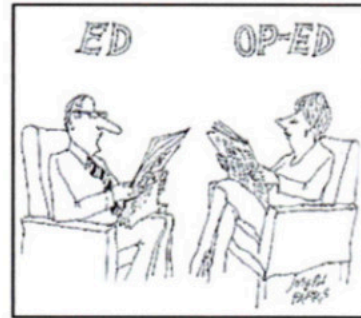
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Treasurer: **Sandy Sasuta**

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Let me encourage everyone to contribute to the Chatter. Opinions, ideas, recommendations, stories, an experience, tip, trick, picture, and yes even a gripe.

How about what Jim suggests—a memory!

To start it off, I decided to editorialize a little here — so let me hear from you. There will be a Chatter in December but not in January (unless I am swamped with stories to tell).

Send by email or attach any digital format—I do reserve the right to edit but will not alter the intended message. ~RK

Wally's Garden

~ Richard Kushman

The only reason Kathleen and I joined WBCCI, and specifically the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit, is because we purchased an Airstream. We fell in love with the Airstream style, we knew not another soul who traveled in an Airstream but sharing our enthusiasm just seemed natural and fun. All of us, I think, share a natural human need to belong.

Owning an RV and belonging to the general RV community is like being a shopper and belonging to Sam's Club. Neither membership really caresses that deeper need of belonging and sense of family that is part of our humanity. The Airstream - the perfect catalyst - provides the excuse, reason, spark, justification, or stimulus to begin an alliance and fulfill that need.

Please understand Airstreamers are not special but simply human. Thor Motor Coach owners or Prevost owners, pulled by human nature, will also drift toward like-minded campers, responding to what might be a crack in the ice leading to the joy of friendship.

Those members of WBCCI pushing to allow other than Airstream products and thereby change the club forever, are perhaps afraid of losing friends or their sense of belonging, thus raising selfish motives that are self serving but understandable. What other reason can there be?

WBCCI is Wally's garden, where friendships bloom and Airstreamers belong. Fertilize the garden, till the garden, water the garden, but do not plow it under. ~

Recommended

~ Fran Ingallinera

The weekend of September 30th to October 2nd, 2011, Jerry and I attended the Autumn in New York Rally hosted by the Metro New York Unit which is part of Region 2. The rally was held at the Ulster Fairgrounds in New Paltz, New York, a lovely college town, home of SUNY at New Paltz. There were many places to visit and we enjoyed a stop at a winery taking the opportunity to sample several different wines.

During the rally Jerry attended a seminar given by George Hernandez. Many Charter Oak members know George from Valenti where he demonstrated great skills in the repair and maintenance of Airstream trailers and motor homes. George now owns Classic RV, 5 Sybil Court, Holmes, NY. His phone number, should you need any repairs is 845 319-6007 or 914 528-8310 (cell). George tells us to find your way to Classic RV using a GPS, enter 5 Sibbel Court, Holmes, NY into the GPS. For some reason most GPS do not recognize the Sybil spelling.

We took our Airstream to George on Tuesday, October 4th, 2011 for some minor repair work. Getting there was very simple. We took I 84 into New York to exit 17 Ludingtonville Road, right at the end of the exit ramp then .2 of mile right onto Sybil Court. ~

A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. ~ George Bernard Shaw

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Charter Oak CT Unit Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2011 2:30 pm - Manchester Country Club - Manchester, CT
~ Cynthia Richard

The annual Fall Business meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by President

Lynn Blackwell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lynn.

Roll Call of Officers:

President, Lynn Blackwell, Present

1st VP Jim Burnham Present

2nd Vice President, Fran Ingallinera present

Treasurer, Sandy Sasuta, not present,

Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Kushman, present

Recording Secretary, Cynthia Richard, present

Directors:

John Bachar, not present

Bill Watts, present

Toni Nolder, not present

Juanita Pestretto present.

There was a Quorum present so the meeting was continued.

The minutes from the Spring Business Meeting were read by Recording Secretary, Cynthia Richard. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Jerry Ingallinera and second by Roger Crockett. The motion passed In the absence of Treasurer, Sandy Sasuta, Lynn Blackwell read the treasurer's report as received.

The balance as of September 1, 2011 was \$8,234.25. The only activity in the account was the annual receipt and payment of International dues. Bill Watts made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and Joyce Rosseau 2nd.

The motion passed.

Jerry Ingallinera was presented with a Certificate recognizing the Club's Superior Merit Award which was earned during his presidency.

Committee Reports:

Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Kushman, reported that she had sent a card to Jessie Gould from the club and ask to be informed of any member that should receive correspondence from the club.

Legislative Committee, Bob Sandall reported no new legislative issues.

Membership Committee, Evelyn Watts announced that we have 2 new affiliate members. They will be introduced in the next Chatter.

[See Minutes Page 4](#)

Thoughts and Cares

Jessie Gould — Jessie recovering.

Region One Florida

Jan 12 - Region One FL East Coast Luncheon 11:30 AM
Thursday - Golden Coral, 880 Palm Bay Road —Palm Bay, FL—Russ Melocik 352-874-7213

Feb 1 - Region One West Coast Luncheon 11:30 AM
Wednesday—Buffet City, 13235 Cortez Blvd.,

Welcome

New Affiliate Members

Ray & Barbara Landman #700

J. Rick Cipot and Sandi Gould #3411

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Corresponding Secretary: **Kathy Kushman**

Recording Secretary: **Serafina Bachar**

Membership: **Evelyn Watts**

Legislative: **Bob Sandall**

Historian: **Ruth Crockett**

1st year Directors: **Mark Lupien and Bard Fuller**

2nd year Directors: **Toni Nolder and Juanita Prestretto**

Several announcements for upcoming events were made. So keep an eye on the Chatter for these events and make plans to attend. Ted and Lois Price will be hosting the Holiday Party at Dakota Restaurant in Rocky Hill on December 4, 2011. Donations for the Cromwell Children's Home will be collected. This a deserving cause so please be generous. ~



Good Luck to New Officers



Much deserved awards!



Merit award received by Jerry for his year at the helm.



Priceless ...

Minutes from Page 3

No unfinished business and no new business.

Announcements:

East Coast Luncheon at Buffet City, Brooksville, FL Feb 1, 2012 at 11:30 am.

Holiday Party December 4, 2011 at Dakota Restaurant at Rocky Hill. A collection will be taken for the Cromwell Children's Home in lieu of an exchange of gifts among members.

Reminder to sign up for the 50th annual Sugarcreek Rally for 2012 and a reminder to register early for next year's Region One Rally to be hosted by the New England Unit.

Rick Kushman asked for everyone to contribute to the Chatter. Please send ideas, articles and announcements to him, Lois Price or Sandy Sasuta.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by Lynn Blackwell at 3:15

pm. The Installation of new officers by Region One 1st VP, Raymond Richard followed immediately. ~



Jim has the gavel now!

If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right.

~ Henry Ford

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Computer Tech Support

Customer: Hi, this is Celine. I can't get my disc out.
 Tech support: Have you tried pushing the release button?
 Customer: Yes, sure; the tray comes out but there's nothing in it.
 Tech support: Does disc content show up on your screen?
 Customer: ...Oh! ...wait a minute..... I hadn't inserted it yet... it's still on my desk... sorry....

Tech support: Click on the 'My Computer' icon on the left of the screen.
 Customer: Your left or my left?

Tech support: Good day. How may I help you?
 Male customer: Hello... I can't print.
 Tech support: Would you click on "start" for me and...
 Customer: Listen pal, don't start getting technical on me! I'm not Bill Gates.

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer.' I've even lifted the printer over and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says it can't find it...

Customer: I have problems printing in red.
 Tech support: Do you have a color printer?
 Customer: Aaaaah.....thank you.

Tech support: What's on your monitor now, ma'am?
 Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at the carnival.

Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore.
 Tech support: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?
 Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer..
 Tech support: Pick up your keyboard and walk to the other side of the room.
 Customer: OK
 Tech support: Did the keyboard come with you?
 Customer: Yes
 Tech support: That means the keyboard is not plugged in. Is there another keyboard?
 Customer: Yes, there's another one here. Ah...that one does work.

Tech support: Your password is the small letter "a" as in apple, a capital letter V as in Victor, and the numbers 7274.
 Customer: Is the 7274 in capital letters?

Customer: I can't open Yahoo calendar.
 Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?
 Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.
 Tech support: Can you tell me what the password was?
 Customer: Yes... five stars.

Tech support: What anti-virus program do you use?
 Customer: Hotmail.
 Tech support: That's not an anti-virus program..
 Customer: Oh, sorry... Internet Explorer.

Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.
 Tech support:Who the hell transferred this call to me???

Tech support: How may I help you?
 Customer: I'm writing my first e-mail.

Tech support: OK, and what seems to be the problem?
 Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the circle around it?

A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

Tech support: Are you running it under Windows?

Customer: "No, my desk is next to the door, but that's a good point. The guy sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window and his printer is working fine."

And last but not least...

Tech support: "Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now hit the letter "P" to bring up the Program Manager."

Customer: I don't have a P.

Tech support: On your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: What do you mean?

Tech support: "P".....on your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!

It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Peanut Butter Rice Krispie Bars

~ Sandy Sasuta

½ cup white sugar
 ½ cup brown sugar
 1 cup Karo

Melt and stir in a pot until smooth. Take off of stove.

Add 1 whole jar of peanut butter (16 oz.)

2 tsp. vanilla

Stir until smooth.

Add 4 cups rice krispies cereal and stir until mixed.

(Option: add chocolate chips)

Pour into 9x13 dish lined with parchment paper and smooth out.

Cool and cut into bars.

TRAVELS WITH BUCK RIVET

~ by Russ Melocik

Chapter Six

... Segway. Besides, Wrigley, you'd look swell standing on a Segway all gussied up in ...

Watch for another short chapter in the next issue... maybe!

CHARTER OAK *Chatter*



November 2011

Birthdays Anniversaries Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sandy Sesula	2 Giles & Joyce Rousseau	3	4 Bill Korb	5
6 Installation	7	8 Election Day Betty Lou Pease	9 Clarence Gould	10 Paul Good Beth Potrie	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16 Winnie Mangano	17 Alan & Joan Beardsley	18 Jeff Blackwell	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 Larry & Pat Larson
27	28 Helen Sandall Cynthia Melocik	29 Charlie & Sandy Eglise	30			

December 2011

Birthdays Anniversaries Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Holiday Dinner	5	6	7	8	9	10 Susan Johnson
11	12 Charlotte LaRocca	13	14	15 Gale Lake	16 Carol Potter	17 Raymond Jefferson
18	19 Robert Moyer	20	21	22 Pat Larson	23	24
25 Christmas	26 Philip & Frances Simmons	27 Larry Larson	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

Answer from page 1

The one word was "AMEN", thus making the Boss believe he was praying rather than sleeping.

Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
~ Will Rogers



HOLIDAY SUNDAY BRUNCH

Please join Charter Oak for our Holiday Brunch.

When: Sunday, December 4, 2011
12:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Where: Dakota of Rocky Hill
1489 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill
Exit 24 off of I-91
860-257-7752

Full Cash Bar...Mimosa and Bloody Mary's \$2.00 each
Sodas \$2.25 each -free refills

Buffet includes a full breakfast menu plus ...
Smoked Seafood, Carving Stations, Hot Entrees, Salad Bar, Cheeses and
Cold Cuts, Desserts and Beverages.

Cost: Adults: \$ 29.00 Children: 3- 10 \$ 13.00

Make Checks payable to: **Lois Price**
121 Boulter Rd.
Wethersfield, CT 06109

No later Than December 1, 2011

Free Will Donation to The Children's Home in Cromwell.



Santa will greet you and show you to your seats;
prepare to enjoy your friends at an event that will be a
treat!



50th Anniversary
SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY



"In the Heart of Amish Country"
Sugarcreek, Ohio
September 22-30, 2012
 Hosted by Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit for 50 years



We would love to have you come and join us as we will be celebrating our Golden Anniversary, the oldest WBCCI National Rally. This is the only National Rally that has been held for 50 consecutive years. Park in Winklepleck Grove for 9 days of fun and many new things to do. You will be provided with water, 3 amp electric, 1 dump, great entertainment each evening and a wide variety of tours. Visit the many gift and antique shops, and enjoy a delicious home cooked Amish dinner in an Amish home or a nearby restaurant. You may even want to take in a game of golf at the 27 hole course adjacent to the park.

A day in the park will feature a hobby show, flea market, golf tournament, horse shoeing, buggy rides, homemade ice cream, and a ham and bean supper cooked over an open fire. Enjoy fresh popped popcorn all day. Then on Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29, shuttle buses will take you to downtown Sugarcreek for the festival festivities.

AREA INFORMATION

The area of Sugarcreek, Ohio is located in the hills of Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover and 18 miles east of Millersburg on scenic Route 39 west of I-77. It is surrounded by a prosperous farming community, populated largely by the Amish people. With 8 Swiss Cheese factories located in the area, Sugarcreek is recognized as the center of the Swiss Cheese industry in the U.S.A. The products of these factories are known far and wide as the finest Swiss Cheese made.

SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY

Sugarcreek, Ohio

September 22-30, 2012

Hosted by Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit for 50 years

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____

WBCCI _____ Phone _____ Unit _____

Motorhome Trailer 5th Wheel Size _____

Natl. Officer Position _____

Reg. Officer Position _____

First Timer No. in Party _____ Adults _____ Children _____ Dog

Handicapped Coming with Caravan

RALLY FEE

Airstream w/ 2 adults	\$180.00
Airstream w/ 1 adult	\$140.00
Guest	\$100.00
Children under 18	NC
Total	\$ _____

NOTE WBCCI dues must be paid to attend the rally.

CANCELLATIONS 10% service charge prior to August 31. After September 1, refunds at discretion of chairman.

PARKING Starts at 8:00 am, September 22. No early parking except caravans of 5 or more (pre-registered) may park 1 day early on Friday, September 21, until 3 pm. Enclose SASE for acknowledgement.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Swiss Festival National Rally
 MAIL TO Joann Cubbison, 2202 Hazel Ave.
 Zanesville, OH 43701
 Phone 740-452-4511 Cell 740-607-4255
 Email jcubbison@yahoo.com

HEARL CUBBISON, RALLY CHAIRMAN