



Connecticut

Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

CTAC Club No: 25

<https://airstreamclub.org/connecticut>

August 2024

Presidents Message

by Don Allers



Don enjoying the breath taking Tram Ride.

Summer greetings from Wilton! I hope you are out enjoying the season in your Airstreams with family, friends and fellow club members.

As for the Allers family, our summer schedule has been packed (no surprise). Nicole has been busy with rehearsals for Chicago at Fairfield Teen Theater, and it is a busy time of year at work for Eileen. The four of us won't be able to travel together this season, but Frida and I took matters into our own hands and just returned from a week in our Airstream. We took a friend of hers with us and made a repeat visit to last year's favorite destination: Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. Five days of thrill rides and camping with two 13 year olds at the Roller Coaster Capital of the World. Legendary!

Heading into August, there are two awesome CTAC rallies remaining in the season. The joint rally with New England AC at Mystic coincides with the fabulous Mystic Outdoor Art Festival. This is a repeat event in a great location that was a winner the first time. The Airstream'n Into Autumn rally at Traveler's Woods is also a return trip to an idyllic campground with a great set-up for us. We will hold our Annual Fall Business Meeting in person at this rally. The meeting will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 21. Among other business, we will hold the elections and installation of next year's Club Officers at this meeting. There is still plenty of time to plan and register for this rally in particular, so please consider joining us!

If you are new to the club or just haven't gotten around to attending an event yet, I highly recommend joining us for the rally at Traveler's Woods in September. It is a low-key event with fantastic hosts in a lovely, serene campground. It would be a perfect first rally, so give it a go!

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How to Save Money on RV Camping Costs



Learn some of our favorite tricks and tips on how to save money while making the most of your Airstream adventures.

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What Do You Think?

A snail is at the bottom of a 20-meter pit. Every day the snail climbs 5 meters up but at night it slides down 4 meters. How many days does it take before the snail reaches the top?

What is a group of Herring called?

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Link of the Month



A family Airstream adventure.



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In other club news, the executive board met online in July to discuss some club business. Here is an overview:

(1) Nominating Committee: Looking ahead to our officer elections in September, we activated the Nominating Committee headed by 1st VP Julie Steers. We are seeking volunteers for three positions: two First Year Directors and a new 2nd VP. A Director is a two year position. It has a minimal time commitment, since the job is really to attend a few executive board meetings a year to join in the discussion and vote on club business. The 2nd VP is a one year position, but the expectation is that this individual will move into the 1st VP position and then the President position in the following years. Please consider serving the club in these roles and reach out to Julie or me if you are interested!

(2) Printed Club Directories: Based on feedback from members that missed the printed club directory this year, we developed a plan to bring it back. Starting in the new year, we will print copies of the directory using a local, small business printer in Wilton that can help keep cost down. The club will pay for the directories, but we will only print and mail out enough copies for: (1) new members and (2) existing members that request a printed copy. We will create an online form you can use to request your copy. Look out for more information on this toward the end of the year.

(3) Club Name Change: We continue to update references to our club with the new name. We are now listed as the Connecticut Airstream Club on the ACI website. The club email address and Jotforms have also been updated. We are still working on updating our Constitution and making changes to our bank account and government registrations.

(4) Club Logo and Flag: We are soliciting design submissions for a new club logo. See the separate article in this Chatter for more details.

(5) Digitizing Club History: There is also a separate article in this Chatter with information about scanning our club history binders and making our club's rich history more accessible online.

(6) Club Equipment: Did you know that the club owns a lot of useful equipment for hosting rallies? We recently relocated several bins of this club equipment including catering supplies and the pop-up tents from Bard and Kathy Fuller's garage to the Allers' barn. See the "Connecticut Club Supplies" item in the Chatter "Helpful Links" for a full list.

(7) Donation to Brian J Boland Memorial Foundation: The Executive Board approved a donation of \$150 to this non-profit as a thank you for a spontaneous and incredible experience they provided to attendees of our joint rally with Cape Cod AC last month. This was a unique circumstance that I will explain at the fall business meeting.

(8) 2025 Season Schedule: Lastly, and most importantly, it is time to plan next year's event and rally schedule. This is what our club is really about, so please consider helping to organize and/or host an event in 2025! We have an abundance of seasoned club members that would be thrilled to either co-host or advise those of us that are newer to this. As the incoming President, Julie Steers is coordinating the schedule, but this always takes a village so don't wait for an invitation to pitch in!



Frida and friend apparently survived the Ride and or Die Ride.



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by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome

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It sure has been a hot, humid July; hope everyone has kept cool.

One of our dear former members, **BOB SANDALL**, has reached a milestone...he turned 100, Congratulations! Could it be that the Airstream way of life of staying active with many friendships has added longevity, maybe so. We wish Bob the very best. Also, sending get well wishes to **ALEX PORVEN, RUSS FULLER, LYNN DAVIS** and **TED PRICE**. Feel better soon.

We attended Cape Cod's Scusset Beach Rally and had a great time with cool breezes. It's good to check out the ACI website to see what events are listed for other clubs, or join them as affiliates. Then sign up for a future rally or you will be missing out on the fun. CT Airstream Club had a joint rally with Cape Cod at the Pastures Campground in Orford, NH, another wonderful time, with a hot air balloon theme. Thank you to the hosts **EDDIE CARLL & PAULA CARDULLO** and **RUSS & RHONA FULLER**, along with **RICK CIPOT & SANDI GOULD** arranging to have a surprise hot air balloon fly over us, and a tour of the famous balloonist Brian Boland's property. (Google the fascinating story of his life and accomplishments which were cut short by an accident.) See photos.

Connecticut Airstream Club website is now: airstreamclub.org/connecticut. BIG thank you to **DON ALLERS & RICH KUSHMAN** for preserving the club's history books and making it so easy for us to now view and enjoy.

The best thing about being over 60? We did all our stupid stuff before the internet so there is no proof! Enjoy the rest of the summer, and hope to see you at a rally!



Secret Recipe

Crispix Pecan Snack Mix
(Lighter Version)

by Sandy Sasuta

Follow directions - bring to rally!

- 8 Cups Crispix or Chex Cereal (18 oz. box)
- 2 Cups pecan halves
- ½ Cup packed brown sugar (light or dark)
- ½ Cup corn syrup
- ½ Cup butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ½ tsp. baking soda

In a large bowl, combine cereal & pecans.
In a large saucepan over medium high heat, combine brown sugar, corn syrup & butter.
Bring to a boil, stirring

occasionally. Remove from heat, stir in vanilla & baking soda. Pour over cereal mixture, toss to coat evenly with wooden spoon. Divide and spread out evenly between two 9x13 pans lined with parchment paper.

Bake one hour @ 250, taking out and stirring every 15 minutes. When done, take out of oven, let cool, and break into pieces. Store in airtight container.

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Are you creative? We need your help. The club name is now official as the "Connecticut Airstream Club" "CTAC". We are looking for a single logo design that can be used for all communications written and cyber along with on our club flag. Potentially, on our own name badges. If you have an idea, please send me a draft copy of your logo idea either electronically or via mail prior to August 23. All the draft ideas will be reviewed at the Sept business meeting, then revised for a final vote to follow in the fall electronically. Some comments to consider are keeping the Charter Oak, noting that we reach beyond the state line of Connecticut.

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CTAC logo here and on communications and our flag!



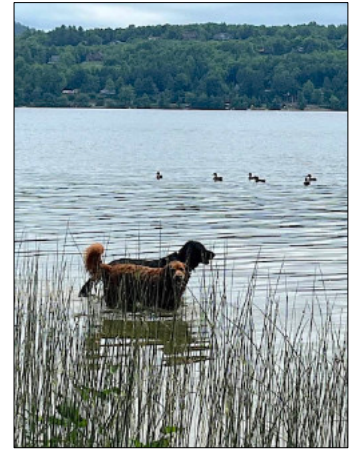


Adirondack Rendezvous

June 21-23

by **Chris Dubrowski**

The weekend of June 21, several of us joined Lynn and Carl Davis for an informal rendezvous at Scaroon Manor Campground. This is a relatively young campground in the Adirondack region, located on Schroom Lake on the site of a former resort, and managed by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. Lynn and Carl have been camping there for many years, and wanted to introduce this wonderful campground to our club. There are no hook-ups at this campground, so we were boondocking. The park was beautiful, right on the lake, with nice facilities and room for kids to ride bikes and play. Although there were no formal activities planned for this outing, we all got together to enjoy happy hour each evening. There were several kayakers in our group and they seemed to really like the lake. We had some pretty heavy rain one night, but temperatures were pleasant and we could sleep to the sound of raindrops on aluminum, one of our favorite things! There was also great ice cream in the nearby town of Schroom, enjoyed with a view of the lake at dusk, and the usual farmers market visits. Many of us haven't explored the Adirondack region as much as we have the New England areas, and this trip makes us want to see more. ~



Lynn Davis and the pups clearly having fun.



Very pleasant campsites.



Joyce and Gilles Rousseau unload.



Moe Pershinsky on the float.



Gilles the happy paddler.



Cape Cod Canal Rally

June 20-23

by **Bard & Kathy Fuller**

The June 20-23 weekend was a popular one in the ACI calendar. Unfortunately, before the Davis's announced the Adirondack Rendezvous, Eddie Carll with the Cape Cod club was promoting that his club had been able to acquire the group use field at Scusset Beach State Park on the Cape Cod canal. Starting back in 1988 for more than 20 years this was an annual favorite location for Cape Cod, New England and the Charter Oak clubs. Situated beyond the Sagamore bridge at the Cape Cod bay entrance to the canal, it featured picturesque views of the canal traffic, the classic Coast Guard station along with the gentle sloping beach access of the sandy Cape Cod bay. Our kids grew up Airstreaming and they always placed this campground as one their favorite Airstream memories. To be able to ride their bikes down the canal access road without the worries of auto traffic was wonderful. It was exciting to watch the pleasure craft and big tankers navigating the hefty canal currents. Fishing from the state park pier and the nature center along the canal were both fan favorites. Thirty-five years later little has changed other than the scrub pine brush has filled in the shoreline restricting some of the views.

Dry camping in the group-use area has become more challenging with other groups booking this site, but it's so worth the effort. Much of the credit this year goes to Cole and Kristyn Pirelli, new members within the Cape Cod club who actively pursued this location and were rewarded with over 30 Airstreams participating in this year's event.

How fortunate we are to have had a choice that weekend! I heard the Davis's Adirondack Rendezvous was wonderful. Hopefully we will have a chance to see the Adirondacks with them next year. ~



A beautiful line of silver at the Cape Cod Canal.



Bruce Frey and Sandie St.Laurent with Sandy Sasuta.



Mary-Jo Jones and Bard Fuller in the food Q.



A beautiful group of Airstreamers at the Cape Cod Canal.



The Pastures

July 12-14

by Sandy Sasuta

Cape Cod MA and Connecticut Airstream Club had a joint rally at the Pastures Campground in Oford, NH, with 23 Airstreams in attendance. It was so HOT and HUMID, glad the A/C worked. Let's first talk about our favorite subject, the food: Friday evening was supposed to be light appetizers, but like all good Airstreamers, it turned into plenty of heavy and creative appetizers. It was followed by the baked potato dinner with ALL the fixings you could think of. Saturday's great breakfast was tasty ham & egg sandwiches, left over baked potatoes made into delicious home fries and fresh fruit. Saturday dinner was a joint summer picnic with the campground's seasonal folks who brought salads, while we brought desserts. Our hosts worked tirelessly cooking hot dogs and hamburgers on the charcoal grills in the heat. Sunday was a full continental breakfast. Thank you to our hosts: **EDDIE CARLL, PAULA CARDULLO, RUSS & RHONA FULLER, BOB BAKER** and all those that helped.



What's everyone looking at?



Looking at the Rangeline maybe?



Mari-Jo Jones, Roland St. Laurent, Howie Jones, Trevor & Gail Lake, Eddie Carll & Paula Cardullo and Sandie St. Laurent at Pastures Campground.



The group at Brian Boland's Airport.



Chit Chat Time.

*Photos by:
Sandy Sasuta*



The Pastures

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The Pastures Campground is right on the CT River, but due to the recent storm Beryl, the river was full of debris and moving too swiftly, so the kayakers had to find a different location which was no problem. The campground also had their annual Christmas in July celebration, so everyone was displaying their decorations and beautifully lighting up the night. The highlight was the hot air balloon theme; thank you to the hosts **RICK CIPOT and SANDI GOULD**. Rick showed movies on Friday night, arranged to have a surprise hot air balloon fly over us and invited the balloonists to join us in the discussions. On Saturday, we highly enjoyed a special tour of the unique Post Mills Airport, Brian Boland's Ballooning Experimental Balloon and Airship Museum with the Vermontasaurus. As a special treat, we got to see the launching of a glider pulled into the air by a tow plane and long rope.

It was great to meet new friends, and catch up with old friends again. We also can't forget about seeing our pet friends, new and old. What a wonderful memory making weekend! ~



Eddie Carll & Paula Cardullo, Rhona & Russ Fuller and Bob Baker.



The group at breakfast.



Trevor & Gale Lake



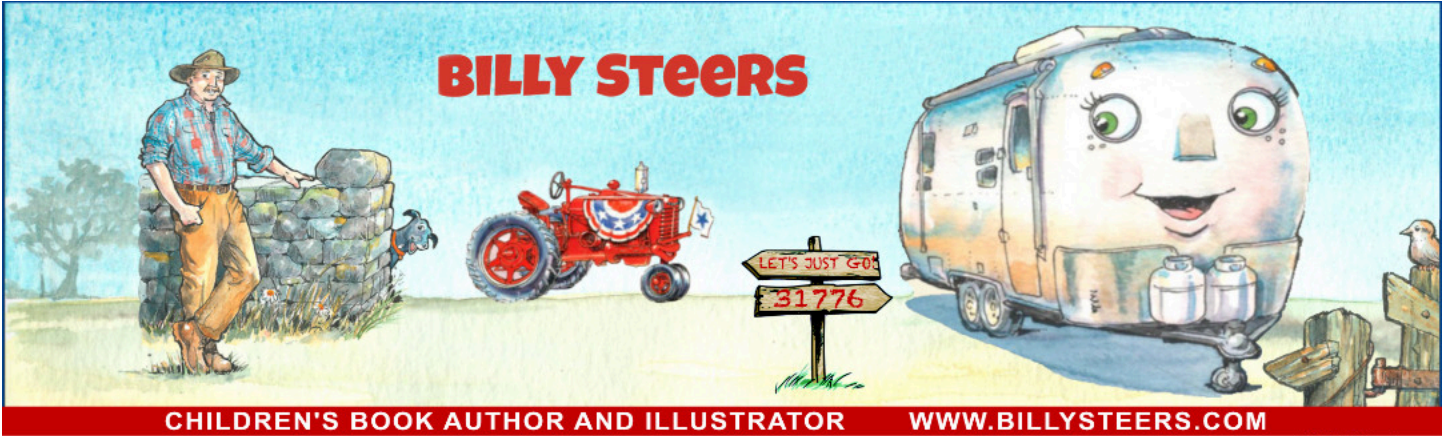
Ken Hankinson & Pam Forsyth Christmas in July.



A fine looking group - out to Pastures.

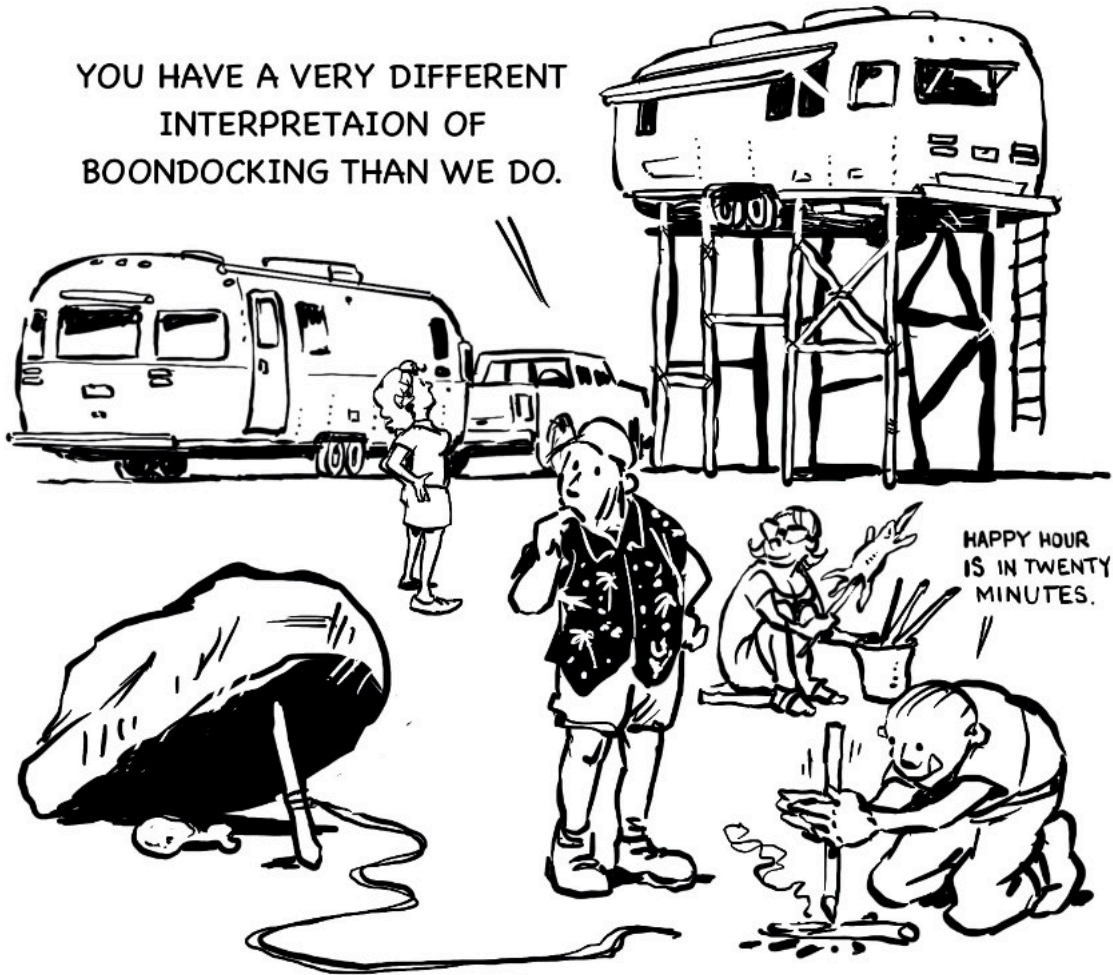


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STREAM LINES by Billy Steers

YOU HAVE A VERY DIFFERENT INTERPRETAION OF BOONDOCKING THAN WE DO.



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Whenever available be sure to attend Billy's seminar on creating a travel journal - also visit Billy's website and make sure you add a copy of *Let's Just Go*, the adventures of an Airstream travel trailer **Snug** to your library or gift list. Oh, and check out **Tractor Mac**. ~Ed



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For Sale



1995 21' Sovereign \$19,000
Recent upgrades:

Remote MaxAir fan, Water pump, front electric jack, addition on sanitation dump to replace opening valve, 2 new batteries, full propane tanks.

Contact Sally Kerr stskerr@optonline.net

A note to read!



by **Richard Kushman**

Don Allers, with considerable effort, has carefully scanned and indexed many years of old tucked away Charter Oak Connecticut documents. I have created a History Link on the club website and formatted his scans into active pdf files you can view and download. Working with Don has been a pleasure, his nicely organized files have simplified the process and brought back many memories of good friends and past gatherings. We have more to come so visit the Connecticut History page often and get a taste of Airstream life before electric awnings.

The club Constitution, Bylaws and Guidelines and the most recent Club Directory are available online to view or download. They are available on the Connecticut website from a link on the **Board of Directors** page. This link is available to ACI members only and will request a member login for access. The constitution is no longer password protected.

This digital version of the directory can be copied to your phone, making it quite useful for identifying and contacting fellow members. I will admit, as a senior, opening the file on my phone at a gathering and checking a members picture so I could retrieve their name. Perhaps no badge was visible or too distant and leafing through a printed version not possible or too obvious. The ever present smart phone can be handy. This brings up the important issue of members pictures.

Please make sure we have your picture for our club directory. Pictures break the ice and help us all know each other sooner. Email your new or updated picture to Sandy Sasuta and share your smile.

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Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?

A group of Herring is called: An Army

Helpful LINKS

Airstream Club International Connecticut Airstream Club	ACI Resource Center	Campsite Photos Exits & Highways
Russ's Spring Checklist	Blue Beret Magazine	Passport America
Russ's Winterizing Connecticut Club Supplies	Charter Oak on Facebook	Region One ACI Reserve America
Airstream Supply	Airstream USA Air Forums	RV Park Reviews State Park Guide
	AllStays Camping	Tin Can Tourists "Let's Just Go"

Event Schedule 2024



December	Sat, Dec 16, 2023	Noon-3pm: Holiday Party hosted by Allers in Wilton, CT	<i>Very Festive</i>
February	Sun, Feb 11, 2024	Souper Bowl Party hosted by Dave Jensen in Brooklyn, CT	<i>Delicious</i>
February	Sun, Feb 11, 2024	Florida Souper Bowl Party hosted by Sandy Sasuta & Kathy Kushman	<i>Grand</i>
March	Sun, Mar 17, 2024	St. Patrick's Day Party hosted by Rousseaus in Southbury, CT	<i>A great start for the season</i>
April	April 26-28	Rendezvous at the CAMA Spring Power Up hosted by Russ & Rhona Fuller in Kent, CT	<i>Sold Out</i>
May	May 16-19	Region 1 Gathering in Brimfield, MA	<i>Muy Bueno</i>
May	May 31-June 2	Spring Business Meeting Rally, hosted by Dubrowski's and Dave Jensen at Charlie Brown Campground in Eastford, CT	<i>Beautiful</i>
June	June 21-23	Adirondack Rendezvous at Scaroon Manor Campground, Pottersville, NY, hosted by Lynn and Carl Davis	<i>Fun Fun Fun</i>
July	July 12-14	Joint Rally with Cape Cod AC, hosted by Eddie Carl and Russ Fuller at the Pastures Campground in Orford, NH	
August	August 9-11	Mystic Arts Festival Joint Rally with New England AC, hosted by Bard Fuller and Tess McShane in Mystic, CT	
September	September 20-22	Fall Business Meeting Rally, hosted by Sasutas, Travelers Woods of New England, Bernardston, MA.	
October	October 5-10	International Rally, Sedalia, MO	

What did you think?

The snail reaches the top of the pit on the 16th day. On the first day, the snail reaches a height of 5 meters and slides down 4 meters at night, and thus ends at a height of 1 meter. And, on the second day, he reaches 6 meters but slides back to 2 meters. On the third day, he reaches 7 meters but slides back to 3 meters. And, on the fifteenth day, he reaches 19 meters but slides back to 15 meters. On the sixteenth day, he reaches 20 meters, so now he is at the top of the pit.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. — Sherry Anderson



Mystic Outdoor Art Festival Rally

AUGUST 9–11, 2024

NEW ENGLAND & CONNECTICUT AIRSTREAM CLUBS
CO-SPONSORED RALLY



Location: **Sun Outdoors Mystic RV Resort and Campground**
45 Camp Ground Rd., Old Mystic, CT 06372

Rally schedule:

- Friday 4:30 pm BYOB happy hour with heavy appetizer potluck
- Sat 7:30 am coffee and hot beverages, 8:30 am full breakfast will be served (bring your own set up)
- The Mystic Outdoor Art Festival Saturday 10 am – 6 pm, and Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm
- Sat pm dinner on your own at one of the many wonderful restaurants in and around downtown Mystic, then gather around the bonfire starting at 7 pm
- Sun 8 am, coffee, hot beverages, and a light continental breakfast offering
- Sun pm, for those staying overnight, an optional group dinner at a local restaurant is likely – details tbd

Information about the art festival will be made available online by organizers [HERE](#). So much to see and do while in Mystic, CT! Seaport, Aquarium, kayaking, bicycling, hiking trails, pool at the campground, restaurants, shopping, microbreweries, wineries, and more!

To reserve your RV site, CALL DIRECTLY and mention you are part of the “Airstream Club Rally”.

Jessie Baldwin, Resort Manager, at 860-245-6039. They will honor a 20% discount off listed rates between August 9-12, 2024 for our rally attendees. **Twenty campsites (electric/water) are being held for this rally until May 1st**, after which time they become open the public and you can take a chance getting one.

A **\$10 per adult** kitty fee will be **collected upon arrival** as your contribution to one full breakfast, morning beverages each day, local bakery pastries/donuts on Sunday am, and firewood.

Rally registration: Please complete this [online jotform](#) for rally hosts once you have reserved your campsite.

Questions? **Tess McShane** at (860) 536-4113, suzzypoi@gmail.com

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Come join your hosts **Michael & Sandy Sasuta** and Co-Hosts **Richard & Karthleen Kushman** for a fun weekend, along with the Fall Business Meeting and installation of officers. The campground is pet friendly with dogs on leashes but away from food areas.

- FRIDAY** 5 pm Light Happy Hour (bring something to share)
6 pm Sloppy Joes, coleslaw & chips provided by the hosts.
(Bring your own plates, utensils & drinks to all meals.)
Dessert provided and campfire, weather permitting.
- SATURDAY** 8 am Pancake & sausage breakfast with coffee/tea/juice.
Followed by the Club Meeting.
Afternoon free to tour the area.
5 pm Heavy Appetizer Happy Hour (bring something to share)
Dessert provided and campfire, weather permitting.
- SUNDAY** 8 am Breakfast sandwich with coffee/tea/juice.

All units must stop at office to sign in, receive vehicle pass, campground rules and show your pets vaccination certificate.

CHECK IN TIME AFTER 2 pm/CHECK OUT TIME BY 1 pm. Early arrivals/late departures to be coordinated directly with Travelers Woods. 413-648-9105

FEE: \$70.00 for 2 nights camping (water & electric) plus a kitty fee of \$15.00 per person. Children 12 and under are free. All the information to register for this rally is on our CT Jotform.

[Click here to reserve your site and join the rally.](#) [Send a check or pay online.](#)



Directions: On your GPS the address is 152 River STREET, Bernardston, MA. There is a low clearance bridge 10.5 feet in height, but Airstreams will clear. If over 10.5 feet or a motor home, don't follow these directions. From I91 Northbound, take exit #50B, turn right on Route 10. From I91 Southbound, take exit #50, turn right on Route 10. Turn left at Hillside Pizza (just past the river bridge). Travelers Woods is approximately ¼ mile on the left, just past the overpass.

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