



Connecticut

Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

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September 2024

Presidents Message

by Don Allers

September still means back-to-school in the Allers household with Nicole off to Junior year of High School and Frida in 8th Grade. What's that fuzzball in the photo, you ask? That's our club's newest canine member, Indy (Indiana Jones). Indy is a 13 week old Cavapoo and is looking forward to his first rally at Traveler's Woods this month. Those of you that know Jackson can imagine the chaos we'll be dealing with inside our Airstream!



Frida, Indy and Nicole

September also means our club's annual business meeting at the "Airstream'n Into Autumn" rally at Traveler's Woods on September 20-22. Our hosts need to give final numbers to the campground two weeks before the rally. But you still have a little time to register if you would like to join us. Laid back, Fall camping with fellow Airstreamers in an idyllic campground... this is our club at its very best in my book! See the flyer in this edition of the Chatter for details and the registration link.

We will elect and install next year's slate of officers at the business meeting. A big shoutout and thank you to our retiring Directors Carl Davis and Alex Porven. We have accomplished a lot during their two year terms and I am grateful for their dedication and thoughtfulness in service of our club. I would also like to recognize my predecessor, Past President Carol Dubrowski. She has brought such a balanced perspective, communicative style and execution focus on what really matters (the camping schedule!) to her four years in the Presidential track. I would say how sad we are to lose her from the Executive Board, but lucky for us she has agreed to follow Russ' footsteps and serve another two years as a Director!

Separately, Moe Pershinsky has informed us that she and Jason will be relocating for work in the near future.

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A Journey of Flavor and Freedom: Chef Erin French's Airstream Adventures



Chef Erin French began her culinary adventure more than a decade ago in an Airstream trailer. Now, the Lost Kitchen chef is hitting the road in search of new inspiration – and fans can follow along with the new Magnolia Network show, "Getting Lost with Erin French." Live Riveded®

What Do You Think?

I am a five-letter word. I sound the same when you remove my first letter. I sound the same when you remove my third letter. I sound the same when my last letter is removed and I sound the same when all three are removed. What word am I?

How many sides does a circle have?

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Link of the Month



The Story of the First Around-the-World Airstream Caravan. A 30k Mile Trip Through 30+ Countries





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She has resigned from her position as Director of the club. We will miss their enthusiasm and engagement in the club, but wish them well and thank Moe for serving the past year. The Executive Board has voted for Gilles Rousseau to replace Moe as Director and complete the remainder of her two-year term. Merci beaucoup, Gilles!

The club is actively seeking a new logo to go along with our new name, and we are excited to reveal some draft designs at the business meeting. We will be sharing the drafts and soliciting feedback and suggestions from members at the rally. This is just one step of the process, and we want to assure you that all club members will have opportunities to participate in the logo design and selection.

Most importantly, we are actively developing the club schedule of rallies and events for 2025. Our incoming President Julie Steers is leading the effort and several perennial hosts are suggesting and volunteering for events. The group has put together an exciting draft calendar for us, but there is still plenty of opportunity to contribute by suggesting an event or offering to help host. Julie will reach out to many of you directly, but please don't wait to be called upon if you are interested in getting more involved.

I'm happy to announce that the Allers will host the CTAC Holiday Party at our home in Wilton again this year. As usual, timing is driven by Frida's Nutcracker Ballet schedule. This year, we will hold the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 21. Keep an eye out for a flyer with more details, but save the date and be well in the meantime! ~

Welcome



by Sandy Sasuta

Carla & Eric O'Brien 31447
North Haven, CT

Gary Paige & Deborah Myers 4439
Milford, CT

Noell & Cliff Alley 3976 Affiliates
Lincolnton, ME

Julius & Linda Souza 3766 Affiliates
North Dighton, MA

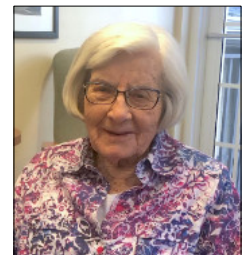
The Connecticut and New England Airstream Clubs co-hosted the Mystic CT Art Festival Rally. Thanks to the hosts: **CHRIS & CAROL DUBROWSKI, MICHAEL & SANDY SASUTA** and **TESS McSHANE & TODD BRINK**; along with helpers **DAVE JENSEN, MARK VAN DER VOORT** and **JOHN HASKELL** who saved the morning pot of coffee by bringing over a battery pack. The predicted forecast for the weekend was horrible with rain and high winds expected, but it turned out to be just the opposite. It was an enjoyable, relaxing weekend ending up with a delicious meal at a Mexican Restaurant, for those that stayed over Sunday night. Tip: when you sign up for a rally, try to come a day early or stay a day late if possible; it makes a nice difference.

What does it feel like to be 104 years old? Just ask former member **DOROTHY FREED** who celebrated her birthday on August 27th. Happy Birthday Dorothy!



Grace Fuller

Sending our sincere sympathy to the **FULLER FAMILY** on the passing of longtime member **GRACE FULLER** on August 16, 2024 at the age of 92. She led a full, active life with many accomplishments. Also sending get well wishes to **SALLY KERR** after a horrible accident involving a neighbor's dog.



Dorothy Freed

The **KUSHMANS** and **SASUTAS** are hosting the last CT rally of the year 9/20/24(see flyer) which will be the installation of the new slate of officers. Sites are still available, so please join us and support your new officers.

If a cow doesn't produce milk is it a Milk Dud or an udder failure?



Mystic Art Festival Rally

by Deni Van der Voort

August 9 to 11, 2024 was a great time for this combined club gathering. There was trepidation leading up to the weekend with some tough weather forecasted. Back up plans were made for an extreme wind event. The wind calmed, the rain held off and the sun shone brightly. It was hot!

Twenty airstreams from across New England gathered at Sun Outdoors Mystic Campground. Members of the New England and the Connecticut Airstream Club enjoyed spending time together, attending the art festival and exploring the region.

Highlights at the park included campfires and of course plenty of time in the dog park. The food was wonderful, with a superb appetizer pot luck Friday night and warm breakfast sandwiches Saturday. Dinner was on your own Saturday and Continental breakfast Sunday. Outdoor eating is the spice of life.

Highlights at the art festival included juried artists and crafts people that seemed to stretch for miles along the Mystic River and through town. For me it seemed to be a quintessential New England summer fair with music in the gazebo, street food, sailing

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Silver gathered in Mystic.

Photos by Sandy Sasuta



Gathering at the doggy park.



Sandy Sasuta and Dave Jensen doing prep work.



Michael Sasuta, Mark Van der Voort, Carol & Chris Dubrowski making "Wally McMuffins".



Mystic Art Festival Rally

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ships, boats and art. I have to mention the drawbridge, always fascinating and entertaining. Did I mention that it was hot?! Good thing those rigs have great AC.

Other diversions included the Mystic Aquarium, biking and time at the pool. By all report, these activities were both fun and relaxing. You can't beat a visit with whales and penguins or a dip in the pool on a scorcher.

Tess and Tod opened their hillside home and garden for visiting on Saturday and Sunday. For me that was the icing on the cake. Thank you so much. Seventeen Sunday Stayers enjoyed an extended time together at Rio Salada for delicious Mexican food. I know that we'll be returning there soon.

Thank you so much to our hosts Sandy and Michael Sasuta, Carol and Chris Dubrowski and Tess McShane for putting together this special event. Thank you to all the cooks and cleaner uppers, fire builders and serenaders, dog walkers and watchers. I know that many of our friends were traveling elsewhere on exciting trips or home resting up for the next one. We missed you. ~



Gathering under the pavilion.



Sandy Sasuta, Toni Nolder, Dave Jensen and Carol Dubrowski went out for ice cream.



Selfie at the Mexican Restaurant.



Guitars around the campfire.



Ranging About with Bard and Kathy

by Bard and Kathy Fuller

Hi All. We are a little over the halfway point to Albuquerque. We caravanned to Lake Seneca with the Kushmans to meet up with the New York Airstream Clubs. There were lots and lots of wines from the Finger Lakes to sample. On to Jamestown, NY, to experience the National Comedy Center before being confronted by the winds and rains of a tornado as we entered the Cleveland metro area. While in Ohio we found ourselves in Jackson Center and toured the Airstream Mothership travel trailer factory and got a sneak peek at the new HQ office building for the Airstream Club. We viewed the newest exhibit at the Airstream Heritage Center-the original 1936 Clipper!



Kushmans and Fullers on the way to New York rally.



Airstreams almost ready to begin a journey.

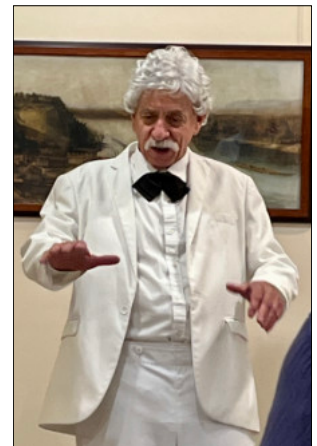


Bard and Kathy getting look at Airstream history.

Next, we found ourselves in the Land of Lincoln at Springfield, IL to tour the Lincoln home and museum before heading to Hannibal, MO, to engage in the life of Tom Sawyer and ride a stern-wheeler. We travelled south to the American Winston Churchill Museum in Fulton, MO, and then on to Jefferson City where we got a tour of the MO state capital building. We shopped in the world's largest and flagship of the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Spring-



Airstreams and freedom belong together.



Tom perhaps having a "stern" word with Bard.

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Ranging About with Bard and Kathy

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field, MO. We finished off Missouri in Branson, a touristy Las Vegas-style mecca of the Ozark Mountains where we were entertained by a tribute band performance of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. We enjoyed the views of many of the awesome lakes in the Ozarks.

Camping has been a mixture of private campgrounds, driveway-mooching, Cracker Barrels and our new favorite, the many Army Corps of Engineer facilities we are finding along the way. The van is working well yet is always "cozy" and is a testament of our patience with each other to stay out of each other's space when there is no space for more than one person at a time. T-Mobile Away cellular is providing great Wi-Fi service so far in this trip as we have been able to stream Olympics and other programming.

As we approach Arkansas and Oklahoma, I bid you farewell until we write another update.

~ Bard & Kathy



As Bass Pro Shops would say - "Your adventure starts here."



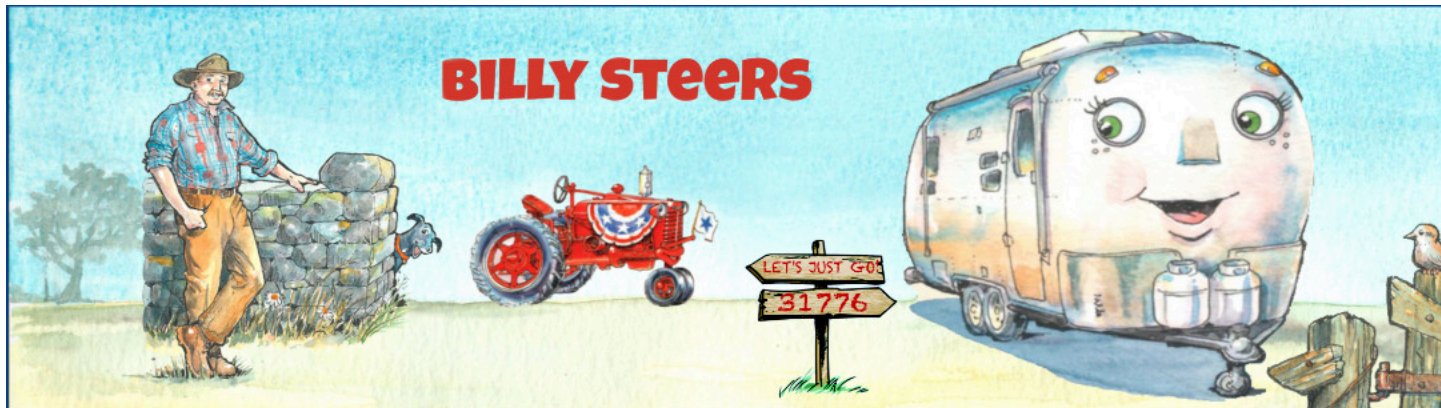
On an average day, there are 100,000 visitors in Branson, but its population is only just over 10,000.

The adventure really started here...

We traveled to the New York Rally with Bard & Kathy which signaled the beginning of their summer adventure. Also Bard's tenure as Region One President had officially ended and this proved quite exciting for Kathy and well worth celebrating. ~ Rich & Kathleen K.



You go girl!



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STREAM LINES by Billy Steers



"YOU 'THEME-PAINTED' OUR TRAILER FOR THE UPCOMING FALL RALLY!? -I JUST WASHED AND WAXED IT YESTERDAY!"

Wait till she finds out it's not washable paint.

BS 9/24

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



AIRSTREAMERS GIVING BACK IN SEDALIA

Let's make our mark in Missouri at the Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia and have "Fun in the Fall"!

Whether you are attending this year's International Rally or not, you can participate in our community service project for 2024. We are partnering with the [Bothwell Foundation](#) to support their Pinktober campaign.

Airstream Club International members have two ways to make a difference:



1. [Buy a Pinktober T-shirt](#) in support of all people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Missouri, in October, has a lot of autumn colors, but **PINK** is the color that will make a difference in a lot of people's lives. Non-rally attendees can purchase T-shirts and have them mailed for a small fee (\$5).

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/bothwellregionalhealthcenterfoundation/event/rally2024/>

The broader Sedalia community will be out wearing "Blue Jeans for Bothwell" on Wednesday, October 9. Rally attendees can join in the fun on Wednesday, by wearing Pinktober T-shirts, along with blue jeans. During that evening's rally entertainment, a group picture will be taken at the Airstream Club International band and choral concert. (Please feel free to wear your Pinktober T-shirt and blue jeans all day!)

2. This Community Service project with the Bothwell Foundation is also targeting the renovation of the Bothwell Regional Health Center patient rooms. The Bothwell Regional Health Center was built in 1985 and needs updates and modernization. With every \$10,000 donated to this effort, a patient room will be dedicated with naming rights in the donor's honor.

We plan to have a patient room at the Bothwell Regional Health Center dedicated to the 67th Airstream Club International Rally! Even if you are not attending this year's rally, you can contribute to this project by [clicking this link](#).

If you haven't read the article in the Blue Beret, Spring issue, page 44-46, about the 2024 community service project, [please check it out now](#).

If you have questions, or if you want to volunteer to help distribute the Pinktober T-shirts at the rally, please contact Rose Garland (BRN #6566) at 314-484-1272.

And, P. S., please continue to collect aluminum tabs for the Future Streamers Intra-Club's effort to support the Kansas City Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to everyone who has made even the smallest contribution to the success of the 67th Airstream Club International Rally in 2024 in Sedalia, Missouri!



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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@icloud.com

Adam & Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.

Will glass coffins be a success?
Remains to be seen.

The problem isn't that obesity runs in your family. It's that no one runs in your family.

When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.

What's the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know and I don't care.

Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

The problem with kleptomaniacs is that they always take things literally.

Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.

I spent a lot of time, money, and effort childproofing my house... But the kids still get in.

Helpful LINKS

Airstream Club International Connecticut Airstream Club	ACI Resource Center	Campsite Photos Exits & Highways
Russ's Spring Checklist	Blue Beret Magazine	Passport America Region One ACI
Russ's Winterizing Connecticut Club	Charter Oak on Facebook	Reserve America RV Park Reviews
Supplies Airstream Supply	Airstream USA Air Forums	State Park Guide Tin Can Tourists
Airstream Supply	AllStays Camping	"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	
March Sun, Mar 17, 2024 St. Patrick's Day Party hosted by Rousseaus in Southbury, CT	<i>Grand</i>
April April 26-28 Rendezvous at the CAMA Spring Power Up hosted by Russ & Rhona Fuller in Kent, CT	<i>A great start for the season.</i>
May May 16-19 Region 1 Gathering in Brimfield, MA	<i>Sold Out</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>Muy Bueno</i>
June June 21-23 Adirondack Rendezvous at Scaron Manor Campground, Pottersville, NY, hosted by Lynn and Carl Davis	<i>Beautiful</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	<i>Fun Fun Fun</i>
August August 9-11 Mystic Arts Festival Joint Rally with New England AC, hosted by Bard Fuller and Tess McShane in Mystic, CT	<i>Artful</i>
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	

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What did you think?

Two. The inside and the outside.

Empty (empty, emty, emp-t, m-t)

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



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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