



Connecticut

Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

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October 2024

Presidents Message

by Julie Steers

Happy October! I look forward to the coming year serving as the club's president. At the Traveler's Woods Rally, there were plenty of conversations about next year's rallies and events and because of our club members enthusiasm and support, we have some fun and exciting weekends planned. We have a tentative schedule included in this issue, but stay tuned to the upcoming Chatters and communication from the club for more information as we finalize plans.



Madam President Julie Steers and one undernourished stork.

This September marked Billy's and my 12th anniversary of owning our Airstream - a 2005 19' Bambi. That August 12 years ago as our youngest son Nate was headed into his senior year of high school, Billy and I had a conversation about "what the empty nest looks like". We were tent campers raising our three boys with many summer camping adventures. Plus, we are nomadic so to speak, enjoying different places and experiences when we travel. Getting a travel trailer seemed like a natural fit for us--plus we loved Airstreams. Serendipity is a wonderful thing and two weeks after our discussion, we were pulling home our Bambi. We found it in Washington CT, just next door to our town of Roxbury. The owner used it as an overflow space for her bed and breakfast, but needed to sell as she was downsizing. She gave us a sweet deal but there were some issues--a couple of dents in the front panels, hail damage, some filiform and corrosion, and the need to replace the belly pan as it had been sitting outside for several years. Plus, there were these pesky scratches on the front wind screen and on the side panels (not as extensive as the hail damage, but still annoying). Why someone would use an abrasive on clear coat is beyond me.

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Try to Tear Yourself Away: 25 Facts About Rivets



Rivets are the building block upon which every Airstream travel trailer is built. A time-tested technology used since the days of the Ancient Egyptians, Airstream founder Wally Byam saw rivets as the foundation upon which he could build new, innovative products. Dive into the history of rivets and learn more about this fascinating, ancient technology.



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What Do You Think?

You are given 3 positive numbers. Using addition and multiplication with the numbers will get you the same answer. What are the numbers?

Who said? "Computers make excellent and efficient servants, but I have no wish to serve under them."

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Over the years, we have methodically done the proper repairs, new front panels (twice because of storm damage after repairing the original dents), new belly pan, new axle, replacement brakes and shocks and tires, a new converter, fridge, plus cosmetic improvements like an upgraded floor, new upholstery, and finishing touches on the interior. In light of these repairs, the pesky scratches and corrosion were a low priority--until this summer when I challenged myself to see what I could do to make them go away. Armed with a power drill, buffing wheel, angle grinder, sandpaper, elbow grease using Meguiars scratch eraser kit, enamel paint and primer for the rear bezels, and Fluid Film spray and touch up paint for the filiform, I set to work. The scratches took several passes over many days, plus the bezels took time. In between there was interior touch up--painting ugly plastic plus deep cleaning and polishing the sinks, stove, and shower. But after several weeks of work with a final treatment of Walbernizer, I was satisfied.



I must admit, no one has stopped us on the road and admired my work, but I am happy with the result and bonding with the Bambi was satisfying and fun. As owners, we all know that upkeep is a thing and the road is not always kind to our trailers, but it is all part of the journey which for us has included learning the idiosyncrasies of our trailer, amazing adventures and most of all the friendship and camaraderie that we have discovered as part of our club and the greater Airstream community. Happy and Safe Travels!
~ Julie

Preliminary Event Schedule for 2025

Here is a preliminary calendar of 2025 events. Bill and Evie floated the idea of a Cooperstown Rally which would be a fun destination. Dave Jensen is interested in doing a rally at a local buffalo ranch in Brooklyn, CT, but he was going to investigate the dates - possibly October. Also Russ may be soliciting interest for a caravan to International for our club and others via jot form.

Members who have not yet hosted or co-hosted a club event please give it a try. Call a scheduled host and offer to help or maybe you have a fun idea and location to try out. We have always relied on new and younger CTAC members *to boldly go where no man has gone before* - so step up, *you have the conn.* ~ ed

Date	Event	Style	Location	Host
Feb 9	"Souper Bowl" Party	Good Soup	Brooklyn, CT	Jensen
Feb 9	"Souper Bowl" Party Florida	Good Soup	Travelers Rest	Sasuta/Kushman
Mar 16	"St Patrick's Day" Party	Good Food	Southbury, CT	Rosseau
April 25-27	"CAMA Rendezvous"	Boondocking	Kent, CT	R Fuller/ Billy
May 16-19	"Theater in Wilton"	Boondocking	Wilton, CT	Allers
May 30-June	Spring Meeting Grandview		Moodus, CT	Dubrowski
June 13-15	"Streamin the Rox"	Boondocking	Roxbury, CT	Steers / Lessig
June. 19-22	Scusset Rendezvous	Boondocking	Scusset, MA	Carl
June/July	Potential "Cooperstown"		Cooperstown, NY	Watts
July 10-13	"Pastures CG Rally"	w/CCMAC	Orford, NH	Carl / R Fuller
Aug	Caravan to International ?			Russ Fuller
Aug 22 -29	ACI International		York, PA	
Sept 4 -7	Region 1 Rally		Nova Scotia,	
Oct 3-5	Sweater Weather Rally Travelers Woods CG	Electric/ water	Bernardston, MA	Sasuta

We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing. ~ George Bernard Shaw



Airstream Into Autumn



by Christine Lessig

Airstream'n Into Autumn delivered wonderful September weather; not cold, not hot, so comfortable! Travelers Woods offered a relaxed rally for 27 people with 13 trailers parked close to each other and next to the great pavilion that offered excellent cooking facilities, a terrific kitchen sink for dish cleaning, and a wonderful meeting space. Our gratitude goes to our wonderful hosts Sandy & Mike Sasuta, Rich and Kathy Kushman, and Scott Kushman. Everything was so organized,

and pleasant. Sandy made sure everyone was well fed, and persistent in making sure we had our sweets from cookies, ice cream, and brownies.

The meals were outstanding especially the warm breakfasts with pan-



Delicious Heavy Happy Hour



Richard, Scott and Kathy Kushman serving Sloppy Joes.

cakes, sausage, egg, cheese, and ham sandwiches with hot coffee and tea to greet us on those cool mornings. Melanie and Darren were creative with their cast-iron Dutch oven making a delicious cheese dip in the coals. The hearty appetizers on Saturday made a lovely potluck supper, especially the tasty crostini with cheddar cheese, steak, greens, balsamic drizzle, and horseradish sauce.



CTAC New Slate of Officers



Don Allers with two cuties - Indy and Freda

Don Allers skillfully led us through our Annual Business Meeting which included a discussion of several topics; please refer to the CTAC annual meeting minutes for more information. Gratitude was expressed for the outstanding leadership that Don Allers has provided throughout the year and congratulations were passed to Julie Steers as she enthusiastically steps up to the president role. Rich Collins, Region 1 First Vice President, directed the installation of the ceremony of new officers with professionalism.



Sandy helping always with great pics.

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Airstream Into Autumn



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Even all the dogs loved the September weather and we all got to meet, Indy, the Allers's new puppy, so adorable...

Since Carol & Chris Dubrowski's Interstate was being worked on, they drove up to join us Friday night for social hour, dinner, Saturday breakfast, and our meeting. We were glad they did!

Our new members Gary Paige & Deborah Myers, neighbors of the Sasuta's in Milford, experienced their first rally which they enjoyed! Dave Jensen and Gary had a pleasant afternoon canoeing. We also had two additional new visitors: Scott Kuchman, Rich's son, and John, John Bachar's son. It was fun to get to know both of them!

People enjoyed exploring the area from Brattleboro, VT, to Shelburne Falls, walks and hikes in various beautiful forests, bike rides on the Canal Rail Trail in Turner Falls, MA, canoeing, and many other outings in the area. And what rally does not have those many conversations and visits happening all around the different trailers?

The cornhole boards were active on Saturday evening. Rich and Cindy Collins, Gary Paige, and Deborah Myers threw their first bags, all with many great shots in the hole. Dave Jensen, Don Allers, Billy Steers, Scott Kushman, and Glen Lessig enjoyed the competition and played into the night with extra lighting help from Gary. Thanks to Mike Sasuta for the great campfire, and Sandy for her ice cream treats, the glowing campfires both evenings gathered us together with stories and laughter.

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Julie welcomed as president by Rich Collins



Relaxing time with Lynn & Carl Davis and Don Allers.



Dave Jensen, Deb Meyers & Gary Paige, Rich & Cindy Collins.



Carl & Lynn Davis, Julie & Billy Steers, Don Allers, Melanie Ho & Darren Smith.



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Kathy Kushman, Chris & Carol Dubrowski and Mike Sasuta



Sandy Sasuta with Christine & Glen Lessig

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Sandy Sasuta



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome

Amy & Bob Grant	4703
Wallingford, CT	Affiliates

Well, the weather proved to be just right for the last rally of the year with a smooth installation of officers... thank you all for volunteering and thank you to **DON ALLERS** for guiding us as President. Thank you to our co-hosts **RICH & KATHY KUSHMAN**, **SCOTT KUSHMAN** and all of our helpers. It was nice to meet our new members Gary Paige and Deb Myers who also happen to be our neighbors. We always drove by their house, when one day we saw an Airstream in their driveway so I left a post card asking them to join the Club, and he immediately did just that. Good to see **JOHN & SERAFINA BACHAR** after a tough year with some health problems. It was great to have their son John, Jr., drive them to the rally. He is used to towing the Airstream and is a big help.



Mr. & Mrs. Carll

Sending "GREETINGS" from former member **ROGER CROCKETT**. He looks great at 95 years old. We had an enjoyable visit and reminisced about the good old days. Time sure flies. Another highlight for September was the marriage of **EDDIE & PAULA CARLL**. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Remember to pay your dues when contacted, or set them up for automatic payment. We are off to the International Rally in Sedalia, MO, and hope to meet up with whoever is going. Enjoy the fall colors.



Mike and Sandy visit Roger



Ranging About with Bard and Kathy

by Bard and Kathy Fuller

We have been on a whirlwind adventure with a caravan of 30 Airstreams.

Each day has its own endless stories and an album-worth of photos. To simplify our tour of this sunny part of the country I have named a few of our destinations and tried to define them in a few inadequate words:

Santa Fe, NM- Rich in history and center of the arts

Los Alamos, NM- Unexpected center for pure science, past and present

Durango, CO- Western fashionable lifestyle



Silverton, CO- Gritty western gold mining town

Ouray, CO- Top of the world

Telluride, CO- Quintessential western skiing mecca

Mesa Verde, CO- Ancestral Puebloan culture

Monument Valley, UT- Stunningly beautiful yet so familiar thanks to so many John Wayne westerns

Moab, UT- Sports adventure mecca



Hell's Revenge in Moab - Ultimate jeep thrill ride
Arches National Park, UT- Stunning enchantment and blistering hot

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How do we know that a new dog-food has an "improved taste"?



Ranging About with Bard and Kathy

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Canyonlands National Park, UT- Spectacular vistas
 Bryce National Park, UT- Simply magical
 Zion National Park, UT- Dramatic rock walls
 North Rim of the Grand Canyon, AZ- Bitterly cold and awesome
 Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, AZ- The mighty Colorado River carved out gorge

Page, AZ- Picturesque curvaceous slot canyons

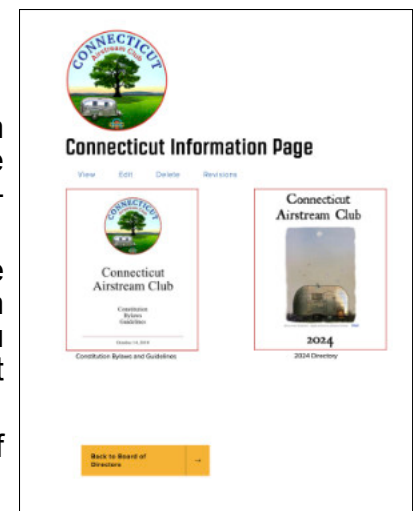
So long from Northern Arizona. ~ Bard & Kathy

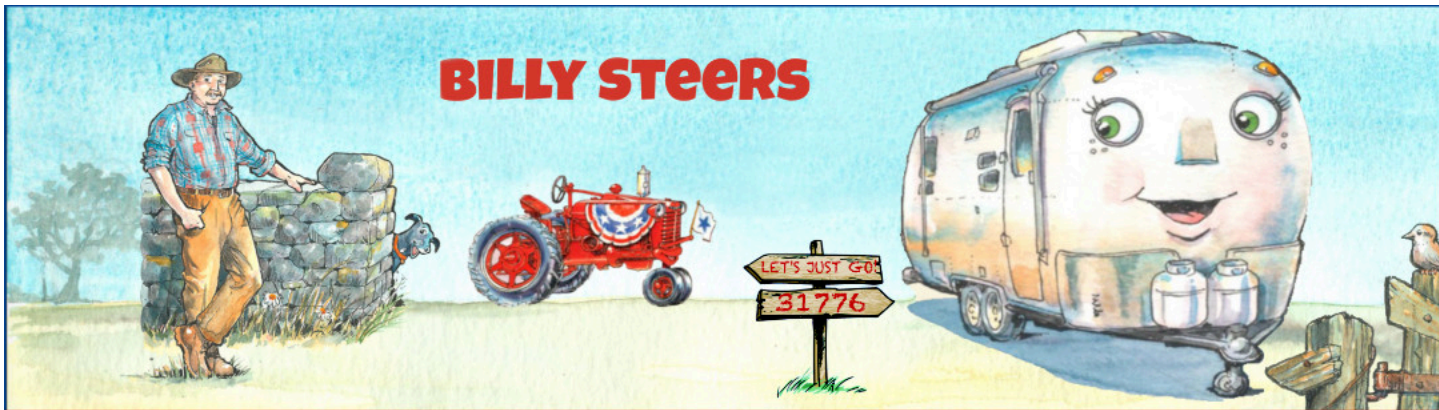
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The Connecticut Airstream Club Constitution & Bylaws and Current Club Directory are available on the club website to view or download.

Click on the "Board of Directors" link where you will find a link to the documents. When you are signed in to your ACI account you can access the documents - if you are not signed in it will prompt you sign in.

The Digital Directory can be put on any of your devices making it easily available.





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STREAM LINES by Billy Steers

"MAYBE STAYING AT A HARVEST HOST THAT'S A HAUNTED THEME PARK WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA."



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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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Airstream Supply	Courtesy Parking Airstream USA	State Park Guide Tin Can Tourists
	Air Forums	"Let's Just Go"
	AllStays Camping	

Event Schedule 2024



February	Sun, Feb 11, 2024	Souper Bowl Party hosted by Dave Jensen in Brooklyn, CT
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
April	April 26-28	Rendezvous at the CAMA Spring Power Up hosted by Russ & Rhona Fuller in Kent, CT
May	May 16-19	Region 1 Gathering in Brimfield, MA
May	May 31-June 2	Spring Business Meeting Rally, hosted by Dubrowski's and Dave Jensen at Charlie Brown Campground in Eastford, CT
June	June 21-23	Adirondack Rendezvous at Scaroon Manor Campground, Pottersville, NY, hosted by Lynn and Carl Davis
July	July 12-14	Joint Rally with Cape Cod AC, hosted by Eddie Carll 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
December	Sat, Dec 21, 2024	Noon-3pm: Holiday Party hosted by Allers in Wilton, CT

Great Season Thank you volunteers!



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

- Sherry Anderson



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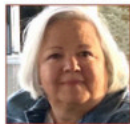
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Did humans invent math or discover math?

Spock from the Starship Enterprise, who also often chimed - "you have the conn"

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Connecticut Airstream Club Holiday Party



Saturday December 21

Noon - 3pm

At the Allers Home in Wilton, CT

Main dish and beverages provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

RSVP by December 14 online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/242727892247164>