



# Connecticut

Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

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## Presidents Message

by Julie Steers



Billy and I biking in Pennsylvania.

Hello and Happy November!

We always know when winter is around the corner when the Juncos return to our feeder. For us, seeing the Juncos is bittersweet. Yes, they are fun to watch, but their presence reminds us that we will soon have to winterize, store the Bambi and take a break from camping adventures.

Speaking of adventures, Billy and I had great fun renting a camper van last month. It was a Dodge Rize rented through Outdoorsy. We started in Albuquerque NM and traveled to Great Sand Dunes National Park stopping at Bandolier National Monument on the way and then meeting up with two of our sons in Santa Fe on the return. I know van life is familiar to many of our club members, with some new to the fold. We enjoyed the van! It was well equipped for boondocking (propane fridge, heat, two burner stove, generator and battery backup). Despite its smaller size, there was plenty of room for the two of us. Granted, we are used to small spaces with our Bambi. Renting it was easy and overall, it was about the same cost as renting a car and paying for lodging. The only issue was that it didn't have a bathroom and had a tiny grey water tank, but no big deal.

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## Airstreams in Hollywood



Over the years Airstreams have made countless appearances in movies and television, serving as background props, main sets, and even key plot points. 2022 was a particularly exciting year as Airstreams were featured in three of the year's best picture nominees. So, grab some popcorn and cozy up on the couch as we highlight some of the ways to see an Airstream on the big (and small) screen.



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## What Do You Think?

A baker carries a bag of flour that weighs 15 pounds. He takes half of the flour out but finds that the bag weighs nine pounds. How heavy is the empty bag?

If there are three cups of sugar and you take one away, how many do you have?

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## Link of the Month



Custom-built travel trailers





## President's Message

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Great Sand Dunes was amazing! It is one of our newer National Parks designated in 2004. However, it was established as a National Monument in 1932. We were able to camp in the park and could walk out from the campsite to hike the dunes. There are no trails, you just pick your path and go. We scaled some of the larger dunes making it up to 8550 feet in windy conditions. We also enjoyed our time in Santa Fe with our boys wandering around the shops and going to several museums.



*Billy at Great Sand Dunes*



*Billy and I with the van at Bandelier National Monument.*

It was Billy's birthday weekend, so we had fun celebrating!

On the way home, we flew to Illinois and picked up our new tow vehicle in Illinois-a 2024 Chevy Silverado Trail Boss. Why Illinois? Well, the truck has everything we wanted, has low milage and the color is Slate Grey which will complement our Airstream. We drove it back, stopping at the "Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania" for a 30 mile bike excursion on an old railbed which winds through the canyon. I highly recommend visiting - there are several campgrounds in the area, and it is really stunning.

This month, we have one more adventure traveling to Delaware so we can try out the truck with the Airstream. Then, we winterize :(.

For those of you still getting out or headed to warmer climates, safe travels! And for those of you winterizing, check out Russ's Winterizing Tips! The link is included in the Chatter.



*New Tow Vehicle*



*Billy and our sons Trip and Nate at Pecos National Historic Park*





# Fun in the Fall Sedalia International Rally



by Chris and Carol Dubrowski

We had a fantastic time at the International Rally in early October, held at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. Some things that stick out in our memories:

- Michael and Sandy Sasuta met up with us on the way into town and we camped next to them at the fairgrounds, so we had buddies to share in the festivities.

- The fairgrounds are an excellent venue for this kind of gathering, handling 1,300 Airstreams easily. The campsites are grass and had full hookups. The fairgrounds facilities, many of which are historic buildings, are pristine and beautiful. But the sheer size of the place is staggering; it was 1/2 mile from our campsite to the main events. There were golf carts, e-bikes and regular bikes everywhere!

- Chris was honored to carry our Connecticut Airstream Club flag in the opening ceremony. It is an impressive display to see the flags of about 100 of our local clubs representing both the history and future of our great organization.

- With the Sasutas, we visited many interesting local sites, including a historic train station/museum and the home of the Budweiser Clydesdales. We ate at some interesting local spots, including a restored railroad coach.

- On our first night, we were wondering how to find Roland and Sandie St. Laurent, who we knew were at the huge rally somewhere, when they parked right next to us at the restaurant and joined us for a nice dinner!

- There was a big Halloween-themed party at the beautifully preserved Swine Barn (really!). Folks brought some very serious costumes. There was an Airstreams Aglow night, with everybody's rigs lit up and a golf car parade of lights.



Carol Dubrowski was behind us and took this great picture.



The parking crew.

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• The weather was just about perfect, not a drop of rain, warm but not hot, cool at night, great camping conditions.

• The Katy Trail, a rail trail that stretches across the state, runs right next to the fairgrounds. We were able to take many long bike rides through quiet farmlands and wooded countryside.

After the rally, the Sasutas headed down to Travelers Rest, while we took off to the west and visited the National Parks in Colorado and Utah on our way to our winter home in Scottsdale Arizona. Lots of campfire stories to tell our CTAC friends next camping season. ~



*Chris Dubrowski carried the CT Flag in opening ceremonies.*



*Clydesdale team in training at the ranch.*

*Photos by:  
Sandy Sasuta and Chris & Carol Dubrowski*



*The Swine Building.*



*Chris & Carol Dubrowski, Sandy & Michael Sasuta eating in the old train car.*



## Fun in the Fall Sedalia International Rally



*Sandie & Roland St. Laurent, Michael & Sandy Sasuta and Chris & Carol Dubrowski.*



*Michael's lunch at the Hacienda at the fairgrounds. He shared, of course.*



*Hot Air Balloon over the beautiful brick Swine Building.*



by **Sandy Sasuta**

## Welcome

James & Debra Jezierski 5943  
Woodstock Valley, CT

We were grateful that our winter location at Traveler's Rest in Dade City, FL, survived the hurricane "Milton". Meanwhile, hope everyone up North is enjoying the fall colors. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 3rd. If you have any questions about paying your 2025 dues, contact Headquarters at 937-596-5211.

The International Rally at Sedalia, MO, turned out to be one of the best locations, thanks to Per Hamnqvist. The Dubrowski's and ourselves had a wonderful time from the opening ceremonies to the closing ceremonies; the days were filled with activities/events/seminars. Some of the highlights: touring the Clydesdales Ranch, the Katy Railroad Depot and Katy Trail State Park (the bike trail is 240 miles long on an old railroad bed), Vintage open house and parade, Airstreams Aglow, hot air balloons, frozen custard at Freddy's and enjoying meals in a vintage railroad car. Be sure to sign up for the next International rally which is in a much closer location, York, PA.

Congratulations to Toni Nolder as the proud owner of a 2024 20' Airstream Caravel; now she's ready to roll!

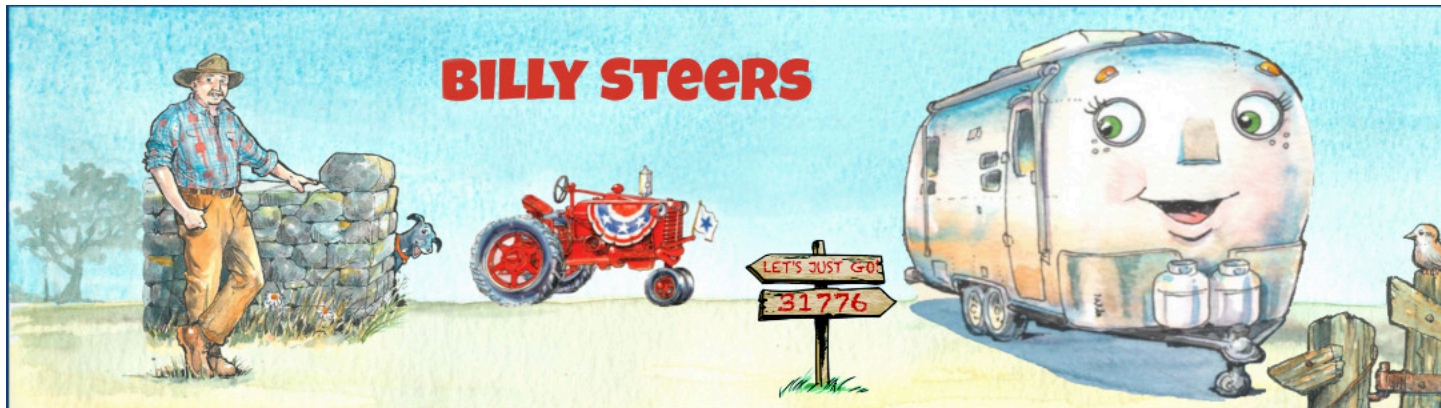
Sending get well/healing wishes to Rose Tavares who fell and broke her arm.

Thank you to the Aller's for hosting the upcoming Holiday Party, December 21, 2024, (see flyer). Hope to see you there.

Laziness kills ambition - Anger kills wisdom - Fear kills dreams - Ego kills growth - Jealousy kills peace - Doubt kills confidence

NOW READ THAT RIGHT TO LEFT.





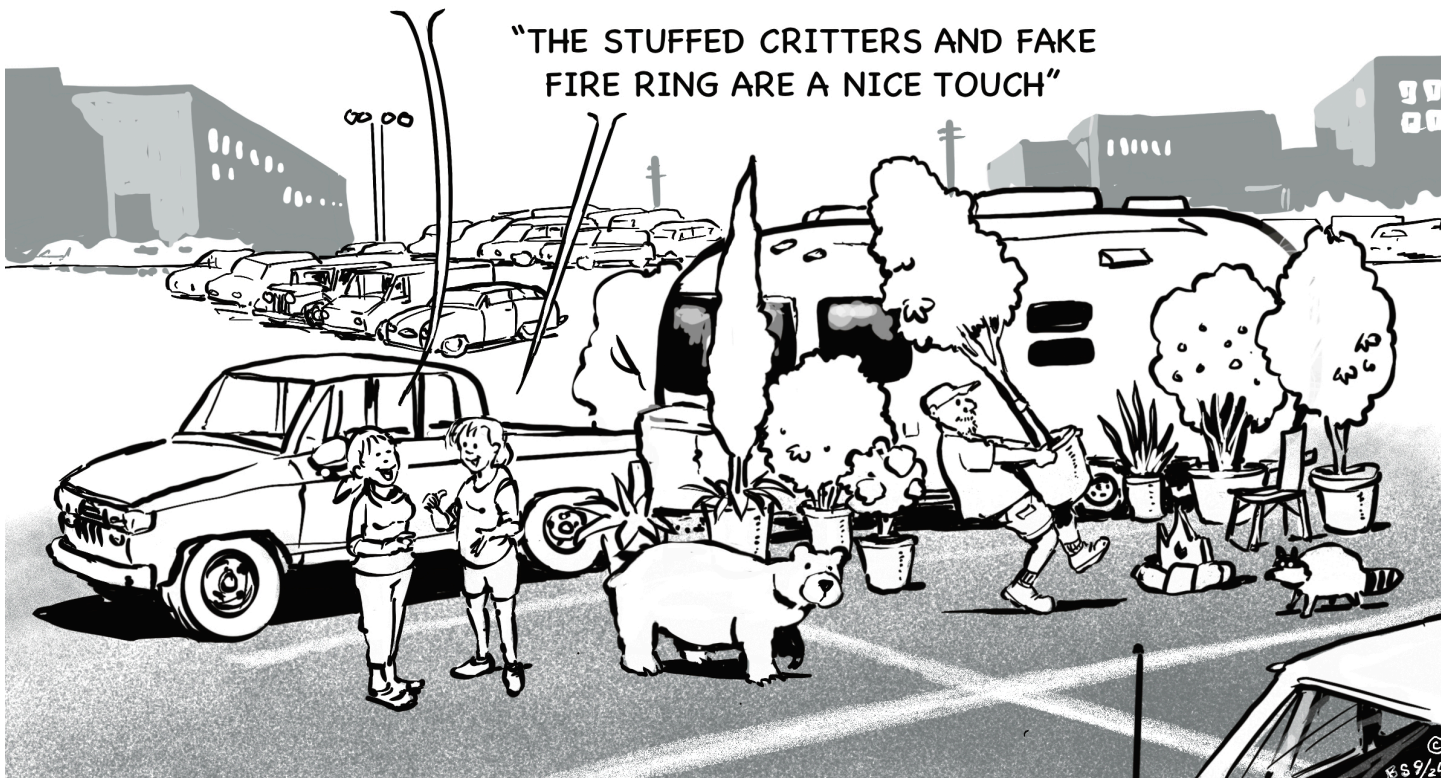
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"EVEN IN A PARKING LOT HE LIKES TO GO FOR THAT OUTDOOR 'WOODSY' FEEL"

"THE STUFFED CRITTERS AND FAKE FIRE RING ARE A NICE TOUCH"



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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- Sherry Anderson



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Date	Event	Style	Location	Host
Dec 21, 2024	Holiday Party	Noon - 3 p.m.	Wilton, CT	Allers
Feb 9	"Souper Bow" Party	Good Soup	Brooklyn, CT	Jensen
Feb 9	"Souper Bow" Party Florida	Good Soup	Travelers Rest	Sasuta/Kushman
Mar 16	"St Patrick's Day" Party	Good Food	Southbury, CT	Rousseau
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, Canada	
Oct 3-5	Sweater Weather Rally Travelers Woods CG	Electric/water	Bernardston, MA	Sasuta

## The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said "A normal person would pull the plug.  
Do you want a bed near the window?"

I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

"Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you, but not in the one ahead."

- Bill McGlashen

Geology rocks, but geography's where it's at.

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

## What did you think?

One cup

3 pounds

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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>