



Connecticut

Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

CTAC Club No: 25

<https://airstreamclub.org/connecticut>

January 2025

Presidents Message

by Julie Steers



I hope everyone in the club had a Happy Holiday season with friends, family, and food. To me, November and December flew by. We started the month with our last campout to Cape Henlopen State Park in Delaware. For those who have not been, it is a wonderful park with plenty of bike trails as well as beach access. The area was used as part of the US Coastal Defense network in WWII protecting the Delaware bay and ports of Wilmington DE and Philadelphia PA. There is still a fair amount of preserved infrastructure including thirteen lookout towers, bunkers, and the Ft Myers historical area. We learned from locals that getting campsites in the park is impossible in the summer months, but the shoulder seasons are doable with decent weather. Plus, dogs are allowed on the beaches when it is not peak season. We biked into both Lewes and Rehoboth Beach--both nice little towns and of course enjoyed local seafood.

Moving into December, we tucked our Bambi in the barn for winter and started making plans for 2025. We renewed our Airstream Club International and Harvest Host memberships--actually both are on auto renew, so they renewed for us. We also signed up for the International Rally in York as well as the Region One Rally in Nova Scotia. With a variety of club rallies planned, including the Souper Bowl North and South and St Patrick's Day get togethers, with a bonus of having the International Rally so close, there are plenty of opportunities to as stated on our Bambi's license tag holder "See More, Do More, Live More."

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Round Trip: Key West, FL



As the winter blues set in for residents in the northern latitudes, many intrepid travelers turn their sights south – and you can't get much farther south than Key West. Our new Round Trip Guide is an Airstreamer approved itinerary for making the most of our Southernmost Point.

Live Riveted®

What Do You Think?

Two girls have the same parents and were born at the same hour on the same day of the same month, but they are not twins. How can this be possible?

If you were born in an odd-numbered year, will you celebrate your 50th birthday in an odd or even year?

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Link of the Month



Hard to find treasures for Airstreamers



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Finally, I also would like to thank Don and Eileen Allers for hosting the club's holiday party. The food was excellent, and it was so much fun catching up with those who were able to make the gathering.

Happy 2025 and safe travels!

~ Julie

From the unique and always fun Billy Steers diary of travels.



Eileen Allers fixing a feast!



Sandy Sasuta with Paula Carl

Our Final Camp Trip of 2024 to CAPE HENLOPEN STATE PARK, DE. Nov 3 ~ 7 Site C-23
Lovely Park!

OUR FIRST TRIP WITH 'TOW-TOW' THE ADVENTURE TRUCK

BREAKWATER LIGHTHOUSE HARBOR OF REFUGE LIGHTHOUSE

MMM. COFFEE

ONE OF 13 WWII OBSERVATION TOWERS (FIRE CONTROL) - 57' TALL
REMNANTS OF FORT MILES ARE ALL AROUND THE CAMPGROUND

SAMSON LOVES THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

DAY 2 BEACH HIKE w/ SAMMY
JULIE & I BIKE GORDON'S POND TRAIL TO REHOBOTH
YUMMY LUNCH at HENLOPEN CITY OYSTER HOUSE
The 3 C's: CHEESE, CRACKER, CRIBBAGE

① BEACH HIKES
• KOREAN CHICKEN
• CAMP MEALS
• CAMPFIRES

③ 69°
• HIKE TRAILS & BEACH
• BIKE to LEWES
LUNCH AT WHEELHOUSE
WALK the FISHING PIER SAUSAGE GNOCCHI by the CAMPFIRE

④ 74° BEACH PICNIC! at NAVY CROSSING
• WALK to HERRING POINT
• CHICKEN CASSEROLE AROUND the MYSTIC CAMPFIRE

⑤ CAPE MAY FERRY TO HOME ONE OF MANY BUNKERS.

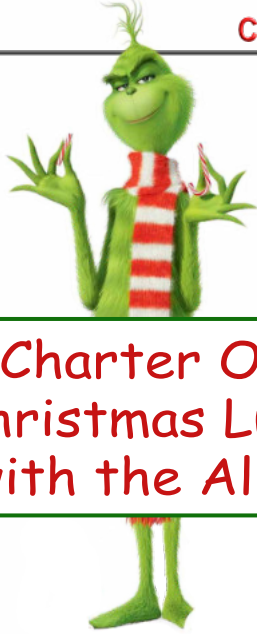


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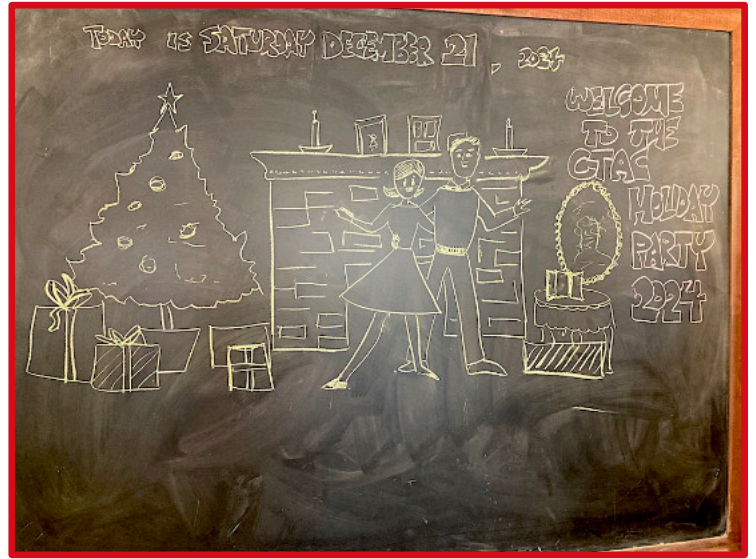
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Charter Oak
Christmas Lunch
with the Allers



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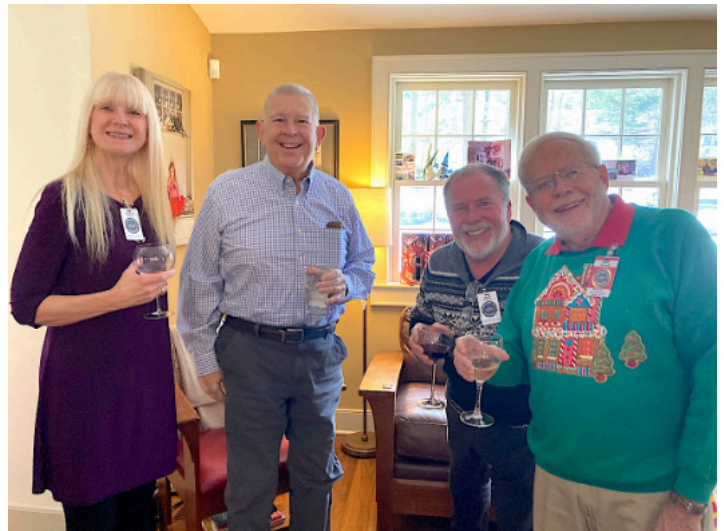
Eddie & Paula Carl, Eileen Allers, Billy Steers and Joyce Rousseau



Laura Weik, Julie Steers and Don Allers



Don Allers, Laura Weik, Gilles Rousseau and Guy Weik



Maureen Hunter, Michael Sasuta, Brian Hunter and Bard Fuller



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Maureen and Brian showing off her cheese appetizer "tree."



Kathy showing off her door prize!



Sandy and Mike - finally Sandy is in a picture!



Russ Fuller, Joyce Rousseau, Maureen & Brian Hunter, Kathy & Bard Fuller, Julie Steers and Rhona Fuller.



Left to right- Paula, Eddie, Laura, Nicole, Don, Gilles, Eileen, Guy, Sandy and Mike.



Sandy's Scuttlebutt



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome

Crystal Pray Freni #7380

Peabody, MA (Affiliate)



Bard Fuller's Twelve Days of Christmas gingerbread creation took home the top prize at the 2024 Dade City, FL contest! His incredible masterpiece caused quite a stir, with people lining up to spot all the characters for each day. Bravo - congratulations Bard!

Hello darkness my old friend, why are you here it's 5 pm? Sure don't like how it gets dark too soon. The winter solstice is the day of the year with the fewest hours of daylight which was on Saturday, Dec. 21st. After this, daylight increases to 9 hours, 15 minutes by New Year's day, so we don't have long to go. It didn't seem dark to us as we met at the Aller's home for the holiday party, and what a bright time it was! Plenty of chatting, eating, drinking and being merry. Thank you to the Aller's for hosting!

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues or will be paying soon. It is \$99 for (ACI) Airstream Club International plus \$15 for CT Airstream Club. Think about signing up for auto pay and make life easier for yourself.

Sending our sincere sympathy to Karen Olah on the passing of her husband Dan, on November 16, 2024. They were life members since 1997, and had been active with the Club in the past. Also condolences to Rick & Beth Petrie on the passing of Beth's sister Carolyn Brookes, on December 3, 2024. Such sad news.

Sending get well wishes to Evelyn Watts after having major surgery.

Look over the 2025 schedule of events, mark your calendar and plan on attending. The hosts work hard to make it an enjoyable time, don't miss out.

To help declutter your house, pack unwanted items in an Amazon box, leave it on your front porch, and you know what happens next.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy 2025!



The Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

by Bard & Kathy Fuller

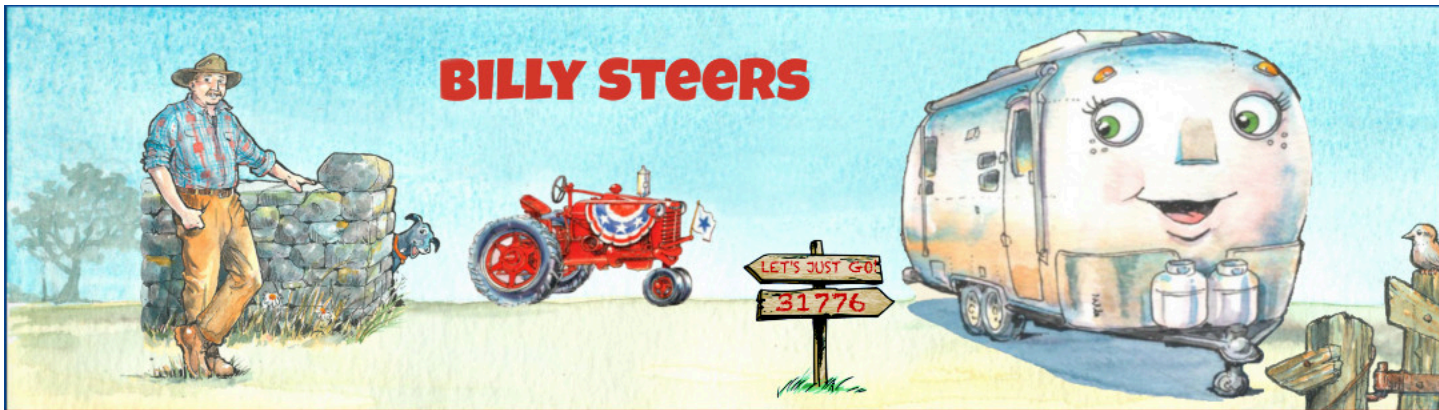
As we look back on our 2024 Southwest Adventure Caravan experience the crowning point had to be the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. The fiesta may be the ultimate RV destination as the event is likely the largest gathering of RVs in the world. The Airstream contingent, including our caravan, is fortunate to be parked in what must be the primo location - the first rows of the south end of the Balloon Fiesta grounds. Because of our van's smaller size, we were directed to a smaller site on Row 1 Site 1, right at the south end gate.

What made the south side of the field so desirable was because of the unique box air currents of Albuquerque. Once the balloons lifted off, they would drift southward over our rally site before ascending to a higher altitude only to catch an air current moving northward, once again passing over our location, ultimately landing in the field of origin.

Picture it! Over 500 balloons of various shape, colors and sizes! **WHAT A SPECTACLE!!!**



Bard and Kathy inflated with rally excitement!



CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

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STREAM LINES by Billy Steers



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

- Sherry Anderson



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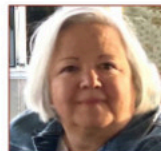
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Start the year with Sandy's Fun Wisdom

Never iron a 4-leaf clover because you don't want to press your luck.

Men are like bagpipes, no sound comes from them until they are full.

A skunk, a deer and a duck went out for dinner. When it came time to pay, the skunk said "I don't have a scent", the deer said "I don't have a buck", so they put it all on the duck's bill.

What butter and whiskey won't cure, there is no cure.

| Date | Event | Style | Location | Host |
|--------------|---|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Dec 21, 2024 | Holiday Party | Noon - 3 p.m. | Wilton, CT | Allers |
| 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 | 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 | Carlil |
| June/July | Potential "Cooperstown | | Cooperstown, NY | Watts |
| July 10-13 | "Pastures CG Rally" | w/CCMAC | Orford, NH | Carlil / 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 | Barnardston, MA | Sasuta |

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All Chatters are available on the club website.

What did you think?

They were not born in the same year.

Odd

NOW IS THE TIME

Check your information and picture published in the current Digital Directory.

The Directory is available on the club website from a link on the Board of Directors page.

www.airstreamclub.org/connecticut

Email any changes or corrections to: Sandy Sasuta - sandysas1001@gmail.com

Include your name(s) in the body of email.

Pictures should be large size at least 800x600. The picture is so we can recognize you and should be a closeup head to waist not with you waving from afar.

Text should be clear and large enough to read.

If you are not in the directory then by all means send all your info and picture.

If you do not want to be in the directory but are still a member of the Connecticut Airstream Club we will miss you terribly and cry uncontrollably. Not a pretty sight so please reconsider.

DO IT NOW!

PRINT THIS PAGE AND PUT ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE TASK AND YOU WILL BE HAPPY.

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St. Patrick's Day Gathering

Sunday, March 16, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

- **Where?** Gilles and Joyce Rousseau's Home
- **Why?** Winter was too long and cold and we like seeing our club friends- besides celebrating St. Patrick's
- **Cost?** \$20 per person, payable at the event
- **Includes?** Appetizers, entrée and dessert, BYOB please
- Reserve on-line at [Watch for reservation link!](#)

St. Patrick's **HAPPY**  **DAY** 

Calls will be made on March 15th to cancel if weather forecast looks unsafe for travel.

