



Connecticut

Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

CTAC Club No: 25

<https://airstreamclub.org/connecticut>

March 2025

Presidents Message

by Julie Steers



Happy almost spring! We're celebrating as our Bambi turns 20 on March 13. Almost vintage!

We've had a fun winter enjoying a couple of ski trips, researching fun gear for our new truck and we got a puppy! Delilah is a sweet black lab and Samson has been a model citizen showing her the house rules and putting up with her puppy antics. The big test will be when we get back to camping. Not sure how we will manage two dogs in our 19 footer. Plus, we can tell by the size of Lilah's paws and appetite that she is going to be big. Billy is already saying that we are going to need a bigger trailer. [Continued page 2](#)



Lilah and Sammie

MICHAEL LAMBERT: A Love Affair with Aluminum Art Exhibit



Combining a deep appreciation for Airstream history and design with a lifelong talent for artistic expression, artist Michael Lambert captures the magic of Airstream adventures in his beautiful paintings and sculpture. Now, a curated selection from across Lambert's entire career is on display at the Airstream Heritage Center in Jackson Center, Ohio.

Live Riveted®



What Do You Think?

What five-letter word has only one left when two letters are removed?

How many years would it take to spend a trillion dollars if you spent a dollar a second.

[Answers Page 9](#)

Link of the Month



SilverThreadGlamping
Adventurous Camping Gifts
Box Elder, South Dakota



President's Message

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Rocky Mountain High



Another Park City Ski Mountain Airstream.



Making the most of Colorado.

On the club front, a survey went out about interest for a printed membership directory. We had a good response, and it looks like we have enough interest to be able to provide copies at a cost of \$15.00 each. If you have not responded to the survey, please complete in the link.

<https://form.jotform.com/250353054182146>

Also, a survey was sent to see who is attending the International rally in York, PA, this August. Here is the link if you have not responded.

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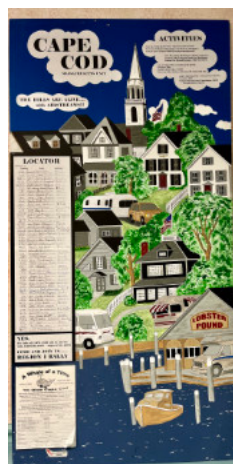
Finally, we need to decide on a new logo design for the club for patches, badges, flags etc. Based on club feedback, we have two design choices. Please see Russ Fuller's Chatter article for more info.

Billy and I look forward to camping season and seeing everyone at various rallies and events! Enjoy spring and don't forget to "Spring Forward" this Sunday.

~ Julie

PS-full disclosure-I typed this with one left thumb on my phone. I broke my right wrist snowboarding and it's been a "fun" journey trying to master day to day tasks with my non dominant hand.

What are these? See page 7 for the bulletin board story by Bard Fuller.





Sandy's Scuttlebutt



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome

- Aric Laferriere and Ashley Holt **23804**
Redding, CT
- Rui & Meredith DeSousa **2180**
Sandy Hook, CT Affiliate
- Alan & Kathy Pakiela **20596**
Brookfield, CT
- Chuck & Regina Pineo **18789**
York, ME Affiliate

We've had a cold January in Florida, but not as bad as the temperatures up North. I heard someone say they wouldn't go outside until the temperature was greater than their age. Thank you to everyone who renewed their 2025 dues. And, thank you to **RICH KUSHMAN** for producing and emailing the 2025 CT Digital Directory to all of the members. Please let me know if you did not receive it. The rallies and event schedule for this year can be found when you click on the CT logo on the first page of the directory. It conveniently takes you to the CT website as it's time to look at your calendars and make plans for the upcoming season. To reserve your site for the International Rally August 23-28, 2025 in York, PA go to: airstreamclub.org/rally2025 or call 937-596-5211.

Congratulations to **RUSS & RHONA FULLER** on the purchase of a home in Travelers Rest. Glad to have them as close neighbors. Also, congratulations to **BARD & KATHY FULLER** on the birth of their new granddaughter Nilou, and to the happy parents Brian & Yasi. We're looking forward to baby pictures. Sorry to hear that **JULIE STEERS** had a snowboarding accident and broke her wrist. We are all wishing her a smooth recovery.

BARD & KATHY FULLER have been very busy with activities for our Park. First, they hosted a New England Day potluck which had 50 in attendance with 30 being from CT. Next, they hosted an Airstream luncheon which had over 100 in attendance. He shared Airstream updates, provided guest speakers and a slide presentation. We thought we were at a rally. The **KUSHMANS** and **SASUTAS** hosted Souper Bowl Sunday in FL which turned out to be super. Seventeen delicious soups and so much fun sampling all of them, plus tasty desserts. The gathering up North was cancelled due to the snowy/icy weather. However, **DAVE JENSEN** was not alone, he was happily joined by **BRIAN & MAUREEN HUNTER** with their soup, so they had their own party!

The next event is the St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Sunday, March 16 with **JOYCE & GILLES ROUSSEAU**, always a great time. Sign up and plan to attend.

Got up at 5 a.m., ran 4 miles, came back, made a vegetable smoothie for breakfast, did 2 loads of laundry, mopped and vacuumed floors...and that's all I remember about my dream.

A young man said to God, "God, is it true that to you a billion years is like a second?"

God said yes.

The young man said, "God, is it true that to you a billion dollars is like a penny?"

God said yes.

The young man said, "God, can I have a penny?"

God said, "Sure, just a second."

A wife got so mad at her husband she packed his bags and told him to get out. As he walked to the door she yelled, "I hope you die a long, slow, painful death."

He turned around and said, "So, you want me to stay?"

During a recent password audit, they found a blonde using the following password: "MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofySacramento"

When asked why such a long password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 characters long and include at least one capital.



Vote your choice

by Russ Fuller

Below are the two finalist CTAC Logos that will be voted on via JotForms in the next few weeks. The hope of the executive committee is to submit the LOGO to International for approval in May with the expectation they will act on their review in June/July and we can start using it prior to the International Rally in York PA. The goal is to have flags available early August along with a feather banner for those CTAC members traveling together into York PA.

Please vote for your favorite when you receive the Jot Form.

Option # 1



Option # 2





CTAC Souper Bowl Sunday



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Michael Sasuta, Tim McLean, Rich Kushman, Mark & Marie Lupien, Kathy Kushman and Linda McLean (Michael's sister).



A delicious array of home made soups provided a wonderful pre-game lunch in Florida.



Susan Stahley, Bert Contractor, Denise & Kevin Weik, Guy & Laura Weik, Janet Stevens & Dick Wheatley



Rick & Beth Petrie, Bob Curran, Kathy & Bard Fuller, Andrea Curran and Laura & Tom Maragnano.



Pam Forsyth, Ken Hankinson, Bob & Jan Rubino and Glen & Christine Lessig.



Mike & Cindy Brodeur, Rhona Fuller, Wiley & Gail Downing, Russ Fuller and Dale & Fred McGoldrick.



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Pam Forsyth



Christine Lessig



Connecticut Airstreamers busy in Florida during the winter months.

CTAC volunteers help keep Travelers Rest Resort looking beautiful by working with the Lake Margaret Garden Club.



Susan Stahley



Laura Weik



Kathy Fuller



International Rally Bulletin Boards Remembered

by Bard Fuller

Over the years many Airstream Club traditions have been formed and then lost to time. Who remembers the gopher holes, teen queens or the International Rally bulletin boards? This year, for our international club's 70th anniversary, the historical committee is reaching out to members across the country to identify, collect, display and preserve both memories and artifacts. What a great way to celebrate our club's rich history for our international club's 70th anniversary.



Kathy and Bard Fuller proudly displaying a few of the historic bulletin boards that were part of Airstream International Rallies long ago.

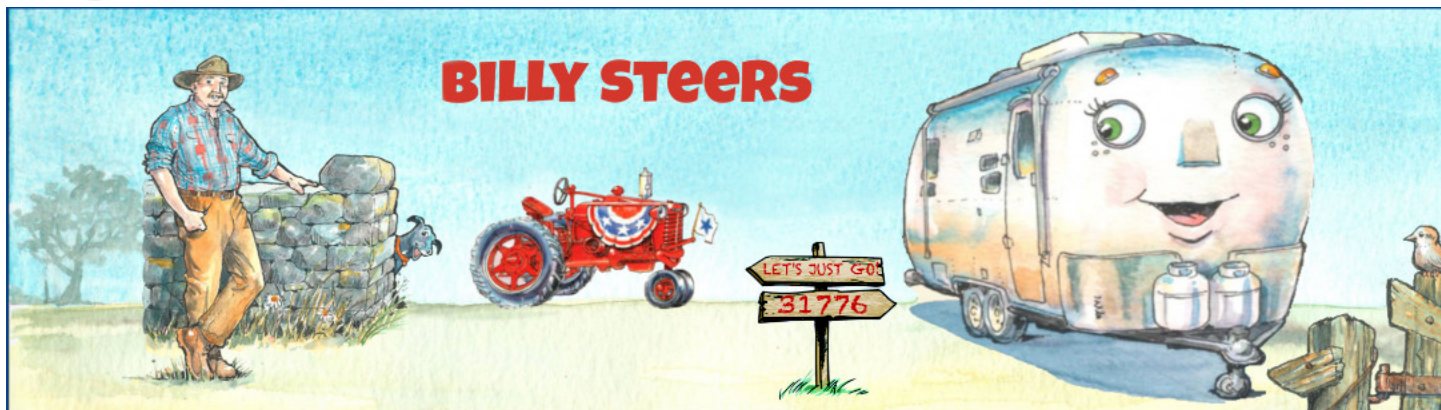
Airstream, Inc. has had wonderful interest in their new Heritage Center displaying Airstream products but fails to tell the history, and passion of the club and its members. Our club leadership team has established a blueprint for the seeds of the Airstream Club Historical Center and Library proposed to be housed in a portion of the old headquarters building adjacent to the new club headquarters facility in Jackson Center, OH.

As a long time club member and collector of Airstream Club memorabilia, I donated 5 International Rally bulletin boards to the International Club that I had made and preserved as a member of the Cape Cod Massachusetts (Unit) Airstream Club during the 1990's and 2000's. At the Travelers Rest Airstream Luncheon with over 100 Airstreamers in attendance I presented them to Jenny Schnettler from the executive council of the Airstream Club.

So, what were the International Rally bulletin boards? Long before cell phones, social media, or other electronic communications all local clubs, called "Units" in those days, posted written messages on a bulletin board designated for each local club. These boards were used to communicate to other unit members upcoming unit and region events, individual club member locations or even a great dining location in town.

With time these simple message boards became works of creative art and a source of pride for the local units. Each board was designed by local unit members and was large (2 feet wide and 4 feet high). Then at the rally they were displayed on racks constructed by the rally carpentry team just outside the main entertainment hall and exhibition rooms. The boards were to depict either the rally theme or the geographical location that the unit represented. The judging of the bulletin boards was a highly anticipated event.

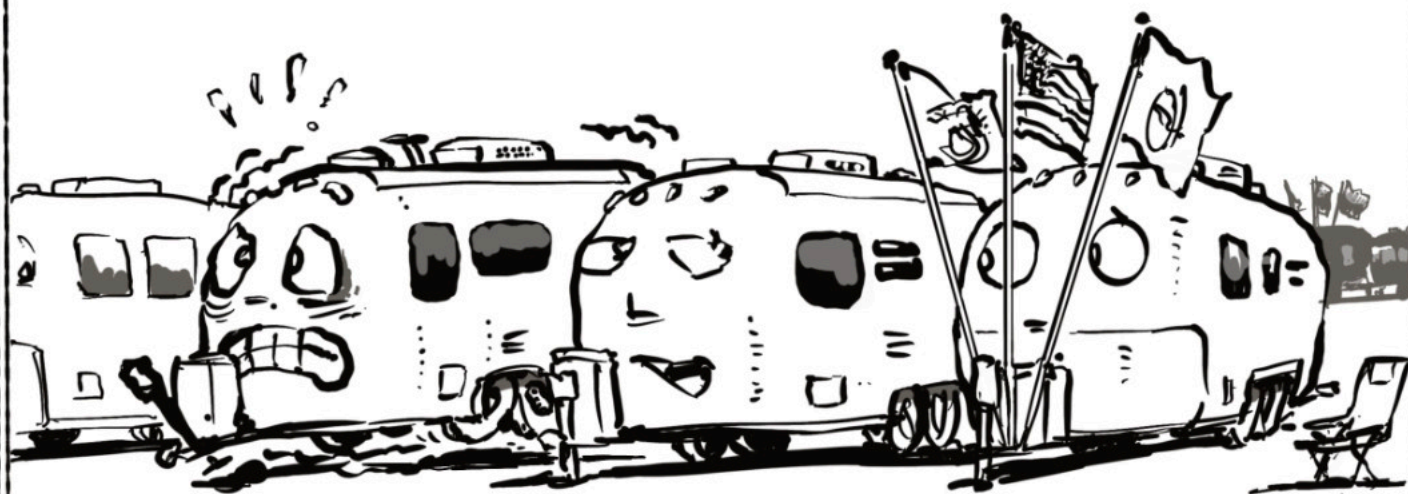
There were over 100 of these artistic boards at most International Rallies so it was truly a spectacle to see and enjoy. These boards also served as a congregating spot for local club members before and after rally events. Another wonderful piece of history lost to time. ~



CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

WWW.BILLYSTEERS.COM

STREAM LINES by Billy Steers



BILLY STEERS
3/25

"SOMEBODY'S GOT A FULL BLACK WATER TANK, I THINK."

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



Executive Board



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Julie Steers



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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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Helpful LINKS

- [Airstream Club International](#)
- [Connecticut Airstream Club](#)
- [Russ's Spring Checklist](#)
- [Russ's Winterizing](#)
- [Connecticut Club Supplies](#)
- [Airstream Supply](#)
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- ["Let's Just Go"](#)

All Chatters and the Directory are available on the club website.



Interesting Airstream gifts, check out the link of the month.

Date	Event	Style	Location	Host
Mar 16	"St Patrick's Day" Party	Good Food	Southbury, CT	Rousseau
April 25-27	"CAMA Rendezvous"	Boondocking	Kent, CT	R Fuller/ Billy Watts Jr
May 16-19	Bison Rally	Details to come		Dave Jensen
May 30-June 1	Spring Meeting Grandview CG		Moodus, CT	Dubrowski
June 13-15	"Streamin the Rox"	Boondocking	Roxbury, CT	Steers / Lessig
June 19-22	Scusset Rendezvous	Boondocking	Scusset, MA	Carl
July 10-13	"Pastures CG Rally"	w/CCMAC	Orford, NH	Carl / R 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 - Fall Meeting	Electric/water	Bernardston, MA	Sasuta

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What did you think?

Money (take away the 'm' and the 'y').

Approximately 31, 688 years

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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 by Wednesday, 3/12, use this email link.**

CLICK HERE 

joycezr68@gmail.com

St. Patrick's **HAPPY DAY**




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

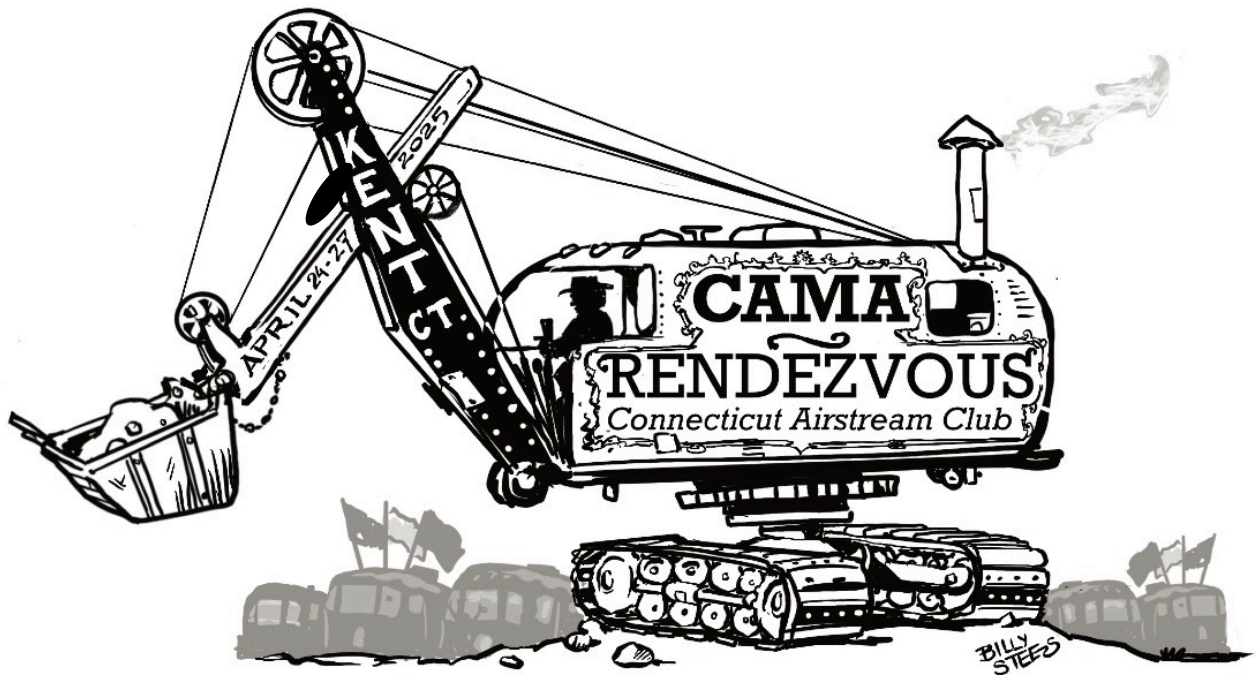


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April 25 - 27, 2025

Boondocking Rendezvous in Kent, CT CAMA Spring Power Up

CAMA Connecticut Antique Machinery Association



Come enjoy the Fun, Friendship and Adventure of the Western Connecticut hills. This is a “Rendezvous” not a rally, so we are NOT scheduling anything formally. We will have access all weekend to the CAMA Spring Power Up Show while camping on-site. I would expect the possibility of pop-up happy hours and campfires weather permitting. Note: there is NO water, electricity, or dump station available at this site - so come full and empty!

Cost: \$40.00 Camping fee (membership into CAMA) collected on site and NO kitty fee.

RSVP Before April 10 to Russ Fuller leave a message 860-805-2642

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Summer

KICK OFF

Rally

Please join hosts Carol and Chris Dubrowski for our Summer Fun Kick-Off Rally at Grandview Campground in Moodus, CT.

Friday, May 30

- 2-6 p.m. Campground check-in
- 5:00 p.m. Heavy appetizer potluck social hour
- 6:00 p.m. Ice cream sundae bar
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire

Saturday, May 31

- 7:30 a.m. Coffee
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast-pancakes, sausage and fruit
- 9:00 a.m. Annual Spring business meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Free time to enjoy local activities. These include Gillette Castle, Essex steam train and riverboat excursion, Devil's Hopyard State Park (hiking), Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods casinos
- 3:00 p.m. Lawn games
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner-hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and salad
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire and cookies

Sunday, June 1

- 7:30 a.m. Coffee
- 8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

Campground amenities include a general store, pavilion, swimming pool, horseshoes, pickleball and cornhole.

The rally fee will be \$15 per person, which we will collect at the rally.

All our meals and activities will be held at the pavilion.

Please use links below to sign up for the rally and reserve your campsite.

We have reserved 18 water/electric sites at this beautiful campground. Please use this link to make campground reservations directly with the campground and get our Airstream group discount:

Important: The reserved sites and group discount expire April 15

Note: Our group code is Airstream01

CLICK HERE



Reserve your campsite.

CLICK HERE



Sign up for rally.



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Moodus, CT 06469-1144

If you have any questions, you can call, or Email us at:
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or: 860-873-3332

www.grandviewcampingresort.com/home

chrisdubrowski@gmail.com



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Location: Roxbury Village in Munson Meadow next to the Roxbury Market

Boondocking Rally - Please arrive with full batteries, propane, and freshwater tanks. Generators are allowed, and quiet hours are from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am. No picnic tables; bring your small tables.

No cost for camping - Please support Roxbury businesses

The Kitty Fee will be collected at the rally for catered meals, local civic donations, and supplies. Exact costs will be provided at a later date

Rally Schedule

Friday, 06/13:

- 12:00 ~ Arrive (Please no early arrivals)
- 3:00 ~ Walk Joey's Trail
- 5:30-7:00 ~ Welcome ~ Yack & Snack BYOB, if you wish bring a snack to share.
- 5:30-8:00 - Pop-up-Pub Hodge Library
- 7:00-8:00 ~ Corn Hole and Pétanque
- 8:00 ~ Campfire at the pit

Saturday, 06/14

- 8:30 ~ Hot Breakfast
- 9:00-11:00 ~ OPEN HOUSE Community invited to visit our Airstreams (optional)
- Lunch on own ~ Roxbury Market has a wonderful deli - Help Support Local businesses.
- 1:00 ~4:00 Farm Crawl, self guided tour of local farms. Fund raiser for Roxbury and Bridgewater land trusts. (Fee to be determined)
- 5:00 ~ Yack & Snack, BYOB, if you wish bring a snack to share.
- 6:00 - Catered Dinner by Roxbury Market
- 8 pm - Camp Fire & Stargazing at the pit



Sunday, 06/15

- 8:30 am - Breakfast (pancakes & meat) local syrup / strawberries
- 10:30 - Institute for American Indian Studies (IAIS) group tour (Washington) • \$15 adult. \$12 Sr./youth free-military ID. -some steps to reach the village
- 12:00 - Tunnel walk at Steeprock Preserve (Washington)
- Enjoy your day by exploring this wonderful area (see the welcome packet).
- 5 pm - Please all trailers off the grounds.

Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash, there is a dog park close by.

A welcome packet will be sent out to registered campers that will include area activities, walking, biking, and hiking routes, restaurants, flea markets, art, farm stands, breweries, distilleries, and historic sites.

Rally registration: JotForm Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/250088302600142>