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Chatter

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Presidents Message

by Julie Steers



Julie enjoying a perfect Vermont end of day.

Hello and Happy August!

I am sure many agree with me that summer is flying by. We had a busy July and enjoyed a visit from my brother with his 25' Flying Cloud. We also hosted our first guests for courtesy parking - a nice couple from the Texas Hill Country Club with their 25' Flying Cloud. Both my brother and the Texas folks agreed that Billy and I certainly need at least a 25' rig now that we have two dogs and Lilah is getting so big. We'll see...

We also were able to make a camping trip up to Vermont to deliver a chair to our son plus enjoy Dog Mountain in Saint Johnsbury. Unfortunately, on the way home, we had an issue with our 2024 Chevy Silverado (12,000 miles). It went into 'limp mode' which resulted in a check engine light and an error message indicating we had limited acceleration. Evidently this issue with the transmission valve body and components is known to GM and we learned that it was under recall. This affects trucks with a 10 speed transmission which we have.

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What Do You Think?

I am a three-digit number. My tens digit is six more than my ones digit. My hundreds digit is eight less than my tens digit. What number am I?

Which of the following words doesn't belong in the group and why? CORSET, COSTER, SECTOR, ESCORT, COURTS

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Link of the Month



Starlink on your Airstream and a whole lot more.

Pastures Rally

Christmas in July



by Russ Fuller

This was the ninth year for the rally at the Pastures Campground in Orford, NH, with 23 Airstreams in attendance. It was co-hosted by Cape Cod Massachusetts and the Connecticut Airstream Club. We had members from all four New England clubs along with a members from Metro New York and the North Texas Airstream Club.

It was so hot and humid we were very glad the pool was open and our A/C kept us comfortable. Many of us decorated our rigs celebrating Christmas in July and like most Airstream rallies there was a plethora of food. Friday evening's plan was light appetizers but like all good Airstreamers there were plenty of delicious creative treats. It was followed by a baked potato dinner with every possible fixing you could imagine followed by many tasty desserts.

Saturday started with a breakfast featuring very tasty ham & egg sandwiches and that night's dinner was a joint summer picnic with the campground's seasonal folks who brought the salads. Our hosts worked tirelessly on hot charcoal grills in the oppressive heat cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for all while we Airstreamers provided dessert.



Co-Hosts Russ and Rhona Fuller all decked out for Christmas and below Paula and Eddie Carlil being newlyweds.



Carol Dubrowski, Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, Sherry and Alex Porven and Chris Dubrowski



Russ Fuller, Kathi Mitchell, Mike Sasuta, Ken Mitchell and Rhona Fuller

Pastures Rally

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Sunday was a great sausage and pancake breakfast before departure for some, however, more than half of us stayed until Monday so Sunday night turned into a must-go potluck dinner.

Activities were quite varied this year with some going hiking, others kayaking the river or touring Quechee gorge and King Arthur Flour. An impromptu sing along followed Sunday night potluck with Cliff Alley singing some originals as well as classics that many sang along to. Thank you to our hosts Eddie and Paula Carll, Russ and Rhona Fuller and a special thank you to the campground owners Kim and Doug.



Mike Sasuta, Eddie Carll and Joyce Rousseau just made Trevor Lake very happy by helping him with an awning fix.



Chris and Carol Dubrowski a little biking - Paula and Eddie Carll a little dog walking.



We never go hungry at a Pastures Rally.



Trevor and Gale Lake in front with Jerry and Diane Jackson



Our afternoon serenade with Cliff Alley.



Connecticut

Come rally with us - share your smile.

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by Sandy Sasuta

hosts **EDDIE & PAULA CARLL & RUSS & RHONA FULLER.**

Welcome

Clifford Holensworth **7955**
St. Petersburg, FL

July was hot, hot, hot...hope everyone's air conditioning worked to stay cool!

Cape Cod MA and CT Airstream Club had a combined rally at the Pastures Campground in Orford, NH. We met new friends and caught up with old friends. As always for the past nine years, it was another enjoyable time. Thank you to

Get ready for the 68th Airstream Club Int'l rally August 23-28, 2025 in York, PA! See you there.

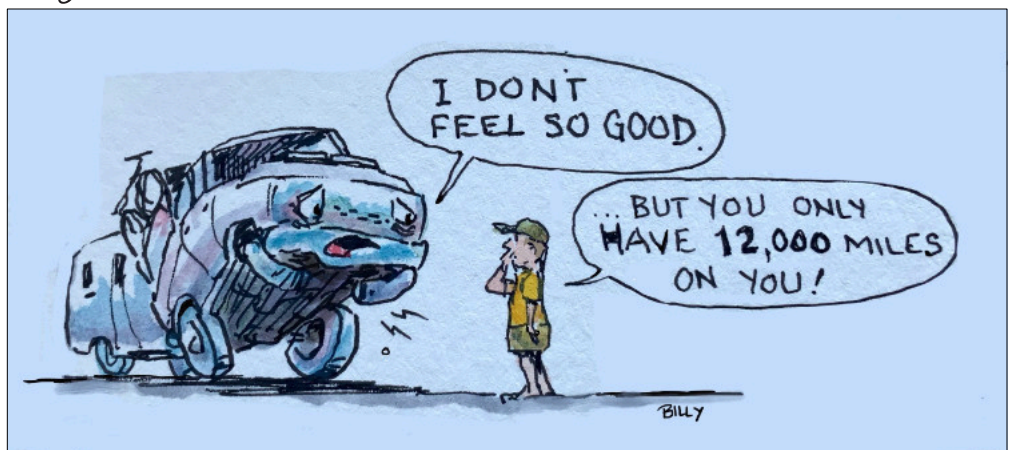
The young man came running into the store and said to his friend, Joe, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot. Joe replied, did you see who it was? He said, I couldn't tell, but I got the license number.

As the airplane reached cruising altitude, the captain calmly welcomed the passengers. The weather ahead looks good, so sit back, relax and...Oh, My God! Silence followed. A few tense moments later, the captain returned to the intercom: Apologies for the scare. While I was talking, a flight attendant accidentally spilled a cup of hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants! One of the passengers shouted, For goodness sake man...you should see the back of mine!!

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Fortunately, after many phone calls to various dealerships, the closest one in Springfield Vermont could take it and look at it the following Monday. We also found a wonderful campground in Springfield who could also take us in spite of the weekend. I would highly recommend Tree Farm Campground - great people, lovely sites with hiking trails throughout and adjacent to a state park with plenty of water features for the dogs. The hardest part was getting a tow on Friday afternoon, but we managed to find someone. The dealer gave us a loaner truck which had a hitch (bonus!) so we only had get the truck towed and we were only 12 miles from the campground.



The truck and Airstream are back home and hopefully the problem is behind us and I am grateful for the kind people at Tree Farm and Springfield GMC who helped us. Despite us being completely frustrated with needing the repair (trucks should not have transmission issues at 12,000 miles), things worked out as best that they could.

We are looking forward to the International Rally later in August as well as the Region 1 Rally in September. For those of you attending International, the club will be hosting a breakfast on Tuesday August 26th. Be on the lookout for a jot form indicating your attendance for the breakfast as well as if there are any dietary restrictions so we can get the food order ready. We are supporting a local small business caterer/restaurant who are more than happy to help us out.

Safe travels and see many of you at International in York! ~ Julie

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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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Smile along with George Carlin ...

- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
- Age is a hell of a price to pay for wisdom.
- Some people have no idea what they're doing, and a lot of them are really good at it.
- If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea...does that mean that 1 enjoys it?
- I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
- Life is not measured by the breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breaths away.
- Everyone smiles in the same language. ~ George Carlin

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Joyce Rousseau in the Pasture soaking her feet after a downpour.

A man walks into a pharmacy and asks an assistant if she can give him something for the hiccups.

The Assistant promptly reaches out and slaps the mans face.

"What did you do that for?" the man asks.

"Well, you don't have the hiccups anymore do you?" says the assistant.

The man replies "No, but my wife does, and she's outside in the car."

What did you think?

Courts. All of the others are anagrams of each other.

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SWEATER WEATHER RALLY

October 3-5, 2025

Travelers Woods of New England, Bernardston, MA



Dig out those warm cozy sweaters. October could be cool but we are hearty Airstreamers. Join your hosts Michael & Sandy Sasuta for a fun weekend including the Fall Business Meeting and installation of officers. The campground is pet friendly with dogs on leashes but away from food areas.

FRIDAY

2:00 p.m. - Campground check-in. All units must stop at the office to sign in, receive vehicle pass, campground rules and show your pets vaccination certificate. Early arrivals/late departures to be coordinated directly with Travelers Woods 413-648-9105

5:30 p.m. - Meet & greet with heavy appetizers (bring something to share) Bring your own plates, utensils & drinks to all meals. Dessert provided and a campfire, weather permitting.

SATURDAY

8:00 to 9:00 a.m. - Pancake & sausage breakfast with coffee/tea/juice

9:15 a.m. - Club meeting and installation of officers. Afternoon for touring the area.

5:00 p.m. - Social hour with your own drinks, pretzels provided for munching.

6:00 p.m. - Meatball subs and salad provided along with dessert. Campfire, weather permitting.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast sandwich

Campground check-out time by 1:00 p.m.

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 the CT Jotform below.

Click here to reserve your site and join the rally.
Send a check or pay online.

SIGN UP



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 3/4 mile on the left, just past the overpass.

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Special offer for WBCCI members - You can Rally Hop from International to Alumapalooza in Jackson Center, Ohio.

**Pre-register for Alumapalooza and get
Early Parking Free - a \$50.00 value.**

We start parking on August 29th, and will park over the weekend and through Labor Day.

For those of you that have not had the chance to attend, you should put this year's Alumapalooza on your list to attend. The normal dates are September 2, 2025, to September 7, 2025. There is an early parking option as well that lets you come in starting on Friday August 29th.

Each year is different, we try to keep it fresh. But there will be lots of learning opportunities from great presenters discussing many different facets of the RV lifestyle and tech. Airstream holds all Factory tour spots for us for that week, and we will have busing to move you from the campsite to the new plant.

We do music. We have an open mic so those among us that want the big stage can perform, and we bring in entertainment from near and far. One of our confirmed entertainers will be our trailer park friend Antsy McClain, we are still working on a Bluegrass band for our open night.

There will be food! We hold a Labor Day picnic for the early parked attendees, there is a WBCCI pizza party, We have the Chicken Lunch for charity, a free breakfast at the Legion Hall, an Airstream cookout, and a catered dinner.

We will have fun, you will learn sometime new, and you will make new lifelong friends.

Pricing is \$50.00 for early parking (fee waived if you let us know in advance that you have attended international). Finding campgrounds on the holiday weekend can be difficult.

One attendee in a trailer is \$450.00

Two attendees in a trailer is \$545.00

Additional adults are \$140.00 each

Kids under 16 are free

Begin your registration at www.alumapalooza.com and click on the registration button.

Forward your York receipt to info@randbevents.com for the free early parking.

The Alumapalooza team looks forward to seeing you in Ohio!

Brett Greiveldinger
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