



CTAC Club No: 25

Chatter

July 2025

<https://airstreamclub.org/charter-oak-connecticut>

Presidents Message

by Julie Steers



Julie at the Rox.

Greetings and happy July! As Billy tends to do near the end of every month--he looked at me this morning and said, "Wow, where did June go?" His comment reminded me of a quote in a book I just read: "The days are long but the years are short." Hmm...food for thought.

First, I would like to thank everyone who came to our "Streamin on the Rox" rally in June. Kathy Fuller offered (graciously) to write the Chatter article about the rally, so I won't steal her thunder. But Billy and I enjoyed co hosting with Glen and Christine Lessig. There were many happenings that weekend in our small town, and we were happy to be able to have our club participate. Before and after the event, I fielded questions from friends and neighbors about owning an Airstream They still make those - as well as questions about the club. I am proud to talk about both and those who stopped by to visit loved the fact that our group was so open, friendly and willing to share.

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What is special about these words:
job, polish, herb?

What do you call a group of trout.

Answers Page 10

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We're certain you'll enjoy your journey as you explore our store for your essential Airstream parts.

STREAMIN' ON THE ROX

June 13-15

by Kathy Fuller

The weather was overcast and a tad drizzly at times, but nobody cared! Julie and Billy Steers along with cohosts Christine and Glen Lessig picked a perfect weekend to enjoy a sampling of what the village of Roxbury had to offer. Our location in Munson Meadow was excellent as it enabled us to walk to the local market and other activities including a fund-raising Pop-up-Pub at the historic Hodge Library followed by an art show at one of the nearby churches. Maureen and Brian Hunter were two of several to enjoy both events. Joyce Rousseau was able to join us for supper on Friday during her break from preparing strawberries, biscuits and pies for her church's Strawberry Festival. Despite being very tired, Joyce was her usual happy self.



Bard Fuller, Sarah and Michael Giunta and Russ Fuller enjoying the Pop-Up-Pub.



Toni Nolder, Carol Dubrowski, Kathy Fuller and Kathy Kushman lining up at the Pop-Up.

A hot breakfast was cooked by Billy Steers, Glen Lessig and Russ Fuller, with assistance from Christine Lessig and Julie Steers. Several townspeople attended the 2-hour Airstream open house. After lunch many left for Saturday's main event, the Farm Crawl. Six farms participated. I have a new respect for organic produce after learning how labor intensive it is to farm. The produce was beautiful, and Carol Dubrowski did her best to keep that economy growing as she and Chris bought produce, home-made baked goods and other wholesome snacks. We also learned about the challenges of raising pigs, chickens and milk cows. The last stop on the Farm Crawl was at Mine Hill Distillery where craft spirits are created and sampled. We were captivated by how lovely the countryside is in the Roxbury area. Thank you, Toni Nolder, for offering to drive us and the Dubrowski's along the crawl so we didn't need to take our vans. The catered dinner on Saturday was capped by homemade rhubarb crisp with ice cream. Mmmm. Good! Campfires both nights were well attended and a good chance to get caught up.



Billy Steers, Chris Dubrowski, Russ Fuller and Glen Lessig always cooking something up.

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STREAMIN' ON THE ROX

June 13-15 *Continued*



Christine Lessig and Kathy Fuller stirring the pot.



Region One President Michael Giunta with Felix and Sarah.

Region 1 President Michael Giunta, his wife, Sarah and 5 ½ year old son, Felix attended as well. Felix made friends with everyone. Jason and Moe Pershinsky were also with us. It was a treat to see them again and to enjoy Moe's cooking. Dave Jensen arrived Saturday morning after experiencing 2 tire blowouts Friday evening enroute to the rally. He assures us that all is well after buying 4 new tires. New members Guy and Julia Ong came with their shiny 1972 Globe Trotter and dreams of travel. Kathy and Rich Kushman came with their van and tag-along that holds their recumbent bikes...let's face it folks there's only so much you can pack into a van! Rich received many thanks for his work with the Chatter and the new Connecticut Club directory which is now available. Informative conversations about the area were had with Ed and Cathy Racz, local friends of the Steers with an Airstream.



Felix flew his airplane onto the roof of Billy's and Julie's Airstream.



Russ Fuller to the rescue with a flick of a flag pole.



New member Guy Ong giving Gilles Rousseau a tour of Guy's and Julia's beautifully restored vintage Airstream.

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STREAMIN' ON THE ROX

June 13-15 *Continued*

Sunday morning's delicious pancake breakfast was followed by an update on the new Connecticut Airstream Club flags. First VP, Rhona Fuller brought us up to date on planned events for next year. There are a few opportunities left to host a gathering. It was emphasized that hosting an event is flexible and appreciated. Hosts have access to people to help them plan and execute. Just step up and make your intentions known to our officers!

Several in the group received an excellent tour of The Institute for American Indian Studies. Afterward, we hiked the dirt path to the railroad tunnel... a dark and slightly creepy place until you see the light at the end of the tunnel. Upon returning to the rally site Russ Fuller gave a Master's Class on how to breakdown the tents.

For everyone who was not boondocking at the Streamin' on the Rox Rally you missed a fabulous time. Thanks again to the Steers and Lessigs.



Jason Pershinsky and Billy Steers battle it out with an exciting game of Cornhole.



Kathy Fuller, farm crawling, is surrounded by what will soon be plump tomatoes.



Brian Hunter and Gilles Rousseau on the Farm Crawl.



Look real close - is that faint light at the end of the tunnel or a piece of dust on the lens?



The Rox crew touring The Institute for American Indian Studies.



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by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome

Patty & Tom Hannon **1704**

Milford, CT

Rich & Patty Marshall **23206**

Torrington, CT

As many have heard, we traded in our 31' Airstream for a 2023 27' International, and what an ordeal it was to empty it. After 23 years of use, we accumulated so much STUFF on wheels. It all comes down to this, empty your Airstream once a year and you may be surprised at what you will find. Because we returned home to CT so late, we found ducks swimming around on top of our pool cover. We hurriedly prepared for the Scusset Beach Rally which turned out to be a windy, great time. Thank you to **EDDIE & PAULA CARLL, COLE PIRELLI & KRISTYN PRIMO** and their helpers. (See pictures) It was so good to see everyone again after such a long winter.

Secret News: Airstream is making only 200 Frank Lloyd Wright Usonian Limited Edition 28' Travel Trailers and **DON & EILEEN ALLERS** are on the list to receive unit #43 with delivery expected in early 2026. We're very happy for them and can't wait to see it.

The next rally is at Pastures Campground, Orford, NH, co-hosted by Cape Cod and CTAC, July 10-13, 2025. Hope to see you there.

What sounds like a sneeze and is made out of leather....a shoe!

Do they allow loud laughing in Hawaii, or just a low ha.

Presidents Message

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Billy and I are not able to do any club events in July, but we will be busy. My brother and his wife are visiting with their 2018 25' Flying Cloud--named "Dirty Marie" after our grandmother--don't ask. Then Billy and I are headed to Vermont to Dog Mountain <https://www.dogmt.com/Dog-Mountain.html>--a 150 acre dog park with sculptures and a dog church. We will camp nearby. Then in late July, we will head to Block Island for a two night stay. No camper or dogs--just the bikes and minimal gear. We love the "Block" and try to make a trip there yearly if we can.

For August, I am excited about the International Rally in York, PA! We are planning to drive in with the club on Friday, August 22nd. Also as a club, we are planning to host a breakfast for our group. Details to follow.

At the International Rally, we will be able to show off our new name and new club logo in style! Thank you Billy, Rich Kushman and Russ Fuller for working on and finalizing the design. Thanks to all club members who participated in early feedback gathering and the final vote. Finally, I special thanks to Russ Fuller for his work setting up the opportunity to get club and personal flags with the new logo in time for the rally. (Rhona, I am certain you were involved as well).

Have a terrific July and safe travels! ~ Julie



Arizona Airstream Adventures

by **Chris Dubrowski**

After the International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri last fall, Carol and I continued driving our Airstream Interstate out to Arizona, where we have our winter home. This was the first time we took the van out west, and we were able to join the Arizona Airstream Club on several of their rallies.

Our first foray with the club was to Cattail Cove State Park, which is on the shore of Lake Havasu on the California border. This lake is a huge Colorado River reservoir, in the chain that includes Lake Mead and Lake Powell. There is a lot of nothing out there, miles upon miles of scrub desert, then this beautiful lake and state park. This rally theme was Old England, because nearby Lake Havasu City is the home of the transplanted London Bridge, which was brought there brick-by-brick from London in 1968 as a tourist attraction. Like our Connecticut club, the Arizona group has some great cooks, and the England theme gave us bangers and mash with peas, Scotch eggs, and a fish 'n chips dinner under London Bridge.

Our second rally was at Kartchner Caverns State Park. The campground is adjacent to the caverns, which opened to the public in 1999 after being kept secret for 14 years after discovery by two young explorers. The cavern tour was excellent, and we were impressed by the state's efforts to preserve the cave, which is still "alive" forming new structures and hosting bat colonies. The club also had a presentation from an astronomer from the University of Arizona about the "Dark Skies" efforts being made around the country, and that night he brought out his fancy gear and we looked at distant galaxies through crystal clear (and really dark) skies. We took a side trip to Tombstone, home of the OK Corral and other wild west tourist stuff. After the rally ended, Carol and I camped two nights in Bisbee, which is an old copper mining town down near the Mexico border. We enjoyed an underground mine tour and the charming downtown.



Carol Dubrowski Airstreaming the West.



Chris and Carol enjoying the magical western sky.

The last rally of the winter was at Homolovi State Park, in the high desert up north. There are some ancient Hopi pueblo ruins that we toured, and the group had a fascinating presentation by a Hopi pottery maker, who showed us the techniques passed down from her ancestors. We also had a group tour of the historic La Posada hotel in nearby Winslow. Of course, while in Winslow, Arizona, you have to go "standin' on the corner" made famous by the Eagles; there is a statue of Glen Frey and a Flatbed Ford for us tourists to photograph.

Like our Connecticut club, the Arizona Airstream Club is full of very interesting people that love camping and exploring. We got some good ideas and suggestions from them and look forward to joining them again this winter.

Scusset Beach Rally by the Bay

by **Chris Dubrowski**

The Cape Cod unit hosted a great rally June 19-22 at Scusset Beach. There were 35 gleaming Airstreams boondocking in the safari field, and about 12 of those were from our Connecticut club. Lots of familiar faces and conversations with our friends. We enjoyed the first really perfect weekend weather of the season, so Scusset beach was mobbed, as was, based on the traffic, the whole Cape. We all had fun experiencing the local attractions and restaurants, and many were able to get out and walk or cycle on the Cape Cod Canal. The rally hosts, Eddie and Paula Carll, Cole Pirelli and Kristyn Primo arranged for a terrific lobster clambake on Saturday night at the pavilion. While it was really hot inland, our beach weather was just right for boondocking, breezy and not too warm during the day but cool and pleasant for our campfires and for sleeping.



Boondocking on the Cape Cod Canal.



I wasn't sure whether to include this picture from the visitor center or knot.



Having piloted her own craft Toni Nolder took water safety very seriously.



Big thank you to Paula and Eddie Carll and all the people who provided a wonderful rally.



At the visitor center Toni Nolder and Rich Kushman are watching a live display of marine traffic world wide demonstrated. You can start tracking Amazon in China??



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Scusset Beach Rally by the Bay



Michael Sasuta, Gilles Rousseau, Brian & Maureen Hunter, Mike & Cindy Brodeur, Toni Nolder and Joyce Rousseau.



Brian and Maureen Hunter provided a neat gas fire pit that gently warmed a group of CTAC Airstreamers.



Maureen Hunter, Patty Hannon, Jim & Stacy Reck, Tom Hannon and Brian Hunter all enjoying Massachusetts Lobstah.



Nice weather and good food brought out great smiles from Trevor, Gale and granddaughter Hannah Lake.



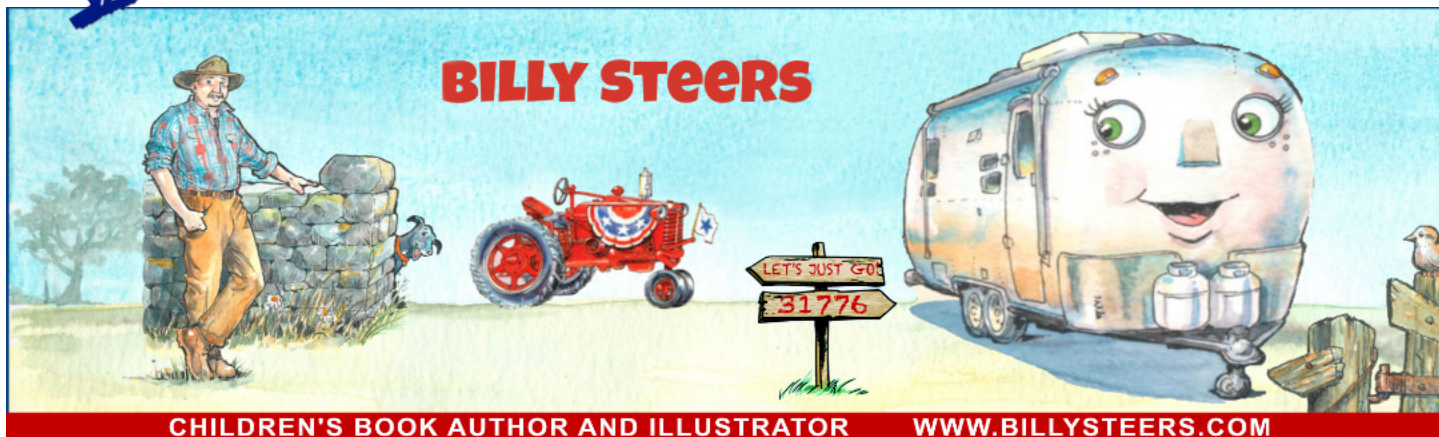
Joyce encouraged Gilles to go...have fun.



Eddie and Paula Carl led us to a very important spot and yes, Kathy says "Delicious".



The north canal trail is 14 miles round trip and enjoyed 3 times by Kathy and Rich Kushman on their Catrikes.



CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

WWW.BILLYSTEERS.COM

STREAM LINES by Billy Steers

"DO YOU HAVE TO EMPTY YOUR GREY WATER
TANK OR YOUR BLACK WATER TANK?"



How to spot a camping family

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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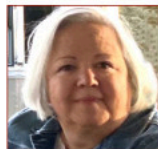
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Take it easy ...

Chris Dubrowski's article on page 6 mentions visiting Winslow, Arizona and "standin on the corner". Kathleen and I were there in 2014 and did some "standin." I asked Chris if it still looks the same as the pictures you see here and he confirmed that it pretty much does - so I thought it would be fun to show the Hollywood style much visited attraction from both sides.

Two good reasons to visit Winslow: The Signature Soup at the La Posada Hotel Turquoise Room is delicious and you can - "take it eeeasy, ooh, ooh, ooh". ~ Ed.

The Eagles are one of the world's best-selling bands of all time, having sold more than 150 million records.

What did you think?

They are pronounced differently when the first letter is capitalized.

A Hover.

Well, I'm a-standin' on a corner in Winslow, Arizona
And such a fine sight to see
It's a girl, my Lord, in a flat-bed Ford
Slowin' down to take a look at me
Come on, baby, don't say maybe
I gotta know if your sweet love is gonna save me ...

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Pastures Campground Rally

499 NH Rte. 10, Orford, NH 03777

July 10- 13, 2025

Co-Hosted by Cape Cod and Connecticut Airstream Clubs
Celebrate “Christmas in July”, with Campground friends bring those Christmas decoration to dress up your trailer!

Enjoy.....

- ✧ Bring those Christmas decorations!!
- ✧ Joining in with the campground Christmas decorating of your trailer
 - ✧ Joint Club and Campground Residents Barbeque.
 - ✧ Kayak and Pontoon Boat rental are available.
- ✧ 6 pm Friday evening: Baked Potatoes with all the fixings.
 - ✧ 8 am Saturday Potluck Breakfast
- ✧ 5 pm Joint Summer Barbeque with Pastures Summer Folks (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Corn) co-hosted by Kim and Doug Robinson you might bring your favorite summer desert. 8 pm Campfire
 - ✧ 8 am Sunday Continental Breakfast. Cleanout your fridge dinner if you stay Sunday Night
 - ✧ Coffee will be provided each morning



Here is the Jotform link for sign up

<https://form.jotform.com/250714567597065>

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The Taste of NY and New England



Sponsored by Finger Lakes Airstream Club, Region 1 and PA (Penn Wood) Airstream Club

Date: July 31st 2025 to August 4th 2025

Region 1 Host: Michael and Sarah Giunta

Michael's Cell: 845-518-7567

Email: mgiuntanh@gmail.com

Site; TBD

Address/ Information:

Sampson State Park

6096 State Route 96a, Romulus, NY 14541-9730

Office: [\(315\) 585-6392](tel:3155856392)

Campground Contact: N/A

Hookups: Yes 30amp Electricity Only

Dump Station: Yes, 6 spots

Water: around the campground

Pet Friendly: A maximum of two pets are allowed in campsites and day use areas unless prohibited by sign or directive. Pets are to be supervised at all times and either be crated or on a leash not more than 6-feet in length. Proof of rabies inoculation shall be produced if requested by staff. Pets are not permitted in playgrounds, buildings, golf courses, boardwalks, pools and spray-grounds or guarded beaches (this does not apply to service animals).

Website:

<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/154/details.aspx>

Start Date for Reservation: Coming soon

Last Date for Reservation: TBD

Encompassing just over 2000 acres on the eastern shore of Seneca Lake, Sampson State Park features camping and boating as the primary recreational activities. The park has 243 electric campsites. The newly remodeled marina has 96 boat slips, a large multiple launch site and gas pumps. A key feature of the park is the beautiful view of the lake at its center, and the most picturesque sunsets in the Finger Lakes Region. Activities include tennis, horseshoes, basketball and volleyball, a sandy beach with guarded swimming, playgrounds, and a scenic lake trail. Other popular activities include fishing, hunting, biking, hiking, local golf, geocaching, and wildlife viewing and photography.

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The Taste of NY and New England

Agenda:



Thursday July 31st:

-Arrive, Relax and Meet some new friends at the evening GAM

Friday August 1st

-Evening BBQ Dinner and Gathering

-Optional Wine tour bus Excursion.

Saturday August 2nd

-The Taste of NY, (wine and charcuterie) and the Taste of New England Clam Bake

- Enjoy an Evening with Live Music

Sunday August 3rd

-Continental Breakfast, Sponsored by Skymed

-Group Dinner, Bring your Signature Summer Dish

Monday August 4th

-Depart... Safe Travels

Below is a list of various sites and recommendations:

Local Food:

Ports Café, 4432 W Lake Rd, Geneva, NY 14456

<https://portscafe.com/>

Red Brick Pub Kitchen & Cocktails, 57 Fall St, Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Local Beer and Wine:

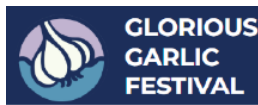


WINE & FOOD THINGS TO DO PLACES TO STAY PLAN

<https://www.fingerlakeswinecountry.com/>

****Tons of information on this website about food and wine****

Activities/ Events:



<https://gloriousgarlicfestival.com/>

Geneva, NY. Dates posted on website

*****The campground has a boat launch so you can bring your kayak, SUP, or Canoe.*****

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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.

Join us

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

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