



Chatter

November 2025

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President's Message

by Rhona Fuller



Rhona with Cosmo

Hello from sunny but cool, Travelers Rest. Russ and I had a wonderful trip down to our winter retreat stopping in a few places on the way down. We had one night at the Transportation Experience Museum in Hershey which is a Harvest Host. Then onto Virginia to a courtesy parking with Peter and Elisabeth West, who had a beautiful home on top of a mountain, with spectacular views. He was a "Fire Buff" and had a lot of knowledge about Buffalo built fire trucks. He and Russ had a long conversation on this and enjoyed seeing his two restored fire engines. Then on to North Carolina and stayed two nights at a former student of Russ's from Berlin High School. Sarah was a student in his fire science class and went on to become an investigator Special Agent for Arson and Major Crimes for the NCSBI, she has an awesome job and is raising a beautiful family. We stopped to see our nieces in NC as well. Then we called Gail Downing in South Carolina, she had us stay at their home village campground and had a wonderful hot supper of lasagna.

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What Do You Think?

What word has kst in the middle, in the beginning, and at the end?

What is an accountant's favorite number?

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Gifts for your favorite Airstreamer

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Finally onto TR only to find our house had partial power. So, we improvised, and half camped, and half lived in our home, sort of a fancy cabana. That first evening we had another wonderful lasagna dinner here at TR at Ken and Pam's home. Our wiring problems have now been solved four days later after having a new service entry wire buried in our back yard. Now we are in our home like normal and the trailer is awaiting our first Florida rally this winter.

We have seen several of our CTAC members here and can't wait to get together with the rest of our snowbirds as they arrive. Dave Jensen has been doing a lot to finalize the Bison Rally it sounds like a lot of fun, thanks Dave. We will be home for Thanksgiving to be with family and stay to celebrate the holidays at CTAC's Holiday Party at Don and Eileen's on 12-20-25. Then back down to our sunshine home.

Russ and I want to wish all our friends near and far a wonderful and safe holiday season and look forward to another amazing New Year of camping. See you down the road. Rhona proud President of CTAC.



by **Sandy Sasuta**

Hope everyone is enjoying the fall colors; we are enjoying seeing the palm trees swaying in the warm breezes here in Florida.

Sending another great big "welcome" to **RUI & MEREDITH DeSOSA** who were previously our Members at Large, and now have become our regular members. Glad to have you.

Congratulations to **TREVOR & GALE LAKE** on the purchase of a home at Travelers Rest in Dade City, FL, which now makes approximately 16 CTAC couples here. We welcome any visitors during the winter season.

Don't forget to pay your 2026 dues on line.

Thank you to the **ALLER'S** for hosting the upcoming Holiday Party on December 20, 2025. (See Flier)

On our way to church, we asked our grandson why it's important to be quiet when we arrive. He said, because there are people sleeping! As the ushers passed around the offering plate, he said loudly, don't pay for me grandpa, I'm under five.

Airstream Club Int'l 5-year Anniversary Stars:

Rick & Beth Petrie - 20 years

Sally Kerr - 10 years

Ken & Maria Volpe - 10 years

Julie & Billy Steers received their first star - 5 years

Mike & Cyndi Brodeur - 5 years

Long-time Membership:

Michael & Sandy Sasuta - 41 years

Bard & Kathy Fuller - 39 years

Russ & Rhona Fuller - 38 years

Ted & Lois Price - 37 years

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by Kathy Fuller

A week after the closing ceremony at York the Quebec (and Maritime) Airstream Club opened the flood gates to 130+ Airstreams eager to have a good time. Parking was a challenge for the rally crew as so many Airstreams arrived at the same time including the Meandering the Maritimes caravan. Fortunately, the weather was warm with a slight ocean breeze. The weather helped the crowd stay friendly as the food truck made over 220 fish and chip dinners. The two men worked hard to get the meals out and stayed friendly despite some complaints about the long wait. The meal was worth the wait.



Picturesque Peggy's Cove, NS.



Crossing the Penobscot Narrows Bridge with our traveling partners the Freys.



Fields of Airstreams



Hopewell Rocks in New Brunswick.

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Opening Ceremony was in French and English. CTAC President Julie Steers carried our flag and looked “tres beau” in her blue beret. Region 1 President Michael Giunta welcomed all, shared his respect and friendship with Dale “Pee Wee” Schamborn, and acknowledged the dedication and hard work that the members of the Quebec (and Maritime) Club exhibited to host this 70th anniversary of the Airstream Club. The entertainment was provided by a bagpiper and two Highland dancers. Let the reader know that the majority of the Quebec club drove two-three days to get to the rally site and then proceeded to run the rally, which included preparing two of the three suppers from scratch! Delicious grilled pork tenderloin and authentic French seafood chowder with scallops, crab, lobster and shrimp were tres bon. After the day’s hard work several of the crew were on the dance floor Thursday and Friday night. Music Thursday night was provided by the QAC’s very own band called the “J-Strings”. Not to be confused with G-Strings (French joke).



Opening Ceremonies with all its pomp and circumstance



Quebec Club members entertain with their own rock band



Any event in Nova Scotia needs a bagpiper

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Opportunities for entertainment included a bus trip to the Kentville, Nova Scotia, site where the club originated 70 years ago with the help of Dale "Pee Wee" Schamborn's mother, Helen, who was Wally Byam's cousin. There were also two buses taking folks for a sail on the iconic Bluenose schooner out of Lunenburg. The raffle included a painting by renowned Airstream artist Michael Lambert, who was also in attendance at the rally. Let's not forget how entertaining it was to trade stories with old friends and meet new ones.

A few closing thoughts. The wildfires in Annapolis Valley did not impact the success of the rally. Helicopters flew overhead frequently carrying water. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are natural beauties that reward us with tranquility even when driving. My French was never good in high school either. Au revoir! Kathy Fuller



Dale "Pee-Wee" Schamborn talks about the club's founding on location in Kentville, NS



Billy and Julie Steers



A little fun from Billy's note pad.



Bard and Kathy Fuller among friends!

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Affiliate member Dick Wheatley and partner Janet enjoy the Blue Nose excursion



Glen and Christine Lessig



Affiliate members Per and Lilli Hamnqvist sailing out of Lunenburg, NS



Dave Morrison and partner Jane



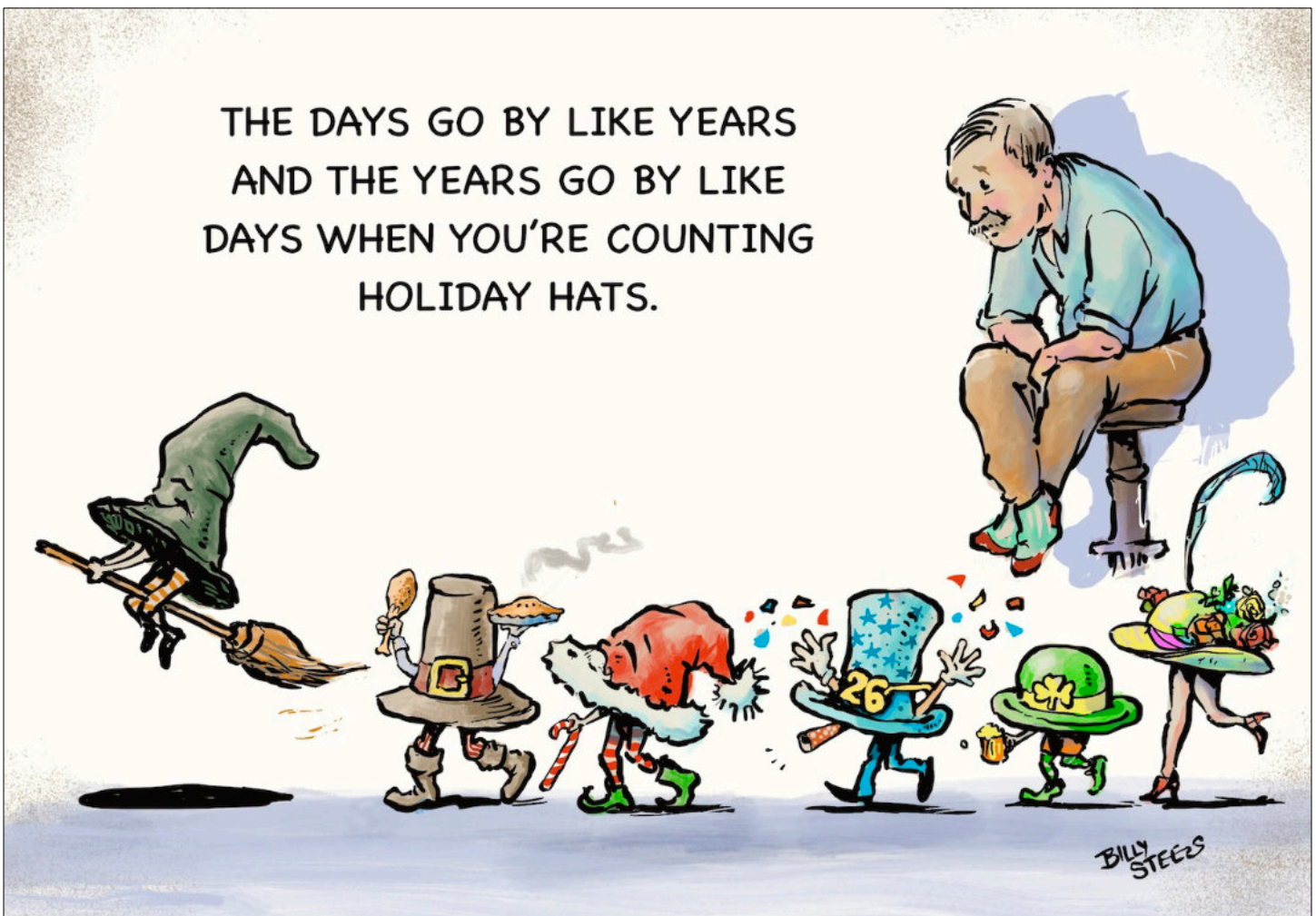
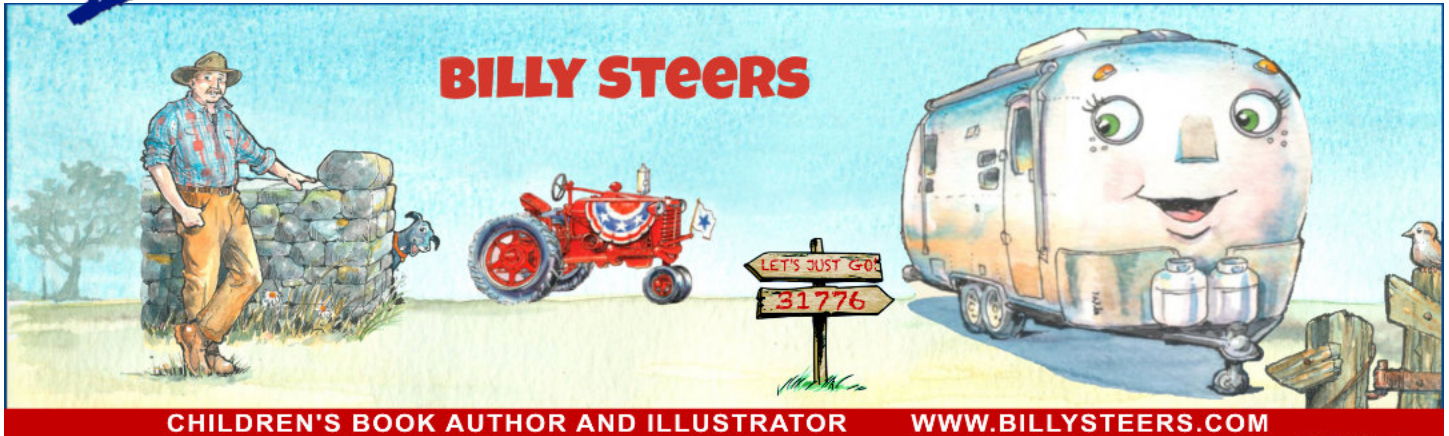
Mark and Deni Van der Voort

Bagpipes a long-standing tradition

The old saying, you either love them or hate them, is often said of the bagpipes. This isn't true, or, not quite true anyway. In the 70-plus years I've been playing the pipes, there's been little to no negativity. Although there was one dear older lady in a local chain store who scrunched herself up, held her ears and rapidly retreated when I struck up the pipes.

The bagpipes are historic, meaning that in one way or another, they've been part and parcel of the military story worldwide for countless generations.

From: "Historically speaking with ed coleman" - [read more here.](#)



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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HOLIDAY PARTY

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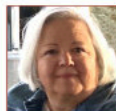
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CTAC 2026 Activity Calendar

December 20, 2025	"CTAC Holiday Party" Wilton CT (Allers)	See Flier
Feb 8, 2026	"Soup-R-Bowl South" Citrus TR Dade City FL (Sasuta) "Soup-R-Bowl North" Brooklyn CT (Jensen)	
March 15, 2026	"St Patrick's Day Lunch North" Southbury CT (Rousseau) "St Patrick's Day Lunch South" Citrus TR Dade City FL (R Fuller)	
April 24-26, 2026	"Connecticut Antique Machinery Association CAMA - Spring Power Up" Boondocking Rendezvous - Kent CT (Watts Jr)	
May 8-10, 2026	"Bison Farm Boondocking Rally" Brooklyn CT (Jensen)	
May 15-17, 2026	"Newbie Get to Know You and Your Rig Rally" Oak Haven CG Brimfield (R Fuller, Carll) w/CCMAC (water and 30amp electric - 20 sites, extra night is available before rally)	
May 29-31, 2026	"Spring Meeting Rally" Charlie Brown CG Eastford, CT (Lessig, Dubrowski) (water and electric 30/50a)	
June 11-14, 2026	"Scusset Beach State Park" Scusset MA (Reg 1 - Carll)	
June 19-21, 2026	"Let's Be Kids Again Buddy Rally" bring the grand kids as well as your non-Airstream friends Lake Compounce Amusement Park BUDDY Rally (Jensen) (water and 30amp electric)	
July 9-14, 2026	"Airstreams at the Jersey Shore" Rally JSH CG Cape May Courthouse, NJ (R Fuller) (water and 30amp electric - 12 sites max)	
July 16-20, 2026	"Christmas in July - Where it Never Rains Pastures CG Rally" Orford, NH (R Fuller, Carll) w/CCMAC (water and 30a electric 24 sites)	
July 30- Aug 3, 2026	"Reg 1 & Reg 2 Joint Rally" Sampson State Park NY (Region 1)	
Aug 21-23, 2026	"Country Fair Rally" Roxbury CT (close to the Bridgewater Country Fair) (Steers) (Boondocking)	
Aug 22-27, 2026	"ACI International Rally" Minot, ND	
Sept 9-13, 2026	"Region 1 Rally" - Gunstock Resort NH (Region 1)	
Sept 18-20, 2026	Fall Rendezvous or Rally TBD (looking for a place and a host or two - contact rcfbf@att.net to volunteer)	
Oct 2-4, 2026	"Sweater Weather Fall Meeting Rally" Travelers Woods CG Bernardston, MA (Rousseau, Brodeur) (water and 30amp electric)	



Host a Rally or a Rendezvous - Make it Fun - Make it New - Do it Your Way

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A possibly true story from Nova Scotia...

The day after his wife disappeared in a kayaking accident in the Bay Of Fundy, Nova Scotia, a man answered his door to find two grim-faced Mounties. "We know it's late, sir, but we have some information about your wife," said one of the Mounties.

"Tell me! Did you find her?" the husband shouted.

The Mounties looked at each other. One said,

"We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news.. Which do you want to hear first?"

Fearing the worst, the ashen husband said "Give me the bad news first."

The second Mountie said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but this morning we found your wife's body in the bay." "Oh my God!" exclaimed the husband. Swallowing hard, he asked, "What's the good news?"

The Mountie continued, "When we pulled her up, she had 6 twenty-five pound snow crabs and 12 good-size lobsters clinging to her."

Stunned, the husband demanded, "If that's the good news, what's the great news???"

The Mountie answered, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow."

Try to find a hidden heart.

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Connecticut Airstream Club ~~1972~~ Holiday Party 2025



Saturday, December 20
Noon - 3pm
At the Allers Home in Wilton, CT

Main dish and beverages provided by host.
Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

RSVP Online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/253045242459153>

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What you can expect:

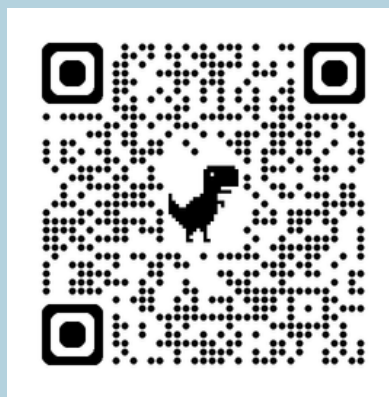
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites with butler service.
- Great pre-cruise group options include additional 3 nights on Ravel, tours to Normandy or Champagne region. Post cruise is an optional group trip to Paris.



July 15-22, 2026

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<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>