



Chatter

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President's Message

by Rhona Fuller



Russ and Rhona enjoying the Springs in Florida.

Hi everyone, from a very unusually cold Florida. We have used the heat more than the air conditioner and worn more long sleeve sweaters than T shirts. We even had SNOW FLURRIES...I think Mother Nature is menopauseing.

It is with great sadness that I let you know that Lois Price, wife of Ted Price, passed away at the end of last month. She and Ted were long time CTAC members. Her very dry sense of humor, usually at Teds expense, will be sorely missed. Ted is in an assisted living home here in Florida. We also have some of our other members that are having medical issues and I ask that you keep Michael Sasuta and Michael Brodner in your prayers.

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How To Take a Winter Camping Trip in a Travel Trailer



Eight tips and tricks for getting the most out of your travel trailer during winter.

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What Do You Think?

When does $11 + 3 = 2$?

Ten copycats were sitting on a boat when one jumped out. How many were left?

I have two coins equaling fifteen cents. One of them is not a nickel, so what are the two coins?

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Vintage Airstream

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We had a wonderful CTAC send off for Gail and Wiley Downing on February 20th as they have sold their home here in Travelers Rest. It was hard to keep a secret from them but when they saw all their friends that had gathered to see them off, it was brilliant. Many thanks to all that participated in making sure it was a success.

We had a wonderful turnout for our Souper Bowl get together. Many wonderful soups and desserts, oh my Lord, they were amazing and plentiful, no one left hungry. Thank you to Michael and Sandy Sasuta and Kathy and Rich Kushman for hosting this event. I would also like to thank Dave Jenson who hosted the Connecticut CTAC Souper Bowl at his home, and all the brave souls that braved the cold and snowy weather to be there. Hopefully we have some photos of the day.

Russ and I have been busy revamping the kitchen, all new cabinets and backsplash, next is bringing in the washer and dryer into the house. It's in the shed right now and is very hard to get to with all his tools over it.

I am involved with watercolors, line dancing, quilling and enjoying the Sunday night entertainment. I am working as a teller for the upcoming election here at TR. We enjoyed hosting a large happy hour at our home with many CTAC members in attendance. Porch time when warm enough often has conversation about the UConn Huskey basketball teams, as Kathy Kushman is a diehard fan as well.

Russ is very involved and running The Snack Shack here in TR. He has brought in new menu items, and they have been very well received by everyone. People who know Russ, knows that he loves to be cooking and to be around food, trying new recipes. I tease him by telling him I am a product of his cooking.



Photos submitted by Rhona Fuller

One of the glass bottom boats at Silver Springs.

thank all our members for making this club so special. We are a group that loves to camp who welcomes new and old friends with open arms. We support each other and step in and volunteer when needed. You are the best, and I am proud to represent you. See you down the road

Rhona, CTAC President.

We have ventured out a couple of times, we went to Silver Springs to see the manatees, alligators, all kind of birds and yes, monkeys. We went on a glass bottom boat which was amazing to see all their different grasses, fish and see the manatees with their babies up close.

We also went to a fish fry at the local Elks Lodge here in Zephyrhills. I kid you not, it was the best fish and chips (French fries) I have had since I came over here in the '60s. They also had yummy malt so we are going again this week.

As I end this letter, I want to



Manatees resting on the bottom.



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome

Craig & Carrie Carter **1891** - Madison, CT
Michael & Sarah Giunta **283 & 1963** - Auburn, NH

February...may the remainder of this month be good to us all. Think Spring, it's just around the... mountain of snow.

We've had some sad news and are sending our sincere condolences to **CLIFFORD HOLENSWORTH** on the passing of his mother Maria at the age of 95. Also sending our heartfelt sympathy to **TED PRICE** on the passing of his wife Lois at the age of 94. She served as the Club's president in 2004 and many knew her as being very witty and funny, writing many clever poems in years past. It has come to our attention that **CYNTHIA RICHARD** passed in December. Her husband, Raymond Richard, Club president in 2009 and Region One President, passed in January 2023. All of them will always be remembered.

We enjoyed seeing **HOWIE & MARI-JO JONES** visiting TR for two weeks, even though the weather was freezing.

Nice greetings from past members **BOB SANDALL, CHARLEY WILSON AND ROSE TAVARES**. We have exciting news from the **DUBROWSKIS** and **STEERS**, they will be grandparents! Can't wait. We were sad to see **WILEY & GAIL DOWNING** sell their home in Travelers Rest, so we gave them a surprise good-bye party. See photos. The annual Souper Bowl Sunday here in Travelers Rest turned out great with approximately 40 in attendance, 10 soups, breads & butter and a huge display of desserts. Thanks to all for making it a special time. My **MICHAEL** was in the hospital for a few days with a heart incident and procedure, now for the doctor's visits. **MICHAEL BRODEUR** is on the mend after a health issue. Sending get well wishes to both.



Rhona greets Gail and Wiley, surprise!

Bob went to the doctor as he was worried about his wife's temper always flaring up for no reason. The doctor said he had a cure for that. When your wife is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish & swish but don't swallow it until she either leaves the room or calms down. Two weeks later Bob comes back to the doctor looking refreshed and happy. He told the doctor that it really worked. How does a glass of water do that, he asked. The doctor says, the water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick.

Thanks to Rich Kushman, everyone should have received their 2026 digital CTAC Directory. Please send me your picture if it's not included in the directory; we only need **19** more pictures to make it 100%. We want to see your smiling faces. And thank you to everyone that renewed their membership. We encourage all to plan ahead and join us this camping season.

Note: There are updates, sometimes often, that are sent from ACI regarding our club membership. We will occasionally update the directory and post the most recent on the club website.

‘SOUPER BOWL’ TRADITION LIVES ON AT TR

by **Bob Curran**

Travelers Rest is rich with tradition and one of them has occurred on Super Bowl Sunday for more than 20 years.

It is known as the Souper Bowl Luncheon, hosted by and for the members of the Connecticut Airstream Club in Citrus West each Super Bowl Sunday.

The 2026 edition, once again organized by long-time TR Village residents Sandy and Mike Sasuta and Kathy and Rich Kushman, was held Sunday, Feb. 8 and attracted about 40 members and affiliate members of the Connecticut Airstream Club.

Not surprisingly, an informal poll held at the start of the festivities revealed that most attendees would be rooting for their beloved New England Patriots later in the day.

In fact, one attendee suggested that any Seattle Seahawks fan present should “go to the end of the food line.”

Actually, there were, as usual, two lines: one for soups and chowders (about 10 choices) and one for desserts (about 20 choices). Tablecloths were red and blue for the Patriots and blue and green for the Seahawks.



Mark and Marie Lupien with Marie's sister Louise Powers close behind leading the soup line.



Russ and Rhona with a hearty selection of soups in their "Souper Variety Tins".

The Souper Bowl Luncheon was conceived by the Sasutas and held for the first time on Feb. 4, 2007 in their home.

“It started with Mike and me preparing the meals but when it got too large, we changed the location and asked everyone to bring a soup,” Sandy Sasuta explained. “That happened for the 2013 Super Bowl and Kathy and Rich became co-hosts at that point.”

Members of the Connecticut Airstream Club who can't make it to TR don't feel left out because the club also hosts a Super Bowl Sunday luncheon in Connecticut.

For anyone who didn't watch or hear about the game, the Seahawks won 29-13.

Come rally with us and share your smile.

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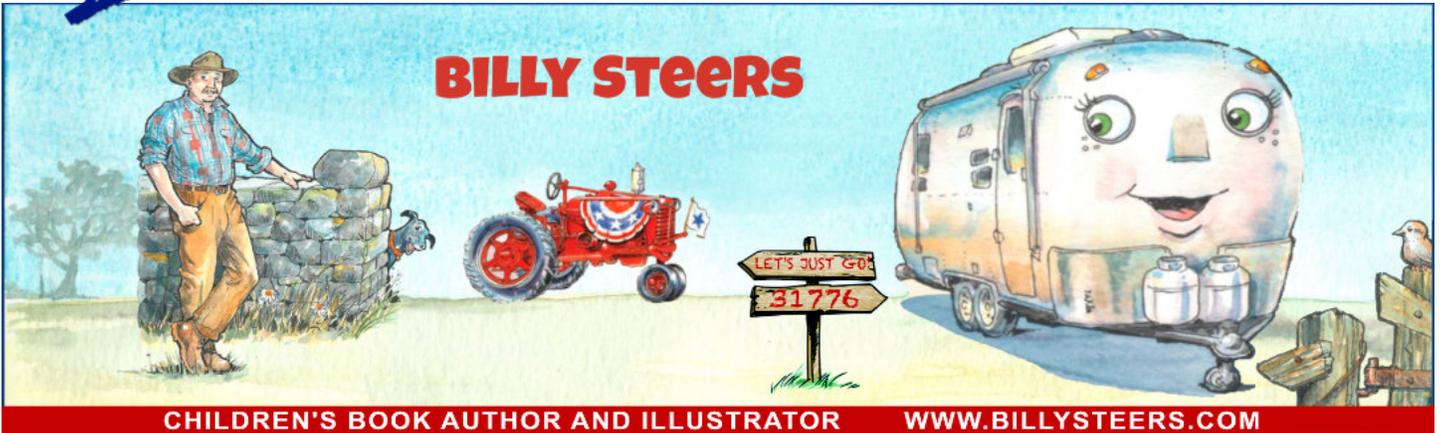
Connecticut Airstream Souper Bowlers and Guests

Photos by Sandy Sasuta



Susan Stahley, Louise Powers and Christine Lessig eyeing the dessert table.





STREAM LINES by Billy Steers

"IS THAT REALLY YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CTAC SOUPER-BOWL PARTY?"



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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CTAC 2026 Activity Calendar	
March 15, 2026	"St Patrick's Day Lunch North" Southbury CT (Rousseau)
March 15, 2026	"St Patrick's Day Lunch South" Citrus (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, Carl) w/CCMAC (water and 30amp electric - 20 sites, extra night is available before rally)
May 29-31, 2026	"Songs Around the Campfire 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 - Carl)
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, Carl) 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	"Fall Finale - Rally and Business/Installation Meeting" 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

Helpful LINKS

Connecticut Airstream Club	Airstream USA
Connecticut Club Supplies	Air Forums
Russ's Spring Checklist	AllStays Camping
Russ's Winterizing	Campsite Photos
Airstream Club International	Exits & Highways
Airstream Supply	Passport America
ACI Resource Center	Region One ACI
Blue Beret Magazine	Reserve America
CTAC on Facebook	RV Park Reviews
Courtesy Parking	State Park Guide
	Tin Can Tourists

On the tip of your tongue

1. Agog - Very eager or curious to hear or see something.
2. Bumfuzzle - To confuse or fluster.
3. Cacophony - A harsh, discordant mixture of sounds.
4. Callipygian - Having well-shaped buttocks.
5. Cattywampus - Askew or awry.
6. Collywobbles - A feeling of anxiety or an upset stomach.
7. Defenestration - The act of throwing someone out of a window.

What did you think?

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None. They were copycats so they all jumped out.

On a clock.

A dime and a nickel; one of them is not a nickel but one of them is.

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St. Patrick's Day Gathering

Sunday, March 15 - 1:00-4:00 pm

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 Wed., 3/11, using this link.

St. Patrick's **HAPPY**
DAY

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Calls will be made 3/15 to cancel if weather forecast is nasty.