



# Chatter

April 2026

<https://airstreamclub.org/connecticut>

## President's Message

by Rhona Fuller

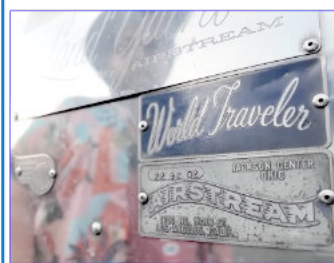


Hi everyone, I can't believe that the season here in Travelers Rest is coming to an end. The good news is our camping season back north is beginning and what a list trips we have this year. We start with the CAMA Rendezvous, which if you like antique engines its right up your alley. Then from a Bison Farm, a Newbie Rally and on to New Jersey to name a few. I think there is a bit of interest for everyone, watch more for information soon.

I do have one issue that i would like to bring up if you would all bear with me. It's about how we are signing up for our rallies. There is a jotform at the bottom of most flyers that are sent out to be used to reserve your reservation. This helps the hosts keep track of who is coming and what has been paid which is extremely important especially when a limited number of sights have been reserved. Using the Jotform insures you receive any rally discounts and will be included when there are inclusive activities as for example like the New Jersey event. So thank you for following the instructions when signing up.

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## This Airstream World Traveler Has a Secret History You Won't Believe...



RARE 1959 Airstream World Traveler Tour  
(22-Foot Double Axle Vintage Camper)

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## What Do You Think?

How to leave a casino with a small fortune?

Can you complete this grid of letters. Each line is a valid 5-letter word with its first and last letter missing.

The missing letters form a word when read downwards, and the same word appears both at the start and at the end.

What is the missing word?

	L	U	R	
	A	D	A	
	A	G	L	
	L	P	H	
	R	U	I	

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*Come rally with us and share your smile.*

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by **Sandy Sasuta**

## Welcome

Welcome back Steve Pestretto **2070**  
Granby, CT

Happy Spring! Hard to believe our active season at Travelers Rest in FL is ending soon. This means the Connecticut snowbirds will start their migration back North. Since TR has many volunteers for all of the various activities, we have been enjoying many end of the year appreciation parties. Thank you to RUSS & RHONA FULLER for hosting the St. Patrick's Day luncheon accompanied with festive Irish music. They provided the main food and the rest of us brought breads and desserts...what a great assortment!

CTAC members, family and friends recently enjoyed the annual Ladies Lunch at the Majestic Oaks Restaurant at the Brooksville Country Club.



Kathy Kushman, Rhona Fuller, Sandy Sasuta, Kathy Fuller, Linda McLean, Marabeth DeAngelis, Andrea Curran, Marie Lupien (seated), Dale McGoldrick, Susan Lejeune, Janet Stevens and Gale Lake

Sending get well wishes to **BETH PETRIE** who is recovering from a recent fall. So glad to see her back at home.

Sarah was 3 months pregnant when she fell into a deep coma and woke up after about 6 months. She asked the doctor about her baby.

Doctor: You had twins, a boy and a girl, both fine and your brother named them for you.

Sarah: No, no, not my brother, he is not capable. What did he name the girl?

Doctor: Denise.

Sarah: Oh, that's actually a nice name. What about the boy?

Doctor: (deeply sighs) Denephew.

Be sure to sign up for the upcoming rallies and Region 1 event, you'll have a great time.

## Presidents Message

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We had amazing and delicious North/South St. Patricks Day parties. The north was hosted by Joyce and Gilles Rousseu and the south by Russ and me. They were a great success, with lots of friends and lots of corned beef and cabbage and nobody went home hungry. Thank you Joyce and Gilles for hosting.

Russ has now finished his season with Snack Shack, he has been elected to manage it again for next season, which means more quiet time for me and my few projects. I just bought some new painting supplies.

Cosmo is still enjoying his golf cart rides in the evening and being the diva of the park, people know him more than then they know us.



A truly lovable Diva.



In Florida, Russ and Rhona Fuller cooked up a proper feast for St. Patrick's Day.

We are looking forward to our caravan, Cruzin' the Natchez Trace which we are co leading with Terry and Patty Brennan. We have many stops on the way including Tupelo Mussel Shoals, which is full of music history. Then on to Nashville, where we'll tour the Grand Ol Opry backstage, see a show and have dinner on a paddle boat. Russ and I will then meander home in time for our Spring Meeting at Charlie Brown Campground.

Hopefully you have all survived the unbelievable winter in the northeast and all the snow has gone, and your Airstreams are getting ready for the new season. Can't wait to see you all soon - see you down the road.



Gathered at Travelers Rest CTAC members and guests enjoy a delicious St. Pat's feast.

## Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh.

by Joyce Rousseau

The St. Paddy's Day get together by the Connecticut Airstream Club did not disappoint. The welcoming home of the Rousseau's was filled with lively chatter, the aroma of the many yummy Irish treats and warm hugs shared with all.



The whole group sharing the meal and much conversation!



What's Irish and sits outside all day and night? Paddy O'Furniture



What do you call a bulletproof Irishman? Rick O'Shea



Why don't you iron four-leaf clovers? You don't want to press your luck.

## Happy Saint Patrick's Day

### The CTAC Irish for a day northern attendees.

Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, Brian and Maureen Hunter, Howie and Mary Jo Jones, Dave Jensen, Moe and Jason Pershinsky, Steve Seitz and Hally Schoen, Billy and Julie Steers, Maria and Ken Volpe Bill and Evelyn Watts



Evie Watts relaxing with Dave Jensen



Ken and Maria Volpe with Gilles Rousseau

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## Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh.



Julie Steers, Moe and Jason Pershinsky and Brian Hunter



Maria Volpe, Hally Schoen, Gilles and Joyce Rousseau



Billy Watts - a happy "Irishman".

### Did you hear...

Paddy and Murphy are working on a building site.

Paddy says to Murphy, "I'm gonna' get the day off. I'm gonna' pretend I've gone mad!"

So Paddy climbs up the rafters, hangs upside down, and shouts "I'm a light bulb, I'm a light bulb!" while Murphy watches in amazement.

The foreman shouts, "Paddy, go home. You've gone mad."

As Paddy leaves the site, Murphy starts packing his kit up to leave as well.

"Where do you think you're going?" asks the foreman.

"Well, I can't work in the friggin' dark!" said Murphy.



Bill and Evelyn Watts enjoying hard to resist treats.



## Travelers Rest Resort Airstream Owner's Event

by **Bard Fuller**

Many of us Connecticut club members winter at Travelers Rest Resort in Dade City, FL. Airstreams have been coming here since the early 1970's. It was Jacob Busch who had the original vision of an all-Airstream park for the members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club, now known as Airstream Club International.

In February 1972 at a large rally in Sarasota, FL Jacob Busch presented his dream. Within two hours 180 rally participants had been inspired to purchase stock in such a campground, even though at the time it lacked organization and a location. Little did they know what time and finances would be involved let alone the "sweat equity" that would be needed. The Airstream campground dream was fulfilled under the direction of Airstream owner and Ohio farmer, Paul Ruth. He brought his personal tractor from Ohio and utilized his skills for much of the work that needed to be done. Hundreds of Airstream volunteers contributed to the fulfillment of the Airstream campground over the next decade.

What was created in the first fifteen years was simply amazing. Four hundred plus trailer pads, all with electric and water connections, fifty plus cabana sites, and nearly one hundred mobile home sites were developed. An infrastructure with a fresh water source and delivery system, roads, a sewer system, and a water treatment plant became part of the plan. Also included in this development was a nine-hole golf course, fire station, snack shack, activity rooms and a massive hall that could seat nearly three hundred people. Then there were activities. Did I say activities?! Today there are over one hundred organized activities that are nearly all run by volunteers.

During the decades that followed financial needs proved too much for Airstreamers to exclusively support. The park was eventually opened to other brands of RVs. The nature of Travelers Rest continued to evolve over time as some chose to bring in park models to replace travel trailers. What has not changed is the spirit of volunteerism and all those activities. Today many of the activities are run by Connecticut club members



Some of the Airstream volunteers gathered for this years dinner again spearheaded by Bard and Kathy Fuller.

## Travelers Rest Resort Airstream Owner's Event

Several years ago the Airstream community, here at TR, gathered to celebrate our common bonds which do include preserving the rich history of Airstreamers in the development of Travelers Rest Resort. What started as a luncheon has grown into a catered dinner with Airstream relevant programming. This winter our featured guest speaker was Kendall Felder, an officer from the International Club who spoke to over one hundred twenty participants about the relatively new ACI app that he created and released for club use. Also at this year's dinner was a program featuring the newest Airstream products as well as a pictorial history of Travelers Rest's early development.

Many thanks to all the volunteers that made this year's Airstream Community dinner a success. Thanks also go out to Clifford Holensworth, Region 1 Membership Chair, who captured all the photos for this event.



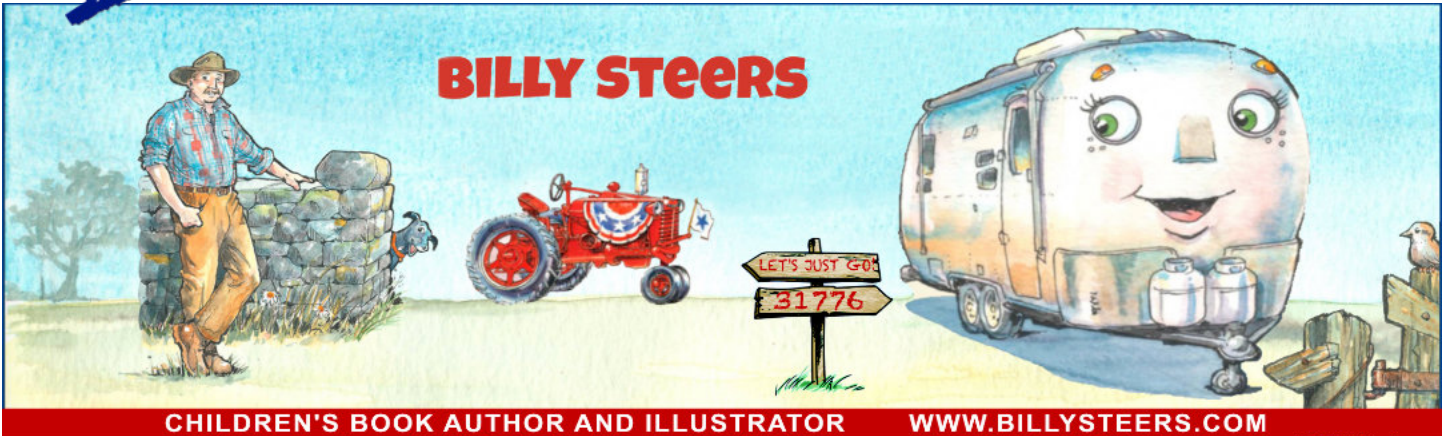
Kendall Felder's App Presentation.



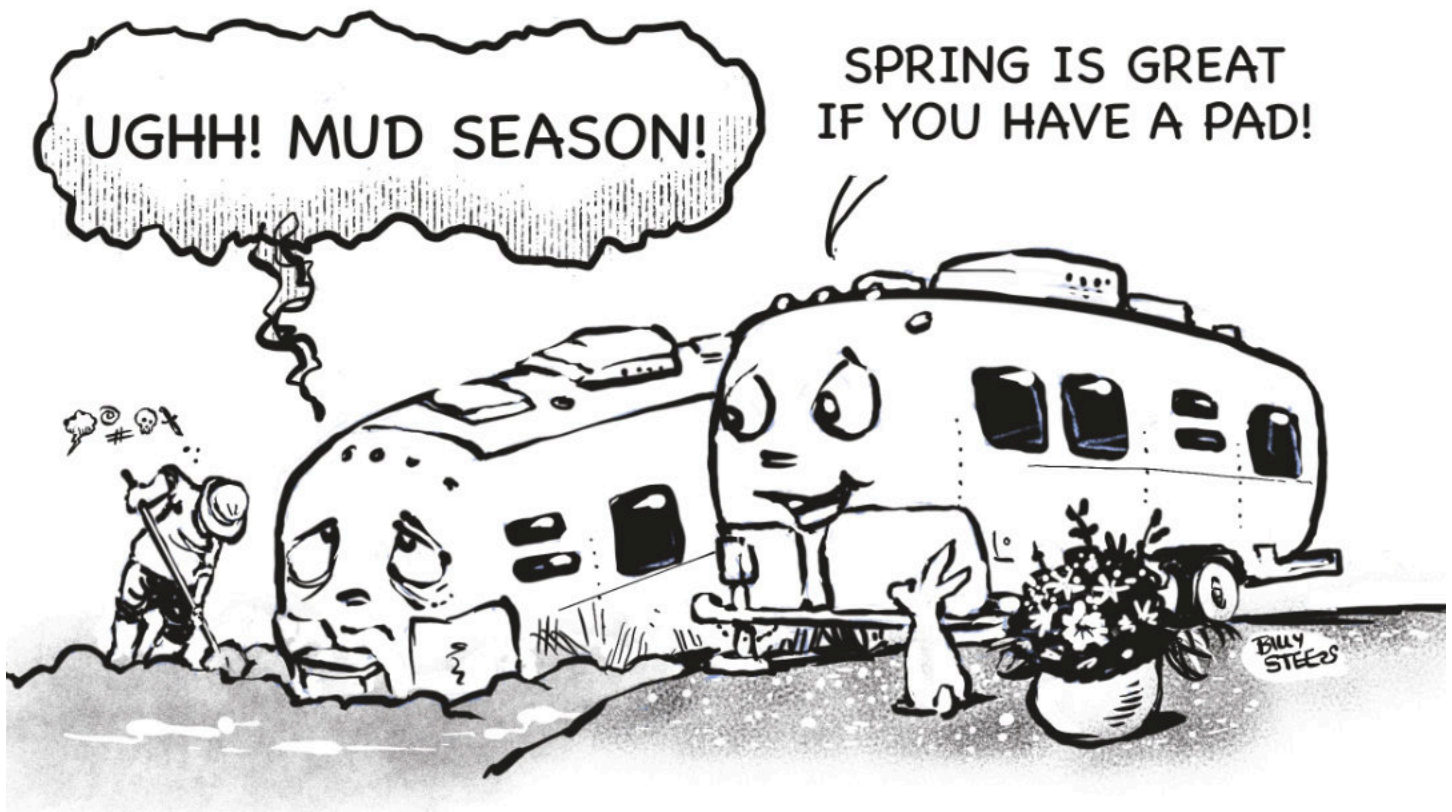
Russ Fuller & Dick Wheatley helped in Kitchen.



Bard's Airstream Product Power Point presentation narrated by Jamie and Joan Hyde.



**STREAM LINES** by Billy Steers



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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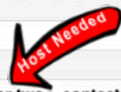
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### Executive Board

 <i>President</i> Rhona Fuller	 <i>Past President</i> Julie Steers	Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. - Sherry Anderson
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### CTAC Event Schedule 2026

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, Carlil) 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 – Carlil)
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, Carlil) 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)

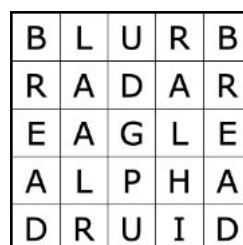


Host a Rally or a Rendezvous - Make it Fun - Make it New - Do it Your Way

## Helpful LINKS

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<a href="#">ACI Resource Center</a>	<a href="#">Region One ACI</a>
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	<a href="#">Tin Can Tourists</a>

A backward poet writes inverse.  
 In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.  
 If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.  
 Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.  
 Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'  
 Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.



Rest Room Sign

What did you think?

You go in with a large fortune.

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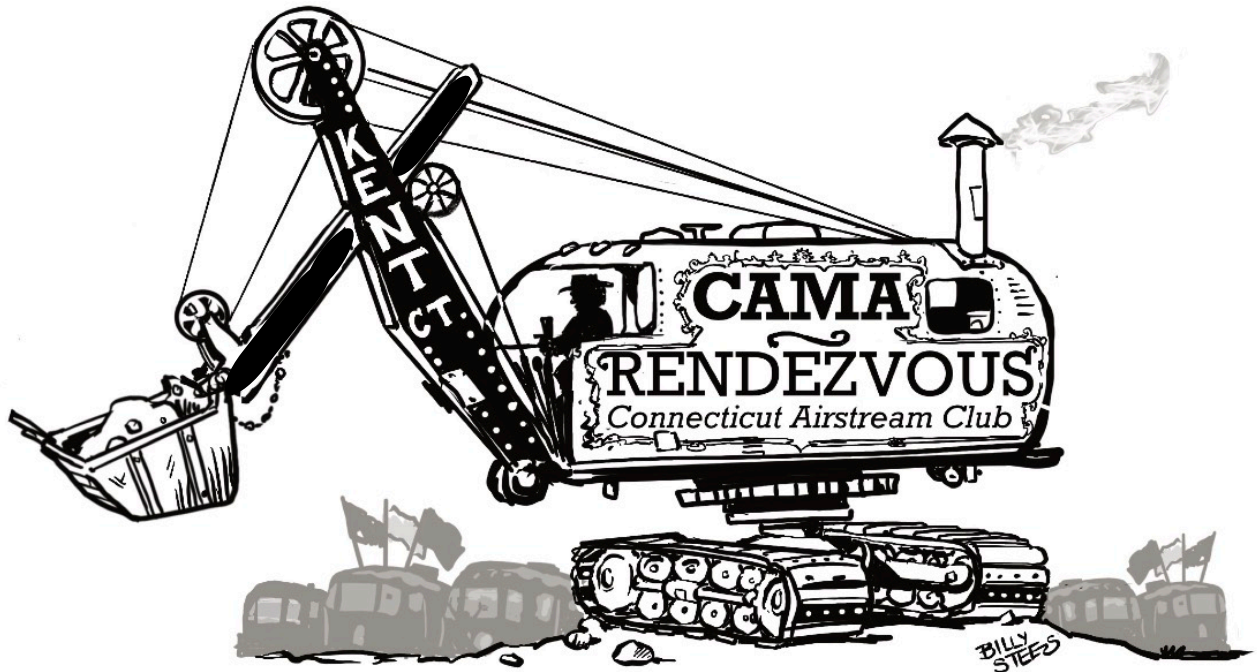
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May 1 - 3, 2026

# Boondocking Rendezvous in Kent, CT

## CAMA Spring PowerUp

CAMA Connecticut Antique Machinery Association



**C**ome 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 PowerUp 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 21 to Russ Fuller**

[rfuller1745@att.net](mailto:rfuller1745@att.net)



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# Come Join Us

Visit the farm on the web:  
[www.creamerybrookbison.net](http://www.creamerybrookbison.net)



**The Creamery Brook  
Bison Farm**

19 Purvis Road  
Brooklyn, CT 06234

[creamerybrookbison@gmail.com](mailto:creamerybrookbison@gmail.com)

## Bison Rally II

### May 8 – 10<sup>th</sup> Friday

Check in - Friday at 1:00 PM

Happy hour begins at 5:00 PM, please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share.

Good time to reconnect after happy hour.

*One group campfire only permitted.*

### Saturday

8:00 AM Saturday – Pancakes with bacon and sausage. Coffee and Orange Juice

10:00 Day planning and review. State Park - hiking and Quinebaug River - Canoeing

Two canoes and one kayak are available on reserve only! Contact host.

Bring your bikes for quick local road trips.

Lunch is on your own.

The Buffalo Wagon Ride begins at 4:00 PM

followed by the Handmade ice cream challenge.

A Bison rib roast is being prepared by the Farm Hosts which includes baked potato, salad and rolls.

*After dinner - Gathering around fire with stories from all - till ??? o'clock*

### Sunday

Sunday 8:00 – Continental with doughnuts, toast and bagels.

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Two nights, breakfast, Bison Rib Roast and Wagon Ride.

\$110.00 for two \$90.00 for solo units.

Plus \$20.00 for each additional wagon rider in unit.

*To Signup contact Dave Jensen:*

[djensendp@currently.com](mailto:djensendp@currently.com)



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## Friday May 29 - Sunday May 31, 2026

Charlie Brown Campground  
98 Chaplin Road  
Eastford, CT 06242

Visit with new and old Airstream friends  
Visit the Audubon Society-Pomfret  
Bike the Connecticut Airline Trail  
Hike in Natchaug State Forest  
Play games/corn hole  
Enjoy our covered pavilion with campfire ring and music

Join us for the Songs Around the Campfire Rally at the Charlie Brown Campground, located in the beautiful Natchaug Forest of northeastern CT. There will be plenty of free time to explore the Quiet Corner area of our state.

On Saturday evening, enjoy live entertainment from Bill and Julie Reid, a local acoustic duo performing American folk, bluegrass, country, and original songs.

5:30 **Fri.** - Meet and greet - *appetizer to share*  
7:00 - Campfire and cookies  
8:00 **Sat.** - Egg, ham and cheese croissants  
9:00 - Club meeting  
10:00 - Free time-explore!  
4:30 - Corn Hole and Games  
5:00 - Social hour-light appetizers provided  
6:00 - Swedish meatball dinner  
7:00 - Campfire with music and cookies  
8:00 **Sun.** - Continental breakfast, departures

Hosted by the Dubrowskis and Lessigs

[Registration](#)



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# AIRSTREAMS AT THE JERSEY SHORE !

July 9 -13 2026

CTAC



**4 nights (water and electric)**

**4 meals, 1 potluck & 1 happy hour**

**Movie, popcorn and campfires**

***Nestled in the heart of the Jersey Cape and uniquely situated halfway between Atlantic City and Cape May, Jersey Shore Haven, an Airstream exclusive RV park, welcomes you to family camping at its finest!***

**\$400.00**

per RV double occupancy

\$150.00 Camping Fee

\$125.00/person Kitty Fee



## **Thursday:**

Arrive early and relax  
Greet-N-Meet Pot-Luck  
(bring a dish to share)

## **Friday:**

Trolley tour of Cape May  
Enjoy the parks swimming pool  
Pizza in the pavilion  
Campfire & Ice Cream

## **Saturday:**

NJ Sticky bun breakfast  
Explore the Jersey Shore area  
Beaches  
Wineries/Breweries  
Zoo & Museums  
Hike or bike  
Dinner on you own  
Movie in the pavilion w/Popcorn

## **Sunday:**

Egg sandwich breakfast  
Dolphin sightseeing boat ride  
Happy hour (bring a light app to share)  
Burgers and dogs picnic bring a side  
(last names A-L a desert (last  
names M-Z a side dish) to share  
Campfire & Ice Cream

## **Monday:**

Must go breakfast  
Dump  
Safe travels home

***Campfires and movie may change based on weather conditions***



Register here

<https://form.jotform.com/260435874400151>

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# Pastures Campground Rally

499 NH Rte. 10, Orford, NH 03777

July 16-19, 2026

**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 in July by 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 Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich
- ✦ 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.
  - ✦ Coffee will be provided each morning



Here is the Jotform link for sign up

<https://form.jotform.com/260414455334149>



Join us Connecticut Airstream Club Share Your Smile

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## What you can expect:

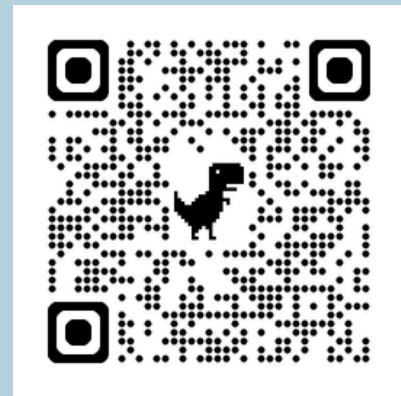
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and 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**

## More Info:

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