



Chatter

August 2026

<https://airstreamclub.org/connecticut>

President's Message

by Rhona Fuller 1745

Hi everyone, I hope this finds you all well and using our wonderful Airstreams and going traveling,

What a year it has been so far, started with my knee replacement surgery, then my heart decided to give a scare not once but twice.... Well got that under control and off we went camping.

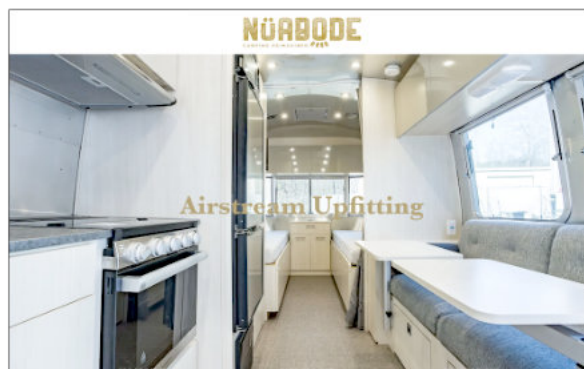


We made it to Jersey Shore Haven in Cape May to host a rally with 10 trailers in attendance from CT, Arizona, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and S. Carolina . It was awesome to catch up with Gail and Wiley Downing who came and spent a week there. I got to be chauffeured around in our little cricket by Russ, thanks to the JSH directors. We headed home spent 20 hrs cleaning laundry and shopping for the next adventure at the Pastures Rally in New Hampshire. It was all hands on deck, shucking corn, cooking and cleaning up. Thank you Michael & Sandy Sasuta, Carol & Chris Dubrowski, Dave Jenson, Don & Eileen Allers, and everyone, who stepped up to make this another success, including Mother Nature who kept the temperature at night around 56. Eddie and Paula you were missed.

Russ and I are taking a break right now so I can continue with very rigorous PT (pain and torture), so I can become more independent .

Region One at Gunstock Resort is coming up soon unfortunately we won't be able to make it due to another commitment, but I expect it will be awesome.

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What Do You Think?

A farmer challenges an engineer, a physicist, and a mathematician to fence off the largest amount of area using the least amount of fence.

The engineer made his fence in a circle and said it was the most efficient.

The physicist made a long line and said that the length was infinite. Then he said that fencing half of the Earth was the best.

The mathematician laughed at the others and with his design, beat the others. What did he do?

Link of the Month



Want a peek inside a new Airstream Trailer just like Don & Eileen Aller's seen at the Pastures Rally? Join Patrick Botticelli from Colonial Airstream as he gives you an in-depth look at the Frank Lloyd Wright Limited Edition Airstream.

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by Sandy Sasuta

looking for new people who can become more involved with the club. Please seriously think about volunteering as your club needs you.

While walking through the woods in New Hampshire, we saw two men that were out hunting. They came across a massive hole in the ground, couldn't even see the bottom. One man said "Let's toss something in and see how long it takes to hit." They spotted an old car engine nearby and threw it down the hole. Suddenly, a goat came crashing out of the brush and dove headfirst into the hole. Just then an old farmer came by and asked them if they had seen his goat. They said "yes, a goat just tore through here and jumped right into this hole." The farmer thought a minute and said "Nah, can't be my goat. I had him chained to an old car engine."

We're looking forward to the Region 1 Rally in Gunstock Mountain Resort, Gilford, NH, September 9-13, 2026. Hope to see you there.

Presidents Message

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Our next CTAC Rally is the first weekend in October hosted by the Rousseaus and the Broduers. Please look for the flyer and sign up on JOTFORMS. Please Do NOT contact the campground directly. This will be our Fall Business Meeting, and swearing in our new president Chris Dubrowski and new board of directors. I know that Chris is actively putting an agenda of rallies for next year and definitely looking for volunteers to host or co-host.

Talking of volunteers, please consider being a host or co-host for next year, its not that hard. Pick the location, decide on style (rally, rendezvous, dinner meeting), if providing food decide on a menu, create a flyer (Rich Kushman can offer assistance). It can be a simple gathering with no food, just a get together. boondocking in a field, no fuss no muss very easy, ask for help we are here. I really don't want to see our club become a twice a year luncheon get together, we are too vibrant for that.

As I come to end of my letter, I want to take a moment and ask everyone to please pray for our members who are going through some health issues and their families who are struggling with the uncertainties. Let me take a minute to say thank you to all who volunteer in any capacity. The benefit to all of us is great and the cost is just a little of your time. Last but not least a prayer for our Canadian friends who are facing the wrath of Mother Nature with the dangerous forest fires. See you down the road - be safe.

AIRSTREAMS AT THE JERSEY SHORE

by Gail Downing

How exciting to see Airstreams everywhere we looked! The weather started Thursday evening with heavy rain. It was a challenging drive in for several trailers. It rained so hard it was hard to see! But in true Airstream fashion, everyone got there safe and sound. The weather cleared up by the next morning.

The rally was hosted by Russ and Rhona Fuller, and it was a great rally, as usual! It was attended by a total of 10 Airstreams!

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A very big hello from the Jersey Shore.

Photos submitted by Bard Fuller



Our Dolphin watching boat the "Thunder Cat".



Two of the leaping Dolphins sited.



Dolphins being spotted by Russ Fuller and Gail & Wiley Downing.



Dave Jensen sees additional dolphins leaping.

AIRSTREAMS AT THE JERSEY SHORE

A variety of clubs were represented, Arizona, Pennsylvania, New England, New Jersey, South Carolina, and of course Connecticut. We all introduced ourselves and lots of conversations about how different clubs do rallies. Friday dinner was pizza and it was very good! As folks that live in SC these days, there is nothing like good NJ pizza! A campfire and ice cream were enjoyed after dinner.

Saturday a trolley tour around Cape May seeing all the beautiful Victorian architecture and several different historic areas. After the tour some folks stayed in Cape May and walked around, enjoying lunch, walking down to the beach, perusing the stores and some checked out the free Zoo.

Sunday we enjoyed a hearty helping of breakfast sandwiches before heading out for a dolphin watch adventure on Thundercat Boat. Weather was absolutely perfect to see dolphins. We did see a lot of dolphins. Adult dolphins with their babies, curious dolphins right next to the boat and some in front. Even saw a dolphin jumping up and out of the water! Thundercat boat was a great time.

Russ and Rhona cooked up a terrific picnic style dinner with a variety of side dishes and desserts to go with yummy burgers and hot dogs.

Before departing we enjoyed a continental breakfast where we discussed what a great rally Cape May had been and said goodbye to all our new friends. On a personal note, it was so good to be with "our CTAC people". Being included with this rally was really special for us. ~



Russ Fuller and Wiley Downing - the usual cooks working hard.

The Pastures Rally

by Chris Dubrowski

We had 21 Airstreams up in Orford, New Hampshire for the joint Cape Cod/Connecticut club rally at Pastures campground the weekend of July 17-19. The sold-out gathering was hosted by Russ and Rhona Fuller. Co-host Eddie Carll was unable to attend due to his recent surgery, but, as usual, we had many other volunteers step up and help out.

Pastures is a great campground in a fantastic river-side location, and we were able to take part in their annual Christmas in July festivities, including holiday decorations and a barbeque cookout shared with the



Selfie at the Sequence Board game. Don & Eileen Allers, Russ Fuller, Sandy Sasuta and Carol & Chris Dubrowski.

The Pastures Rally

campground's seasonal guests. The seasonals and the campground management told us repeatedly that they love having us there for the weekend, because we are all such great folks with cool campers. I suspect it is really because we have Russ and his minions who can grill 160 hamburgers and countless hot dogs, seemingly effortlessly, for the hungry crowd. And our desserts! Oh my!

We had a couple of very nice campfires, but some pretty heavy thunderstorms on Saturday night. Personally, I enjoy a bit of rain sometimes while camping, all snug in my little camper with raindrops pattering on the roof. During the day, local activities included the King Arthur Flour visitor center, ice cream, farmers' markets, Farmway shopping, kayaking, and socializing with old and new friends. But the most interesting thing I heard about was Dog Mountain, the former home and studio of a well-known artist who specialized in dog-themed art. We know all dogs go to heaven, but apparently Dog Mountain is an earthly equivalent. Leashes are optional, so the dogs can romp through the property, including a dog chapel, art gallery, swimming hole, and lots of hiking trails. It sure sounded like fun! We all really need to appreciate Russ and Rhona. They hosted the Jersey Shore and the Pastures rallies on consecutive weekends. Several of us stayed Sunday night after the rally ended, and on Monday morning, Russ drove around in his little golf cart thingy delivering leftover breakfast fruit and yogurt to our doorsteps, a smile (or grimace, not sure) on his face and a song in his heart. Thanks a lot Fullers!



Michael Sasuta, Rhona & Russ Fuller, Ken Wright, Carol Dubrowski and Melinda Burri...happy circle.



Russ Fuller, Clifford Alley and Michael Sasuta "grillin".

Photos by Sandy Sasuta



Don & Eileen Allers shopping in a nearby store which was Bear-eee popular.

The Pastures Rally



Another happy circle.



Melinda Burri, Michael Sasuta, Russ Fuller, Michaela & Steve Pestretto, Clifford Alley and Dave Jensen ...silver and smiles.



Chatting, smiling and enjoying dinner - as it should be.



Joyce Rousseau, Alex Porven, Jerry & Diane Jackson, Sherry Porven and Gilles Rousseau.



How many artists does it take to frame a picture?
Eight. One to frame it and seven to reassure the artist how good it looks.

What kind of shoes do artists wear?
Sketchers

Melinda Burri taught a fun painting class. Here are the official artists, the Pastures Painters.



Cruzin' the Natchez Trace and More

by Kathy Fuller

Early in April Bard and I left Travelers Rest to start our next adventure.

In Tallahassee we visited the state capital building as part of our quest to visit every state capital. We're about halfway there. Next stop was in Dothan, AL. Their claim of being "Peanut Capital of the World" is supported by whimsical fiberglass statues around town.



Sculpture in Montgomery, AL

We intended to spend a few hours in Montgomery, AL. but after a day and a half we still hadn't seen everything. We did see the historic capital building where in 1861 the Confederate States of America seceded from the Union, and Jefferson Davis was elected its president. The Legacy Museum highlights enslavement of native Americans, blacks and human tracking victims. Tickets are inexpensive so as not to be a barrier for people to experience the museum. This excellent multi-faceted museum is enhanced by the lives of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and Rosa Parks. Nearby Selma, AL is the location of the "Bloody Sunday" attack at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965. Montgomery was an education in slavery and civil rights violations.

On to happier events. THE CARAVAN! It started near Natchez, MS. Over 20 Airstreams gathered for the adventure. We visited mansions, plantations and learned how cotton was ginned.



The Fullers, Bard & Kathy with Russ and Rhona making a hit in Muscle Shoals, AL.



Photos submitted by Bard Fuller
One whimsical peanut.



Bard and Kathy Fuller exploring the Natchez Trace Parkway.

We had several musicians with us including one of our leaders, Terry Brennan. Their music helped bring the group together...as did co-leader Russ Fuller's food events. We visited Vicksburg, Shilo and Corinth

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National Military Parks. Elvis Presley's birthplace and museum in Tupelo, MS was enjoyable as was the Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo. Tuscumbia, AL offered lots of opportunities to be a tourist. Helen Keller's home, W.C. Handy's birthplace, a Frank Lloyd Wright house AND music recording



Russ as always stirring the the delicious Gumbo.

studios. Muscle Shoals Sound Studio and Fame Recording Studio may be a tad old but they're still hoppin'. Sonny and Cher, the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Wilson Pickett, Linda Ronstadt and so many others have recorded there. Bard and I made a side trip to Huntsville, AL to see the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Bard was a very happy camper. In Nashville we bumped into Camp Airstream-Nashville. Other adventures in Nashville included relaxing to local musicians doing their thing in a packed bar, taking in the honky-tonks along Broadway St., taking a backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry plus experiencing an evening performance.



Astronaut Bard in Huntsville, AL

It took a bit longer to get home but it was worth it! New friends, memorable experiences and five more state capitals. ~

What a trip, what a learning experience! Cruzing The Natchez Trace

by Rhona Fuller 1745

This was my first trip deep into the South and I loved it.

I never realized how much music was influenced by southern roots, that Rock 'n' Roll was started by Boogie Woogie from the segregated bars and clubs. Jerry Lee Lewis and Mickey Gilley formed their distinct musical styles by sneaking into segregated clubs to listen to the sounds being played by the black artists of the times. Jimmy Swaggart heard the voice of God outside the local theater telling him that there was "Evil" inside, which started his Evangelical Calling and those three men were first cousins growing up together. So much interesting history.

Elvis Aaron Presley was born Tupelo Mississippi and later moved to Tennessee but it was in Tupelo that he was influenced by his church and family which can be heard in many of his gospel albums. He won a few Grammys and a Life Time Achievement Awards for his gospel albums but none for Rock and Roll even though he was known as The King of Rock and Roll.



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There were many recordings studios in Alabama, still active today, just off the Natchez Trace including Fame and Mussels Shoals. Their sound still active today. The Swampers who were well respected studio musicians launched their careers in the recording industry there. The recording studios are in a small indiscreet town in Alabama far from LA or New York where stars like Cher and the Rolling Stones and many others would come in and stay at a motel, not be recognized but to record many of their hit songs.

Nashville's country music Grand Ol' Opry House is the Broadway where you can find up and coming singers waiting for that moment to be found. The Country Hall of Fame is a must do. So much history, I loved every second.

The Trace Parkway was an integral part of Civil War history. Visiting the battlefields, like Vicksburg where it was a pivotal Northern win for General Grant. Shilo along with Corinth, a battle so important for either side to win control of the railroad and river, the major supply arteries for the war. There were over 26,000 men who lost their lives in just one day. A mind blowing number and they are still finding remains to this day. These are two of the over 40 notable battlefields located on or near the Trace.

We learned about the widows who helped to prevent their homes being destroyed by turning them into hospitals for both sides or restaurants for both North and South Officers. We heard stories about unbelievable amazing heroism on both sides. I loved it..

There are many stories about the plantation owners. How one gentleman made his money by lending to his neighbors against the next years crops, and taking the land when they couldn't pay it back. He ended up with over 1800 acres and 800 slaves. He then didn't want to be a slave owner anymore thinking slavery wrong, however instead of freeing them, he sold them. Again so much history...

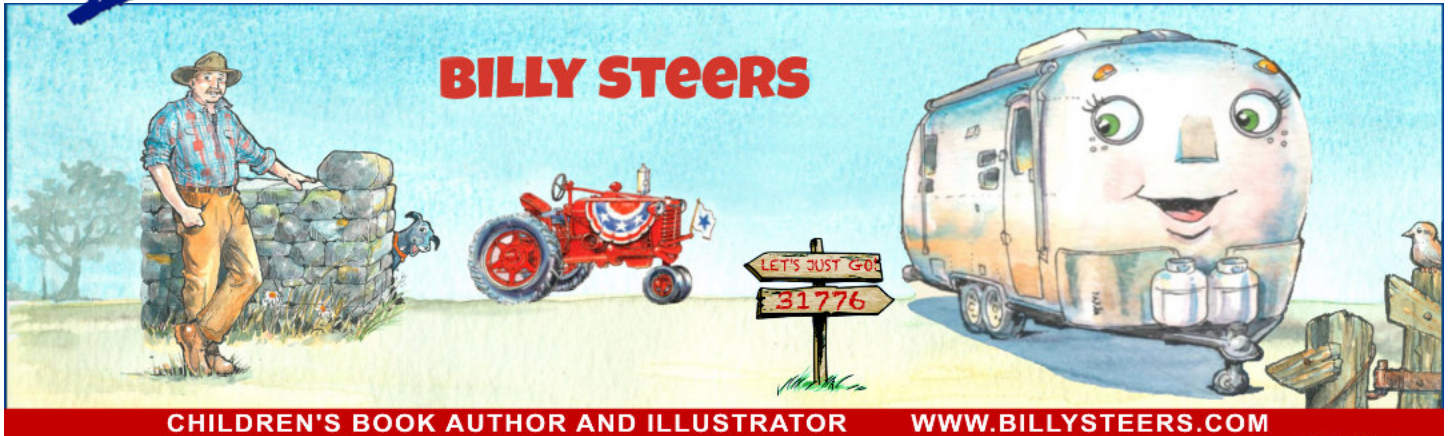
Cotton was the boom crop of this period in history and most of it was sent north to places like Vermont, New York and believe it or not to England, that is until the blockades.

We visited one ruined Southern plantation that was destroyed by the Union army. It was huge and by the pictures, was gorgeous in its time. Around the ruins they had placed white rock, so you could follow around and read its history. It made a noticable crunching sound making me think OMG is this what is sounded like when the Union Army troops were approaching. Did they hear it, did it bring fear? It was to me a real moment of reflection, what happened to them.

Another stop is at the Merriweather Lewis grave site. Lewis, of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, his death still questioned today, was it murder or suicide and part of a political scandal.

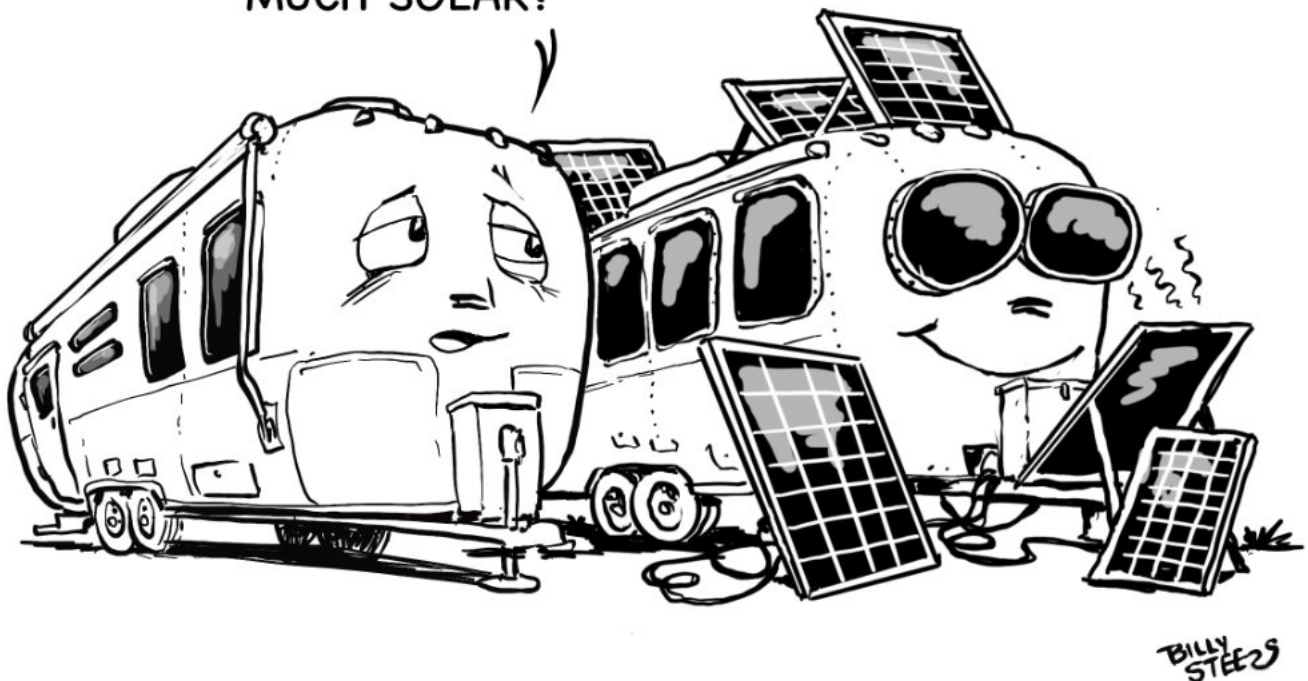
There was so much to see and do that I could take up this whole Chatter, but I want to encourage people to take a chance on a Caravan there is so much out there to learn about, to make new friends and just the experience of it all is amazing. ~





STREAM LINES by Billy Steers

DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THE
LONG TERM AFFECTS OF TOO
MUCH SOLAR?



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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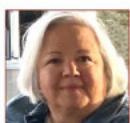
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Chris Dubrowski is starting to fill next season's calendar with events. Please step forward and host or co-host a gathering a rally a rendezvous. New faces and new ideas would be wonderful to see so let's keep our club active and fun.

Contact Chris and volunteer.

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What did you think?

The mathematician made a small fence around himself and declared himself to be on the outside.

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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, 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)
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 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 Needed

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Mary, an attractive lady of 85, was marrying for the fourth time.

Naturally, this was a human-interest story, and the local newspaper decided to send a reporter to interview Mary.

The reporter sat with Mary and asked, "Could you tell me about your husbands and how they earned their living?"

Mary smiled and said, "Well, my first husband was a banker, then I married a circus ringmaster, next was a preacher and now at 85, I'm marrying a funeral director."

"Wow," said the reporter, they've all had such diverse careers."

"Yes," said Mary, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go."

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October 2 - 4 2026
Travelers Woods of New England
152 River St, Bernardston, MA

Hosted by Joyce & Gilles Rousseau and Cyndi & Michael Brodeur. Please join us for a fun weekend including our Fall Business Meeting and Installation of Officers. Campground is pet friendly with dogs on leashes, but away from food areas. All meals will be in the covered Pavillion.

Friday: Campground check-in 2:00P.M. All units must stop at the office to sign in and get vehicle pass.

5:30 -Meet and Greet Hearty Happy hour. Bring your own setups to all the meals.

Campfire after dark, weather permitting. Ice cream treats provided.

Saturday:

8:00 – Pancake and sausage breakfast with coffee, tea, and juice.

9:15 -Club meeting and installation of officers

Afternoon free to visit the many area attractions

4:00 - Try your hand at croquet or pétanque, weather permitting

5:00 - Happy Hour with food provided by members with last name beginning with A-L

6:00 – Dinner - Garden salad and beef bourguignon (French Beef Stew) and Noodle dinner. Dessert provided by members whose last names begin with M -Z.

Campfire with s'mores and stories of the best/funniest camping experiences from the year.

Sunday:

8:00 - Potluck breakfast. Coffee, tea, and juice provided. Check-out 1:00 p.m.

Fees: \$70 for two nights camping with water and electric plus Kitty Fee of \$20 per person, children under 12 years of age free.

All the information to reserve your site for this rally is on the CT Jotform below.

Click here to reserve your site and join the rally
or use QR Code.

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Things to Do:

Near Vermont and New Hampshire state lines.

Mohawk Trail

Kringle Candle Company

YankeeCandle Company in Deerfield, MA

Brattleboro, VT Outlet Centers

Bridge of Flowers

Hitchcock Brewing Company 203 South St,
Bernardston

Incandescent Brewing Company

Bernardston Antique Center:

Bernardston Farmers Market

Silverymoon Farm:

Eunice Williams Covered Bridge

Great Falls Discovery Center:



Please join us for the Connecticut Airstream Club Final Rally of 2026.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!



Join us Connecticut Airstream Club Share Your Smile