



# Chatter

June 2026

<https://airstreamclub.org/connecticut>

## President's Message

by Rhona Fuller



It is June 1st with 4 rallies already in the books for this season. The weather has not been ideal for them although they all were excellent. May started wet at the CAMA grounds and the Sloane Museum was open as well.

Dave Jensen hosted a wonderful but wet rally at the Creamery Brook Bison Farm where we rode out to the herd and learned so much from the owner's grand daughters. The farm owners provided Saturday evening dinner of bison roast with all the fixing's.

We had a great Newbie/Maintenance Rally in May with 11 trailer members from various clubs. It was great seeing everyone, meeting new folks, comparing notes, helping each other out, etc. The weather wasn't so great, but we carried on our maintenance activities regardless. Big thanks to Russ for organizing the rally and the various maintenance bucket tasks. Additional thanks to Rich Collins who came down from VT, to represent Region 1 of ACI. Thank you to all who helped prepare the wonderful Saturday breakfast and dinner.

Thanks to both the Lessigs and Dubrowskis for organizing a fabulous Business Meeting and Rally "Songs Around the Campfire" at Charlie Brown CG which was well attended. We were able to enjoy each others company

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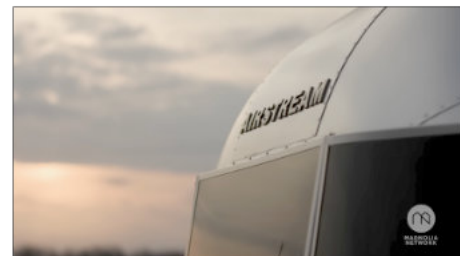
### What Do You Think?

A word I know, six letters it contains, subtract just one and twelve is what remains.

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. There's no point in being a damn fool about it." – W. C. Fields

Those people who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do." – Isaac Asimov

### Link of the Month



The Iconic Airstream and How It's Made



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by Sandy Sasuta

## Welcome

Archna Khattar and Jeff Dean	3401
Daughter Isha Storrs, CT	
Janine & Kevin Sylvia	21033
Groton, CT	

We all enjoyed a great rally at the Charlie Brown Campground May 29 to 31, 2026, despite the cold and windy weather on Saturday. It felt more like a family reunion as we met up with some members we haven't seen all winter. Of course it was specially good to welcome two new couples and to see our same group from Fl as well. The Spring business meeting went smoothly and even sped up due to the brutal wind and smoke from the fire. Everyone had the biggest smiles when President Rhona Fuller hit the gavel and said meeting adjourned. BIG thank you to our hosts **CHRIS & CAROL DUBROWSKI** and **GLEN & CHRISTINE LESSIG** who overcame weather obstacles over the weekend that were out of their control.

Wishing a smooth recovery to **RHONA FULLER** from her knee replacement and **EDDIE CARLL** from triple bypass.

Getting older is not easy. I used to see the sunrise because I stayed out all night; now I see the sunrise because I have to use the bathroom. Another thing I don't like is when people text me in abbreviations. They say things like "GM". Well, General Motors to you too.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events. Log into [Airstreamclub.org](http://Airstreamclub.org), click on events, all rallies & events....in search line type Region 1 Master List, and you will find the events listed for 2026. Happy June...it's almost summer.

## Presidents Message

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and dodge the rainy weather. The meals and social hours as always were bountiful and tasty. A highlight was the songs around the campfire with singer Bill Reid.

The Sasuta's quietly celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 31.

June 1st I went for knee replacement surgery which went very well. Surgery was at 9 a.m. I was released and home by 4 p.m. I have some pain, 2 days later, but that is to be expected and right now manageable. Russ is a very hard taskmaster for PT which I probably need.

Thank you for all the wonderful wishes for me getting well, they are so appreciated.

For those who would like a CTAC club flag or garden BRN flag there is an order form in this Chatter with delivery/distribution at the fall rally in Travelers Woods in Bernardston MA.

Dave Jensen is looking for volunteer hosts to pick a place and run a rally, rendezvous or a gathering next year. He has scouted out a number of sites if you don't have a place in mind already. A new guide to event planning was introduced at the business meeting and will be available on our website. If you are considering hosting for the first time you can pal up with an experienced member. It's very easy and a great way to get to know others in the club.

I'm looking forward to seeing you folks at an upcoming rally, throughout the rest of the season. Remember it never rains at the Pastures, per Eddie Carll! There are a few openings available at the Jersey Shore Rally, in July. We expect to have signup info for the "Fall Finally" Rally in Bernardston shortly.



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## Order your Flag

## CTAC FLAGS FOR SALE



3' X 5' Club flag double sided

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Dave Jensen  
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## Songs Around the Campfire Rally

Charlie Brown Campground, Eastford, CT - May 29 - May 31, 2026



Airstreams surrounding the pavilion and members enjoying a little warmth from the sun.

by Pam Forsyth and Ken Hankinson, 3024

Thanks to our hosts, Carol and Chris Dubrowski & Christine and Glen Lessig! They picked an impressive campground, in a beautiful part of Connecticut and gave us all a well planned rally. It was a partly sunny and cool afternoon as 17 Airstreams from our Connecticut Airstream Club made their way to the rally, located in the Nachaug Forest in the rolling hills of Northeastern Connecticut. The CTAC has been to Charlie Brown before and again selected it for the spring rally and business meeting. Everyone met up with some old friends and met new and other members of the club. Kevin and Jeanine had just joined the day before!

By the 3 pm check in time travelers began arriving to their sites most of which backed up to a very large pavilion, complete with fire pit and picnic tables where many of the activities took place. While everyone was getting settled and caught up, the fire was started and kept alive to be enjoyed most of the weekend through the 5 o'clock social hour into the evening. We were asked to introduced ourselves as we sat around the fire, not just our names but our favorite music, musician or song in keeping with the theme of the rally.



Guy Weik, Chris Dubrowski, Archna Khattar & Isha peeking, Christine Lessig and Carol Dubrowski



Ken Hankinson, Glen Lessig & Billy Steers

## Songs Around the Campfire Rally

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Saturday morning dawned, cold and windy (29 degrees with the wind chill) but didn't deter this hardy group although most looked like they were dressed for an ice fishing tournament. The hosts and cooks braved the cold to serve up delicious hot egg ham and cheese croissants, fruit, yogurt, coffee and juice. Several had to make visits back to their trailers to warm up or to enjoy their hardy hot breakfast.

After breakfast the spring business meeting was called to order around the fire pit by our club president Rhona Fuller. Several important issues



This is Friday afternoon before the cold and wind set in. Ken Hankensen, Trevor Lake Rich Kushman, Gale Lake, Pam Forsyth, Chrisine Lessig, Laura Wieks and Kathy Kushman. were brought up and voted on. The rest of the day was left to explore, the hosts having provided a full list of places and things to do which included an airline trail and state parks for walking and biking, Halls Pond for fishing and kayaking, antique shops and walking trails in Putnam, wineries, breweries, distilleries, restaurants, and the Audubon Society Birdwatching Nature Center. Unfortunately the weather prevented outdoor activities such as biking, corn hole, and kayaking, although many enjoyed walking around the campground.



Everybody dressed for the weather and shivering with excitement awaiting the business meeting.

A large group went off to the Willimantic Brewery, housed in a historic and impressive old Post Office building, for an extended lunch. The Hunters were slightly delayed to lunch as a huge tree had fallen across route 198 which they helped to clear from the road. Some folks went to the Natchaug State Forest, and on Sunday Billy Steers and son Willi took their dogs hiking in the state forest. Saturday afternoon social hour hors d'oeuvres and dinner were provided by our hosts. Dinner was hot Swedish meatballs and egg noodles, salads, rolls, and homemade cookies. After dinner the group was treated to an evening of "Songs Around the Campfire" by Bill Reid, a local acoustic guitarist and vocalist.



A very happy and warm pub group.

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## Songs Around the Campfire Rally

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Sunday morning dawned spectacular, crisp country air, SUNNY and NO wind!!! Time for Sandy to take pictures with the background of sunny blue skies. The continental breakfast and the Woodstock Creamery yogurt was a big hit. People found a place in the sun and continued to socialize until it was time to pack up.

A special note of thanks to our rally hosts, Christine and Glen Lessig, Chris and Carol Dubrowski, for planning and staging a very successful and enjoyable event. And thank you to everyone who lent a helping hand. We are fortunate to have volunteers who go the extra mile to provide our club with opportunities to get together and explore our beautiful spaces. If you are interested in hosting a rally, get in touch with any of our board members.



Maureen and Brian Hunter with Rich and Kathleen Kushman trying to stay warm.

*Photos by Sandy Sasuta and Joych Rousseau*



Christine Lessig, Chris & Carol Dubrowski, Russ Fuller & Glen Lessig great breakfast with a side order of chilly.



Glen Lessig, Steve Seitz & Archna Khattar bundled up.

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## Songs Around the Campfire Rally

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Brian Hunter, Pam Forsyth, Rhona Fuller & Maureen Hunter enjoy Sunday morning breakfast under the warming sun.

Dressed in warm clothing and blankets, Brian Hunter, Dave Jensen, Russ Fuller, Rhona Fuller and Steve Seitz enjoy the show.



Hally & Steve Seitz, Joyce & Gilles Rousseau and Kevin Sylvia

Bill Reid, a local acoustic guitarist and vocalist, brought the songs to the Campfire Rally.



Isha was the official Dog Walker at the rally.



Isha and dad Jeff Dean. Hey Isha, how did you like the rally?



The group warming in the Sunday morning sun.



## To Bison or not to Bison?

by Joyce Rousseau - 8988

If I remember correctly- last season started the same- rainy and cool. But weather does not adversely affect die-hard Airstreamers! Twelve hardy souls enjoyed a nice weekend of friendship and bison viewing in scenic Brooklyn, Ct. at the Creamery Brook Bison Farm. Included were: Evie and Bill Watts, Maureen and Brian Hunter, Rhona and Russ Fuller, Joyce and Gilles Rousseau, two “old” friends- Steve Pestretto and his daughter Michaela, Gary Conboy- a member of NEAC and our host, Dave Jensen. It was great to see Steve and Michaela again and very informative to sit and talk with Gary about his many interesting and innovative additions to his camping vehicle and his travels.



Our farm setting with the club canopy and Gary's screen tent with sides for shelter.

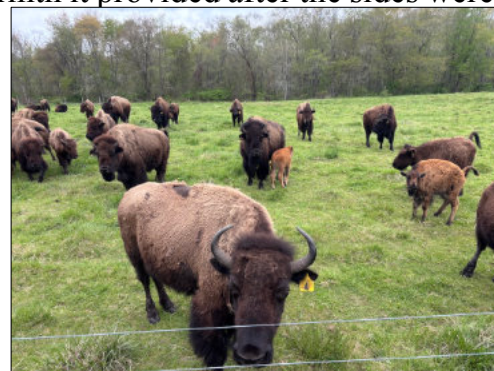


Evie, Bill, Gary, Gilles, Brian and Maureen enjoy the tent protection.



Our whole group in the bison field.

We gathered around a huge fire provided by Dave as members arrived. It was chilly, but not raining, which was unusual! A hearty happy hour provided nourishment and the club canopy and Gary's screen tent provided shelter. We greatly appreciated the protection and warmth it provided after the sides were put on! We slept to the pitter-patter of rain but had hopes for clearing in the morning. We rose to a very hearty breakfast, Dave provided- pancakes, sausage, bacon, mandarins and warm coffee. We rearranged our schedule due to the forecast and planned to go on the tractor ride at 1:00. A few people went out to see the sights and find a quick lunch. (How far does “2-miles from Brooklyn” reach, Dave?) As predicted, the ride to the bison in the upper field went well and seeing bison up close was a treat. We took lots of pictures as they enjoyed the grain Austin, our host, provided. His granddaughters



Some of the big and little bison.

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## To Bison or not to Bison?

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made many observations as to feeding, baby-mom relationships and other bison things! It was fun and the girls gave all kinds of good information and answered many questions.

Our afternoon activity was ice cream making! It was harder than many thought, but we all gave it a go on the vintage ice cream churn. One after another gave it a churn but it didn't change into the desired thickness very quickly. We again retired to the screen tent to talk and await our second treat, a bison dinner prepared by the family. It was very well received and tasty and warm and enjoyed by the group. Our dessert was homemade apple pie a la mode with our ice cream. Thanks again to Austin and his family who provided the work for our meal.

The next day proved a bit challenging since a few of us lost all power due to the lack of sun to charge our solar panels, so the generators were humming. No one suffered greatly, and for Evie and Bill and Steve and Michaela, no power is normal in their campers! We all enjoyed our weekend at the bison farm and want to thank Dave Jensen for organizing this unique experience. **See you down the road!**



We even tried a drill to accomplish our task.

### Campfire Tips - submitted by Dave Jensen

#### 🔥 Campfire Setups

We all love a good campfire! To keep things comfortable, efficient, and enjoyable for everyone, please follow these simple guidelines.

The so-called "fire cauldron" (often made from the bottom of an old steel tank) is best avoided. While creative, these tend to limit airflow, create extra smoke, burn less efficiently.

A Stone fire circle (the most natural and preferred option) lets air feed the fire from all sides at ground level, produces more heat with less smoke, creates a cozy, classic campfire experience

Other approved options

Fire pit rings

Camp stoves – The Solo Stove is a perfect example

Thanks for helping keep our campfires safe, warm, and enjoyable for all. Your cooperation makes the gathering better for everyone!



Dave churning as Austin, the farm owner, watches.



## Newbie/Maintenance Rally



by Sandy Sasuta

We had the pleasure of meeting some Newbies and some Oldies at the joint Cape Cod/CT Newbie/Maintenance Rally at Oak Haven Campground, Wales, MA on May 15-17, 2026. It was a success with 11 units in attendance. We're happy to report that one of the CT members-at-large has joined CT as regular members, this also being their first rally! We welcome Archna Khattar, Jeff Dean and their daughter Isha. Isha was happy to have a job as dog walker for the group, who appreciated it very much.

Thank you to the hosts **RUSS & RHONA FULLER** who also conducted the seminars along with **DAVE JENSEN** and **RICH COLLINS**, Region 1 V.P. and LUV Subbin podcast, for taking time out of their busy schedule to share their knowledge of Airstream maintenance. They discussed a wealth of information such as trailer



Russ cooking and Drew Trott picking.



Russ Fuller, cooking of course, with Mike Sasuta and Dave Jensen kind of helping.

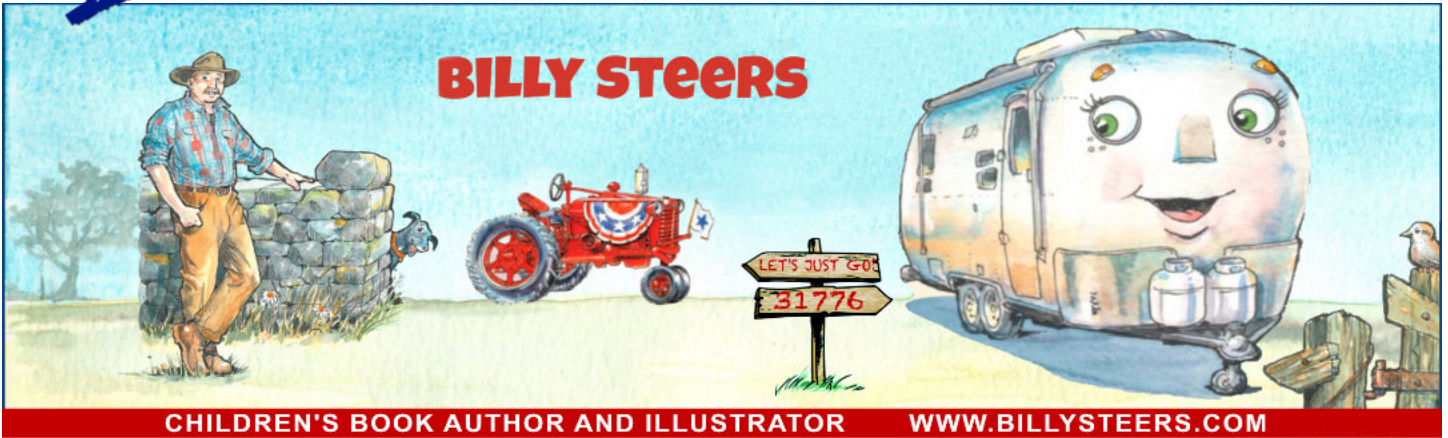
tire changing, rivets, electrical systems and wastewater tanks along with a lively interchange of questions and answers. Ask Russ about "a straight flush is better than a full house". I sometimes empty my dishpan of soapy water down the toilet, but be sure there is no silverware in it. The self-help maintenance buckets with instructions were so helpful, as I watched Michael cleaning and lubricating each window. I was good at supervising. Friday evening the movie "Alumination" was shown along with popcorn of course. It was a documentary about the Airstream community and its legacy. Saturday's delicious breakfast sandwiches were easily prepared by Chef Russ Fuller along with helpers. After talking/working all day, Russ cooked all the hot dogs and hamburgers with all the sides for an all American Picnic, with ice cream for dessert. It also happened to be **DAVE JENSEN'S** birthday. The group sang happy birthday to Dave and then Rhona surprised all of us by singing happy birthday to Dave in Polish! She is a person of many talents. Sunday was a continental breakfast with FRUIT.

The next time you see a Newbie Rally advertised, be sure to attend whether you are a Newbie or not as you will learn something new. Eddie Carll from Cape Cod was unable to attend due to health issues. We send get well wishes to Eddie.

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Cosmo looking on, he's not a Newbie.



## 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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### Executive Board

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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)
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 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

<a href="#">Connecticut Airstream Club</a>	<a href="#">Airstream USA</a>
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## A Dream Comes True



by Richard Kushman

Over the past few years when filling out a Jotform and signing up for a CTAC rally there is often a final question asking for any special requests. I gladly comply penciling in my hope and prayer for "Free Beer".

Until now this simple entreaty has been quietly ignored. I never received even a simple acknowledgement of an idea that might very well increase rally attendance and possibly boost Airstreamers notoriety.

Now while saying our goodbyes, after a splendid, freezing cold, songs around the fire rally, Glen Lessig declared "It's Free" as he handed me a full pint can of, what I can now say, was a very tasty IPA. Thank you Glen for making my dream come true.

What did you think?

Dozens

Connecticut Chatter

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# AIRSTREAMS AT THE JERSEY SHORE !

July 9 -13 2026

CTAC



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## **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

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## What you can expect:

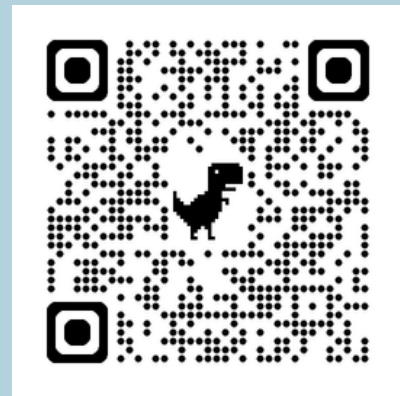
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
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**July 15-22, 2026**

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