



Chatter

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President's Message

by Rhona Fuller 1745

Hi everyone, Wow, how this year has flown by. It seems like yesterday that Julie Steers was passing on the reigns of the club to me in Bernardston, MA. This year has been very busy with twelve different events since December.



A special thanks to all our event hosts for keeping the spirit of the club vibrant throughout the year. The Allers for hosting a wonderful Holiday Party, the Sasutas for holding a mid-winter event in Florida, the Rousseaus for "Souper Bowl" luncheon, Rhona for sharing her birthday with the St. Patrick's Day luncheon in Florida while Dave Jensen celebrated in Connecticut. Thank you Billy Watts Jr. for organizing the CAMA Rendezvous in Kent, CT, Dave Jensen for putting on the boondocking rally at the buffalo farm and the Lessigs and Dubrowskis for the Spring Rally and meeting. We hosted a newbies/Maintenance Rally at Oak Haven CG in Brimfield MA, and then off to Jersey Shore Haven for Airstreams at the shore. The Pastures Rally was again a great success with the Cape Cod Club and the Rousseaus hosted the Fall Finale in Bernardston, MA. It has been a pleasure serving the club as your president this year. I have had the privileged to work with a wonderful group of Airstream owners that work tirelessly to keep Wally's "Airstream way of life" alive and the Connecticut Airstream Club active and vibrant. As an all-volunteer organization we had an excellent executive board, thank you all.

My year had a few interruptions including total knee replacement with AFIB which prevented Russ and I from traveling most of July. We purchased an 1896 historic Cottage in late August that has shifted Russ's attention to renovations in keeping with the National Historic Preservation requirements.

The CTAC Annual Fall Meeting elected our 2027 slate of officers. I am very pleased to leave CTAC in the hands of such

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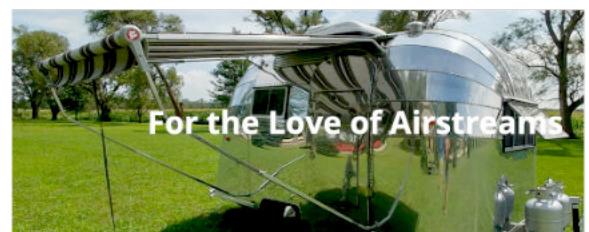


We've loved living full-time in an RV for the past few years and spend as much time as possible on the road, on a trail, or in a park seeing what this world has to offer. We'd love to share our adventures with you. - Brad, Blair, and Piper

What Do You Think?

An elevator is on the ground floor. There are four people in the elevator, including me. When the lift reaches the first floor, one person gets out and three people get in. The lift goes up to the second floor, two people get out, six people get in. It then goes up to the next floor, no one gets out but 12 people get in. Halfway up to the next floor, the elevator cable snaps. It crashes to the floor. Everyone else dies in the elevator except me. How did I survive?

Link of the Month



Airstream Days Online Magazine celebrates the love of these riveted aluminum beauties. The rounded shape is an iconic symbol of Americana. Come along with us as we explore the many facets of these truly American jewels.

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by **Sandy Sasuta**

Welcome

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Happy Fall, y'all! The Region One rally 9/9/26 at Gunstock Mountain in Gilford, NH was delightful and well attended. We met at the beautiful, huge ski lodge for the rally opening, enjoyed delicious catered meals, high-energy Irish dancing and non-stop laughs from our comedian. There were fantastic raffle items and a stunning, detailed quilt created by **KATHI MITCHELL**. It was a very enjoyable rally thanks to **MICHAEL & SARAH GIUNTA** and their team.

We unfortunately were unable to attend the Club's Fall Finale rally 10/2/26 at Traveler's Woods as we had other plans along with the **KUSHMANS**. Here are a few of our stops so far: Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park, Storytelling Rally in Gray, TN (Put it on your bucket list.) and now we are on the Natchez Trace Parkway (started in Nashville, TN) heading back to FL. This Parkway is one of the most visited national park units in the U.S. with over 7 million visitors annually. The Fuller families enjoyed the Natchez Trace Caravan and wrote excellent articles in the August Chatter for anyone interested.

GLEN & CHRISTINE LESSIG are exploring through gorgeous Ontario Provincial Parks on their adventure to see polar bears.

RUSS & RHONA FULLER were with the Carolina group doing their Wagon Wheel Rally parked in a beautiful grassy field having a great time. The sky suddenly ruptured into a torrential deluge as the peaceful field vanished under a violent downpour. Rhona said she had never experienced a storm so deafeningly loud, and the shear force of it shook her to the core. The storm left a small river slicing through the sites and their vehicles buried axle-deep in MUD. Thanks to a friendly tractor pull, they were dragged from the mud and sent merrily on their way.



We send our sincere condolences to **BILL WATTS** on the passing of his beloved wife **EVIE**. **EVIE** was a wonderfully sweet, caring and vibrant member of our Club; she will be deeply missed by us all.



Glen and Christine

While on the road we came across a sign at a restaurant that said: Sorry we are closed today due to short people. We will be back on Wednesday.

Then Michael said to me, What's for supper tonight? I said, Nothing. He said we had that yesterday. I said, I made enough for two days.

Don't forget to pay your dues. If they have lapsed, it's never too late to renew again. Let's have a goal to attend upcoming events. You can extend your camping season by coming to Florida. Everyone be well and see you down the road.

Fall Finale Rally at Travelers Woods

by **Eddie Carll**

October is always a wonderful month for a rally in New England. With cooler nights, falling leaves and the camping season drawing to a close, CTAC members gathered in Bernardston, Massachusetts, for one final weekend together. Our hosts, Joyce and Gilles Rousseau, planned a wonderful itinerary filled with food, fun and friendship while sunshine and beautiful weather lasted all weekend.

Paula and I traveled from south of Boston along one of Massachusetts' most picturesque roadways, Route 2, which becomes the iconic Mohawk Trail in Athol. As we headed west, we enjoyed spectacular fall colors along the way. We arrived just as the sun was setting, greeted by the smiles and laughter of our many friends. They had just wrapped up a happy hour gathering and were getting ready to enjoy a campfire that took the edge off the crisp fall evening.

Saturday morning Joyce and Russ greeted us with a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and fruit. The annual meeting followed during which we elected our slate of officers for the 2027 season. Michael Giunta, our Region 1 President, was on hand to install all the new officers that were in attendance. After the meeting we all set out to explore the area including Shelburne Falls, the Bridge of Flowers, Deerfield, candle factories and a farmstand where we could pick up a pumpkin or two.

Saturday evening Joyce treated us to one of her specialties: beef bourguignon with noodles and a garden salad. No one went away hungry after this fabulous meal! As the sun set Dave Jensen kept the fire well under control while we shared laughs, stories from the day and of course s'mores - a great ending to a perfect day with friends. With that we bid farewell to the 2026 camping season and looked forward to our winter retreats and making plans for 2027 in January.



Photos by Joyce Rousseau
Chris Dubrowski being installed as CTAC President by Michael Giunta while Julie Steers and a smiling Rhoda Fuller look on.



Maureen Hunter and Chris Dubrowski lined up enjoying the warm sun at the final rally.



Good food, good rally and smiling Airstreamers.

Fall Finale Rally at Travelers Woods



Carol Dubrowski challenged by Felix in game of Jenga.



Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, Chris and Carol Dubrowski and Eddie Carll full of smiles and food.



Alexander and Sherry Porven share a warm snuggle.



Airstreamers sharing the glow, warmth and friendship of an evening fire.

Presidents Message

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capable leadership. Chris Dubrowski with his unrelenting enthusiasm is planning a great 2027 rally season and he is well supported by two talented VPs, Brian Hunter as 1st VP and Dave Jensen as 2nd VP. A group of volunteers will be reviewing, for modification, our club Constitution and Bylaws over the next year. I am certain there are many outstanding years ahead for our club.

As I am writing this letter I can't help but think of Evie Watts and how much she meant to us and all the wonderful rallies that she and Bill hosted over the years. She was a very strong and beautiful soul, and I know is sorely missed by everyone. Might she continue with pizza parties in heaven. I also want to ask for prayers for our members and their families who right now need our prayers, strength and support as they face struggles with their own health concerns.

I would like to remind members of the upcoming events holiday party in Wilton, CT. Again, Thank You All! From the simplest things like helping put up the tent or the special pot-luck treat Thank You All! for stepping up and volunteering. Wishing you all fun, friendship and adventure with your Airstreams.

As I finish my last letter with a song in my heart from the Sound of Music, So long, Fairwell, Auf wiedersehen Goodbye until we meet again in the seasons ahead. ~

Great Region Rally

by **Chris Dubrowski**

The 2026 Region 1 Rally was fantastic! We had 84 Airstreams gathered at Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford, New Hampshire, a beautiful ski resort with a historic lodge for our meals and meetings. Region President Michael Giunta lead a team of volunteers who organized a jam-packed schedule of events and entertainment. The first evening, Wednesday, allowed us to unwind from the travel with a social hour under the tent, and featured a performance by the Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region. The Witches are, what I guess you would call a dance troupe, of lively ladies who cast their spell over the Airstreamers and got many of us up and dancing with them.

Thursday began early with gentle yoga lead by the lovely and talented Carol Dubrowski. After breakfast at the lodge, we listened to a presentation on the history of the resort and heard from Blue Compass and from Airstream. After a day of exploring the area we had a flea market, food trucks, square dancing and campfires under a beautiful sky.

Friday started with a big breakfast at the lodge followed by talks from sponsors MASA+ (emergency air and ambulance services) and Vault Motor Storage and boondocking ideas from Rick Cipot and RV Solar and Safety. We scattered again for the day to explore. A group of us visited Castle in the Clouds which is a carefully restored mountain-top estate built in 1914. The air was perfectly clear and the views from the house and gardens were stunning. We had lunch by the lake and ended the day with a big social hour under the tent, with live music hosted by Gary Conboy and the Pridestreamers.

Saturday didn't have any organized activities until the evening so we checked out the resort and



A Spell of Good Fun was cast by the Witches.



CTAC gathering and Kathy Kushman making a memory.



Mike Sasuta, Steve Seitz, Gilles Rousseau, Chris Dubrowski, and Sandy Sasuta

Great Region Rally *Continued*

the multitude of other tourist/vacation offerings in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. The evening festivities were memorable. We gathered up at the lodge for some refreshments and a performance by the Tara Little Irish Dancers, a group of young ladies (and two very lucky young men) from her dance studio. The dancers were astonishingly athletic and graceful and genuinely seemed to be having fun performing. I had a smile on my face for the whole show. After a fine dinner smiles turned to laughs with Juston McKinney, a professional comedian, who skewered every possible topic, including sensitive things like old folks, New England, and Airstreams. We then had a live auction for a remarkable quilt made by Kathi Mitchell and a Virginia Highlands camping vacation donated by Deni and Mark Van der Voort, followed by a raffle for a bunch of cool stuff donated by members. These two fundraisers brought in over \$2,500 to begin funding the Schwamborn-Byam Legacy Fund, intended to help Airstream Club members with emergency needs.

We had a great time socializing with the 30 or so Connecticut Club folks and meeting some interesting members from other clubs at this unforgettable Region Rally. We all owe a pat on the back to the many volunteers who put this together!



The Irish Dancers were a joy to watch.



Sandy Sasuta, , and Steve Pestretto



Great location and venue for good time by all.



Isha with her brand new very own Airstream with Jeff Dean and Archana Khattar.

The 2027 Camping Calendar is Coming Together

by Chris Dubrowski

We closed out the club's camping season with a campfire under a beautiful sky at Travelers' Woods in Massachusetts. After toasting some marshmallows and as the fire burned down, we raised our glasses to the memory of our dear friend Evie Watts and remembered the wonderful times we had with her. That evening really reminded me again of why we love this group so much.

I am honored to serve as club President for the upcoming year. Our planning for 2027 is in process right now as we try to secure campgrounds for our group to enjoy, before they fill up. Here is what we have so far:

May 14-16: Carol and I will be hosting the Spring kick-off rally at Witch Meadow Campground in Salem, CT. We will get a flyer and registration out for the rally in early 2027.

June 25-27: Steven Seitz and Hally Schoen have secured the Chester Fairgrounds for a rally. This is a great location, very close to the Essex steam train/ riverboat tour and Gilette Castle. We will be dry camping, no hookups (for your trailer, that is, what you do with your personal life is your business).

July 16-18: Dave Jensen will host a "buddy rally" at the Lake Compounce Campground. A buddy rally gives you the opportunity to invite non-member camping friends to join us and see what our club is all about, even those poor souls who don't own an Airstream. The campground has 50-amp hookups for our air conditioners, and offers cabins and tent sites, so your kids or grandkids can come, too. The amusement park is an easy walk from the campground and there is also a golf cart shuttle available. A flyer will come out in early 2027. This will be a fun weekend!

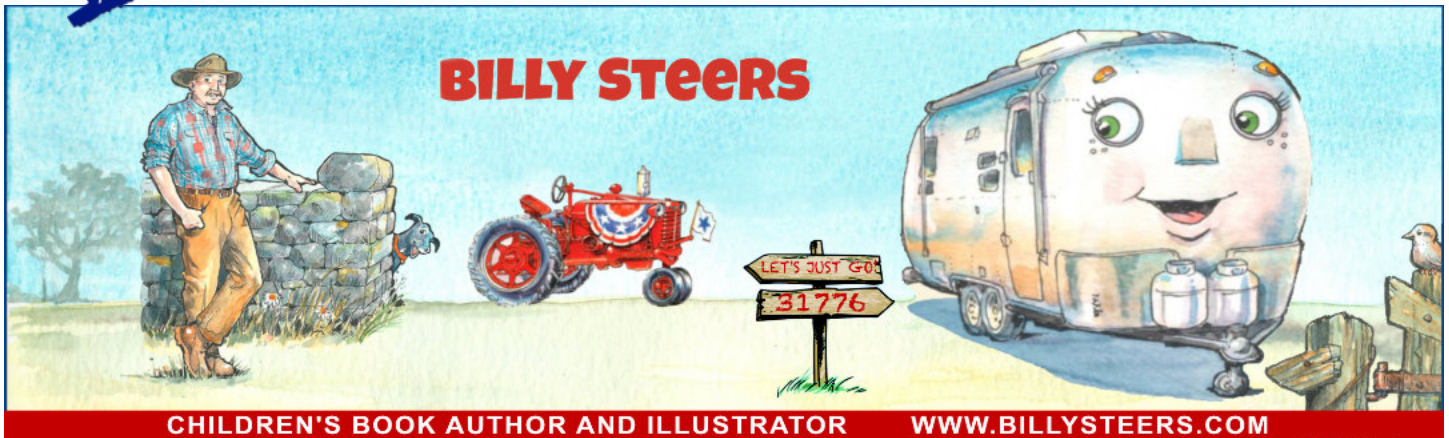
August 19-22: Eddie and Paula Carll will host a rally at the Newport RV Park in Rhode Island. You should have received the flyer for this one already, and you need to reserve your spot at the campground as soon as you can, because this is a popular campground in a great spot, at peak season!

October 1-3: Michael and Sandy Sasuta will host the fall wrap-up rally at Travelers' Woods campground in Bernardston MA. This location has great campground facilities for a group like ours and we continue to enjoy this final camping get-together before the Winter.

We will also have our annual Holiday Party at the Allers' home in Wilton, Souper Bowl parties in Connecticut and at Travelers Rest, Saint Patrick's Day lunches at the Rousseau's in Southbury and at Travelers Rest in Florida.

We would really like to add a few more rallies to the calendar. There are some good ideas floating around that may come to fruition. I know you are sick of hearing this, but we need our members to help us identify campgrounds that can accommodate our group in fun and interesting places and plan the rally activities. If you don't feel up to hosting quite yet, we would love to assign you to co-host with an experienced member who can show you that it isn't at all difficult.

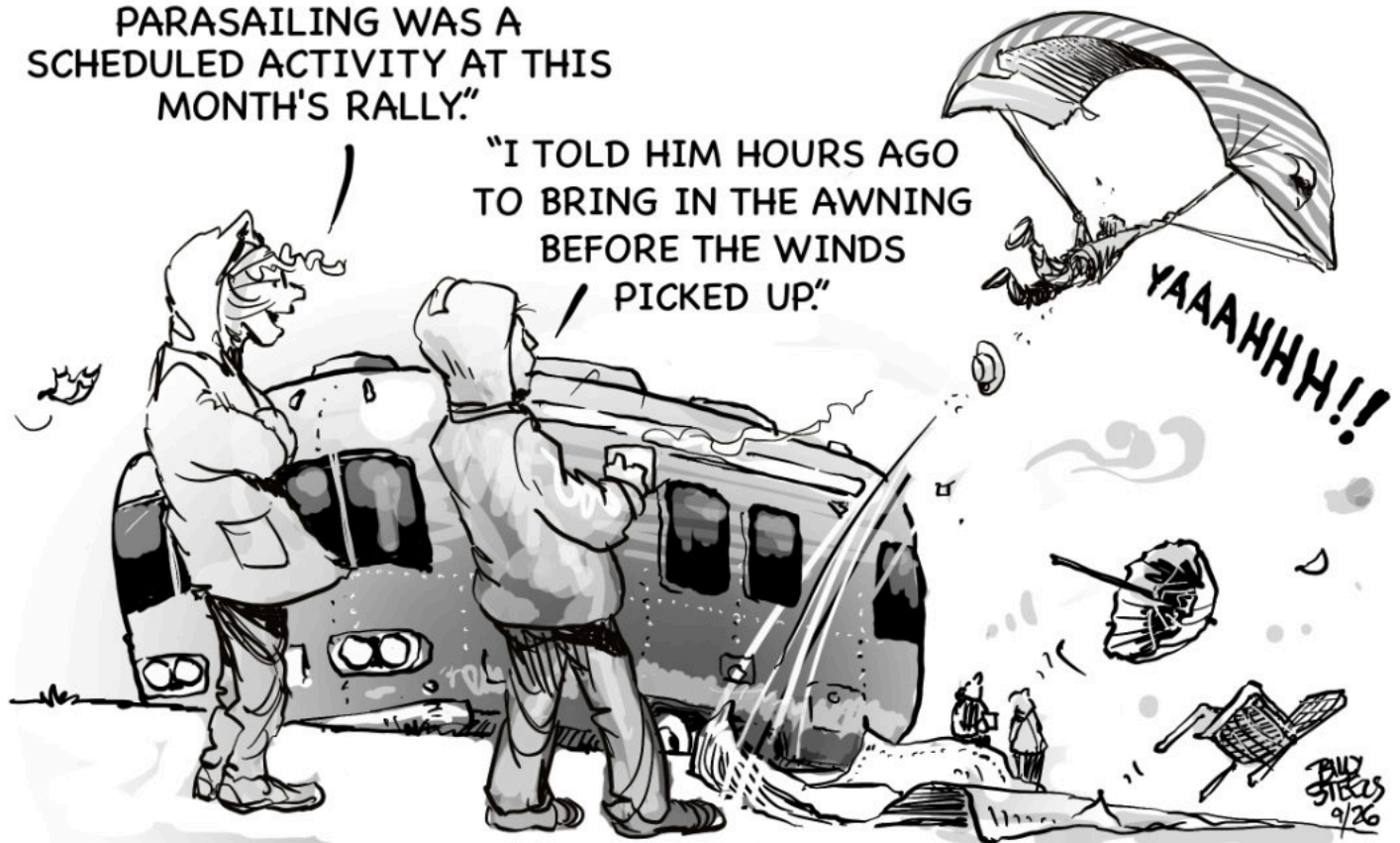
Carol and I head to Scottsdale in a couple of weeks and plan to join the Arizona Airstream Club on several rallies again during the beautiful season in the desert. We hope you all have a great winter and will see you in the spring.



STREAM LINES by Billy Steers

"I DIDN'T REALIZE
PARASAILING WAS A
SCHEDULED ACTIVITY AT THIS
MONTH'S RALLY."

"I TOLD HIM HOURS AGO
TO BRING IN THE AWNING
BEFORE THE WINDS
PICKED UP."



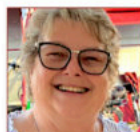
Whenever available be sure to attend Billy's seminar on creating a travel journal - also visit Billy's website and make sure you add a copy of **Let's Just Go**, the adventures of an Airstream travel trailer **Snug** to your library or gift list. Oh, and check out **Tractor Mac**. ~Ed 24 Triangles

CTAC 2026-2027

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Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

- Sherry Anderson



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are available
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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.

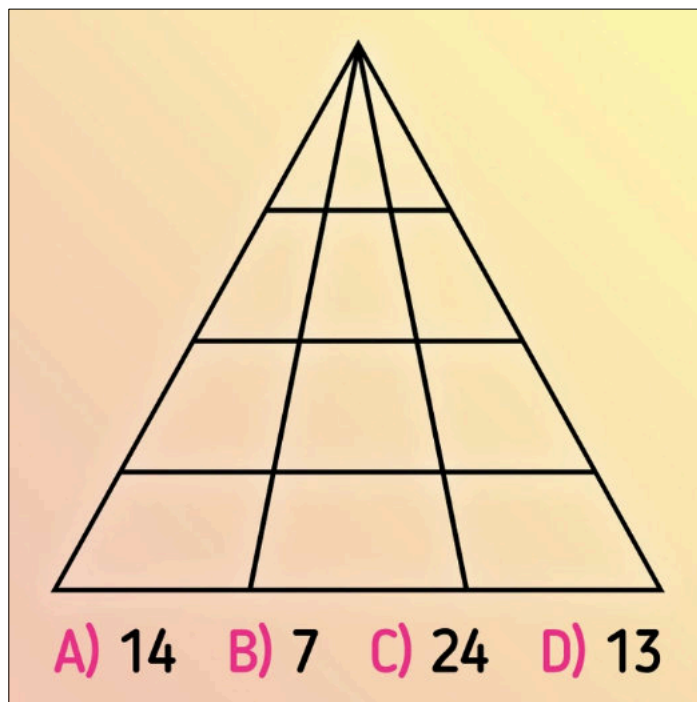
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What did you think?

I got off on the first floor.



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How many triangles can you find?

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"I saw a study that said speaking in front of a crowd is considered the number one fear of the average person. Number two was death. This means to the average person, if you have to be at a funeral, you would rather be in the casket than doing the eulogy."
— Jerry Seinfeld