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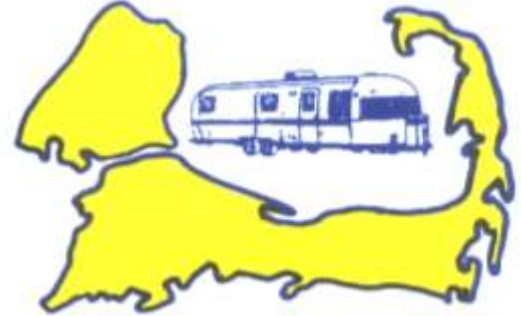
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## Happy 4th Of July!

### Cape Cod Mass. Unit



President Cecile Lemaire & 1st Mate, Past Region 1 President, Raynold

Happy Independence Day. We all can find many things to be thankful for and appreciate in our great USA. With the 4th of July, finally summer has arrived, now we look for warm weather, school vacations for the kids and fun things to do for all.

We hope those who went to the Scusset Beach Rendezvous with the NE unit had a great time. We have enjoyed visiting Scusset in September too, many times.

We know only a few of our members meandered to Madison and we hope they had a safe trip. We personally miss going to International after ten years in succession, the folks

we see only once a year there, make the rally special. We will be anxious to learn of the business transacted at International, the elections and any new business affecting the future of WBCCI. Any news will be in the Blue Beret and will be brought up at the September Business Meeting.

The notice of our rendezvous with COCU at Cabela's on July 24-26 is available in these Capers. This is a free weekend on the grounds of Cabela's in East Hartford. It is anticipated to be a good showing from both Charter Oak and Cape Cod Units.

Also out there is a survey from Charter Oak's Mike Sasuta, who is chairing the 2010 Region 1 Rally. Mike is asking for input into what folks would like at a Region Rally. This is the occasion to offer timely suggestions.

Rich & Dottie continue to work on the upcoming Region 1 Rally at Essex Junction VT being held over August 5 -9. **Again, don't miss out on the fun; sign up** for the rally and sign up to volunteer to help where needed. Rallies are more fun for you when you are part of the activity.

Our September Business Meeting Rally

at Charlie Brown CG offers excellent parking in a great location with a pavilion. We hope everyone will come for the business part as well as the fun part. Hopefully, everyone will join in the ethnic theme and show your **colors. Let's be ready to share family traditions** in color, story, recipes, music, artifacts, etc.

For the Friday evening coffee hour, please bring a plate of homemade cookies and the recipe to share. Your special treat will be special to **everyone to" enjoy down the road".**

Columbus Day weekend is not that far off either; the Provincetown Fall Rally II is being planned as one of the most popular on our agenda. The pricing is very reasonable and it is expected to sell out at the maximum **of 30 Airstreams. Don't delay signing up!**

The Bread Pudding recipe from the Spring Business Meeting Rally is included elsewhere in these Capers.

Enjoy the Fourth, fly your flags, be safe and we hope to see you at **Cabela's.**

Cecile

### The Scusset Beach Buddy Rendezvous

By Rich Walbridge

The weather reports are not very accurate and we are very thankful for that. Everything about the annual Scusset Rendezvous is excellent.

We arrive in sunny skies with our **raincoats in the back seat and won't need them** for much of the weekend.

New England Unit members, Marie & Mark Lupien can be proud of putting on a nice get-together of Airstream friends and their **"Buddies"; Good Job!**

We are parked very efficiently with the use of little orange flags as guides; they work just fine. Our trailer is perfectly level and **won't need any blocks; that's nice!** As soon as the trailer is completely disconnected with

the truck pulled away, a few of our neighbors collect at our site to greet us. Some of our neighbors are also TR neighbors while others are Cape Codders we often see at rallies, etc.; NEU President, Titu Ahmed and first Lady, Gail are very gracious with their welcome.

It is good to come to the group rallies and group activities because they usually attract members you have met along the

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way and get to see again; catching up on each other's travels, family info and other newsy items is fun.

After we shelter from the wind and share a neighborhood happy hour we decide to car caravan to Seafood Sams across the Sagamore Bridge in Sandwich. It is a good thing we have Cape Cod residents, Gil and Nancy along as our guides: the short trip reminds me of the taxi-ride from Leonardo DeVinci Airport to our hotel nearby Vatican City!

**Seafood Sams is excellent; my "Fried Seafood Platter is all it could be....just shy of 6,743 cc of cholesterol. But it tastes SO good! There is NO room for desert tonight. As soon as we begin our trip back to Scusset, it starts to rain. This is well-planned.**

Larry & Pat Lamontagne needing to ensure they have TV in case it rains, brought their generator along with them. They even hook up the generator to John & Rose Tavares so they can watch TV.

We learn that you have to monitor your battery levels from your battery level indicator. No matter what the

water level is in your freshwater tank, your batteries will not improve!

You have to ask John Tavares more about this...it is confusing to me too!

Friday's breakfast is on your own as is the custom with rendezvous activities, but we are pleasantly surprised on Saturday morning. Even though breakfast is not on the original agenda, two couples work together and cook eggs to order, sausages, potatoes, bagels and the other fixings. This is icing on the cake; we are now more happy that we came to the Scusset Rendezvous. Not only do we have the couples to thank for paying for our breakfast, we have to thank the cooks too! Breakfast is very, very good!

On Friday, many of the attending rally-goers shop at area stores while others tour and sightsee at various parts of Cape Cod. Dottie and I shop at the local BJ's in Plymouth. The TVs are so nice, we buy one for the trailer. Now we can heave out the huge monstrosity that had taken over and more importantly, we can watch the U.S. Open Golf Tournament.

When arrive back from shopping, more neighbors pull in and we greet and meet them and share a little history about ourselves.

Many folks bring bikes and occasionally take rides along the canal and throughout the nearby CG. I don't see any of our friends fishing, but there seems to be plenty of it going on; just a few hundred yards from our campsites.

We enjoy the Saturday evening "Grill Your Own" with Mark & Marie Lupien and are pleasantly surprised by door prize give-aways along with ice cream bars of various flavors.

Since we have many things to get wrapped up in Vermont for the Region One Rally, we get ready for the trip early on Saturday night. With our truck all packed up, hitched up and the trailer in traveling shape, we are ready for the 8AM departure.

The Cape Cod Unit is very fortunate to be invited to this rendezvous each year; we have been here numerous times and it never gets old.

Thanks to Mark & Marie Lupien, it continues to be one of the best, least expensive and simplest ways to enjoy a long weekend next to Cape Cod Canal.

1st Lady, Gail & NEU President, Titu Ahmed



Charter Oakers, Roger & Ruth Crocket



Paul Williams & Chuck Bleakney cooking up eggs & spuds for our Saturday AM breakfast.



Cape Codders, Pat Lamontagne & Rose Tavares comparing notes on the "Pink Flamingo" favors given us.



NEU members, Pam Bleakney & Jane Ferri working up the breakfast bagels on the Baby Q grill.

# The Scusset Beach Buddy Rendezvous Photos

Submitted by Dick Wiklund & Rich & Dottie Walbridge

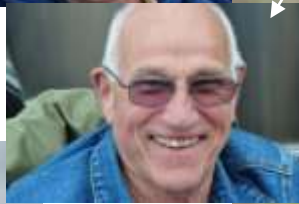


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Dick & Claire Wiklund



Pam Bleakney & Titu Ahmed



Pat & Larry Lamontagne



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Kathy Carroll & Ron White



Linda Watson



Smiling Rich



Claire Wiklund

## Joe Donahue #5482 Is "A Coaching Guru"



Nate Hunter and I got back from the NCAA Champs last Friday after bolting out of the hotel at 4AM to

get a 6AM flight. I had to leave my house at 3AM at the start of our journey on Tuesday, so both ends of our 3 day 'trip' were exhausting. I am amazed he did so well. He is an All American again in the same school year!

Nate was interviewed a few days ago by the Northeastern University news (see story attached) and the 'news' kid (Patrick McHugh) did a great job much better than the piece of \*\*\*\* that the Boston Globe-North did on him recently. This story actually talks about him, how he trains with me and how his aspirations play out. He has a private joke with me about being a 'Guru' a title someone addressed me as while at the Texas Relays, which Nate won. The person was a coach and the son of 'Moon' Munchein former US Olympian who coached at UPenn some years back.

He meant it as a term of respect while Nate giggled a bit continuing after he left. This had been the 4th time this year, someone at meets has come up to me surprised that I am 'Joe Donahue'.

Earlier this year at the indoor IC4A's Nate won while the Manhattan 26 year -old (at least), Serb was sitting out a drug suspension from the IAAF. After the competition ended, a young coach from Pennsylvania came up and said "I have been waiting to meet you for a long time!" Maybe he thought The Donahue (as they say in Ireland) had died many years earlier. Right nearby was Nate and his dad, both observing the event with huge smiles, waiting to pounce on me when the coach left.

It is difficult being a Guru. I did not realize I had so much responsibility. Traveling everywhere to famous world cities like Fayetteville and Greensboro can be daunting. I need to prepare for the future and search [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) for books on being a Guru (Zen in the Art of Guru?) I have been told that being a Guru has no standards as such, but everyone knows one when they see one. Even more important is to think you are one. Nate is helping me with this. I cannot do this all by myself!

Some of it is become clearer to me, for instance, I have to give coaching directions out loud and make sure more people see me doing it like the big time guys did at the NCAA's. I must learn to answer coaching questions not only in an ambiguous manner but include metaphors that no one understands. Gurus don't smile either. They have too much knowledge in their head and it hurts to smile.

I get tired just thinking of it. I have to admit while Nate was into his finishing throws at the meet ...I was thinking of a good place to go for dinner. Here he is busting his a\*\* and I am imaging a huge steak!

Above left is a coaching photo of me so you all can see if I have what it takes to be a Guru. I need all the help I can get.

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The following article was copied from:  
The Huntington News > Sports  
Hunter named outdoor All-American  
By Patrick McHugh  
Published: Wednesday, June 17, 2009

*Indoors or outdoors, it makes little difference: Nate Hunter can throw the shot put and throw it well.*

*For the second time in three months, the junior earned All-American honors in the shot put event. His latest feat came June 11 at the NCAA outdoor championship for track and field in Fayetteville, Ark.*

*With a throw of 60 feet, 5 inches, Hunter placed eighth of 12 throwers to earn All-American honors in the outdoor event. Hunter qualified for the finals a day earlier by finishing 12th out of 26 throwers in the preliminaries. His throw of 59 feet, 11.75 inches was enough to qualify for the finals by half an inch.*

*Although Hunter comes from a smaller track program than many of his competitors, throwing coach Joe Donahue said the junior's demeanor proved he was no different than his peers.*

*"He doesn't act like he's just happy to be at the party, he acts like he's one of the top*

*guests, and he's going to be that way the rest of his life," Donahue said. "I think what you're looking at is a potential Olympian."*

*Hunter adds outdoor accolades to his resume following a winter season that was just as successful. At the NCAA indoor championship, held March 13 in College Station, Texas, he placed seventh in the event with a throw of 61 feet, 4.75 inches, which made him an indoor All-American.*

*Hunter said he did not have as strong a showing as he expected to, but felt fortunate to earn All-American status again.*

*"I wasn't very happy with my performance, but given the amount of pressure that was involved I was just happy that I was able to make it to the next day," Hunter said. "I don't think I competed to my full potential, but I did what I needed to do to get the job done."*

*Northeastern track and field coach Sherman Hart said Hunter's success was a product of effort.*

*"Overall, it's well deserved," Hart said. "He worked hard enough for it, put his time in. It's one of those stories where you put your time in, you get rewarded." Hunter credited Donahue for helping improve his performance and guiding his training, calling him a "throwing coach guru" who is "well-respected in the throwing world."*

*In preparation for the outdoor finals, Hunter said Donahue advised him to focus on technique rather than lifting.*

*"I'm very happy being coached by him," Hunter said. "We have a very good relationship in that he knows what he expects out of me, I understand what he expects out of me. We work very well together."*

*Donahue, who has more than 40 years experience coaching Northeastern throwers, had an uncommon comparison for the technique he and Hunter have worked on for throwing the shot put.*

*"It's like watching the ballet; you either hit the jump or you don't," Donahue said. "It's much more graceful and athletic than people may realize."*

*Even with his list of accomplishments, Hunter said he already has his sights set on a more competitive year next season.*

*"I want to do the best I can do and try to add the third and the fourth [All-American status]," Hunter said. "I'm just hoping for a big year next year, trying to push that 21 meter, 70 foot range. I guess with the work I put in I can hopefully better my marks and become a better competitor and thrower."*



When a few changes came up relating to the Region One Rally in Essex Junction, VT, we took a little trip with Larry & Pat Lamontagne and John & Rose Tavares to get things ironed out.

While there, John & Rose made all the arrangements for our travel and tourism brochures, maps, etc. They have a good selection of them and doing this now saves the rally attendees from doing it on their own.

Our meal plan is solidified and you have to know that no one is going hungry while at the R1R in Vermont. Leave the grill home, forget the sandwich meat & the tuna fish; the meals are on us. Let the bride sleep in.

The parking arrangements call for **everyone to back in and we'll all be** within a few footsteps of paved access roads adjacent to a beautiful facility

that is totally air conditioned.

As originally planned, we will have water and 30amp electric. So if it is warm, **we'll run the A/C; if it is chilly, we'll run the heat.** Bring plenty of white drinking **water hose and at least a 30' length of 30amp cord.**

**Even though we don't have** sewerage on each site, we will have an opportunity to dump whenever we want to. We no longer will be limited to just the Sunday morning pump-out and there is a wash-water dump in the camping **area where you can dump a "Blue Boy"**. No wash-water on the ground please.

The Vintage Airstreams will be parked together, nearby the Blue Ribbon Pavilion where air conditioned restrooms and showers are located. This is such a nice benefit to our Vintage trailers; we look forward to their display. The Blue Ribbon Pavilion also includes the use of two separate meeting rooms where hobbies, seminars, the flea market and meetings can be held without interfering with activities in the main room. The main room is our dining and general meeting facility that is big enough to house 10 Airstreams.

Dick Wheatley #9455 from the WMNH Unit is part of The Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, Inc. which has organized the Stowe Antique & Classic Car Meet. The show is taking place August 7-9 and normally attracts about 700-900 show

cars. Dick has made available 10-free tickets as well as brochures for our use. Tickets are available on 1st come basis.

The local Airstream dealer, The Marine Collection will have Airstreams on display for your perusal, etc.

Unless you have been specifically told, there is no early parking. Because of our financial arrangements **with CVE, we are paying a "per-trailer-per-day fee"**. **Even the early workers** are paying for their extra day of parking.

Our Hobby/Craft Committee Chairperson, Dottie Walbridge has two very interesting crafts that will be limited to 20 persons each. Signup sheets will be at registration.

**Get out your "PF Flyers" or your "Keds" because we'll be running bases at our "Wiffle Ball baseball game."**

The wife works in all areas, so stay connected with your friends and family.

**Make sure you don't forget your sports themed décor for your Airstream and yourselves. We'll be** awarding prizes for the best decorated **RVs and "Fantastic Fans"**.

**Don't miss the big Region One Rally** where all your friends will be in Vermont. You will be glad you came.

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- July 24th Caravan to Cabela's Weekend Rendezvous
- July 24-26 Rendezvous at I-90/I-495 Rest Area at 1PM.  
Rendezvous at Cabela's, East Hartford, CT  
Hosted by: Charter Oak CT Unit  
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera - 860-289-9149
- Aug. 5-9 **"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"**  
Region 1 Rally, Champlain Valley Exposition  
Essex Junction, VT  
Hosted by: Cape Cod Mass Unit  
Chairpersons: Rich & Dottie Walbridge-781-254-6399
- Sept. 11-13 Fall Business Meeting & Installation Rally (Ethnic Theme)  
Invitational Rally to Charter Oak CT Unit  
Charlie Brown Campground, Eastford CT  
Hosted by: Dan Dureiko & Bob Butler 860-642-6406
- Oct. 9-12 Provincetown Fall Rally II (Harvest Theme)  
Coastal Acres Camping Court  
Provincetown, MA  
Hosted by: Ron Chateaufneuf & Kevin McKenna  
Co-hosts: Dan Dureiko & Bob Butler  
Co-hosts: Rich & Dottie Walbridge
- Nov. 15 Holiday Party  
Location: TBD  
Hosted by: Russ & Fran Stearns - 603-497-8213

**Cecile's  
"Famous Bread Pudding"**

Bread Pudding  
Beat together: 4 eggs  
2 cups milk  
¼ cup sugar  
½ tsp. cinnamon  
½ tsp. vanilla  
¼ tsp. salt

Pour mixture over 3+cups of dry bread cubes (Scala bread) in a **buttered 8"x8" inch dish.**  
Sprinkle ¼ cup of crushed pineapple and ¼ cup of raisins throughout.

Press to soak well.  
Bake at 325 degrees for 40 minutes. (Test by inserting knife in center.)

**Double recipe for 9"x13" inch pan.**

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