



AHA Chapter

THE NEWSLETTER OF

The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT



July 2022

UU Humanists Local Group

July Monthly Meeting
Monday, July 18, 6:30pm @ USNH
"Electric Vehicles - What You Need to Know"



Our speaker will be Barry Kresch, current President of the EV Club of CT.

Barry Kresch is a media research and marketing consultant by day, and has long been involved in environmental activism. He has been a club member and EV owner since 2012. His participation in the club includes doing the analytics, such as the Interactive EV Dashboard tracking EV adoption in CT, a financial analysis of the Westport Police acquiring a Tesla Model 3 for use as a patrol car, and whatever data he can get his hands on. He also writes and manages the website, has published multiple Op-Ed pieces supporting EV-friendly policy, and is frequently used as a resource for information about the state of EVs in CT by the press and others. He is also on the national policy board of the Electric Vehicle Association (formerly Electric Auto Association).

We will begin with coffee at 6:30pm outside on the front lawn, weather permitting. Bring a snack to share if you wish. Program will begin inside at 7pm.

Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at [meetup.com/cthumanist/events](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events). You can view the latest newsletter and calendar at www.cthumanist.org.

Note that some programs are held ONLINE this month. Also note USNH has a Covid-19 policy that requires record of vaccination, booster, as well as wearing of an appropriate mask. See page 2 for details.

July 2022

2 Saturday	Explorations (USNH) "Josephine Baker: The First Black Superstar"	2:30pm
4 Monday	Social Dinner (Mamoun's)	7pm
16 Saturday	Book Discussion (USNH) "Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing"	2:30pm
18 Monday	Monthly Meeting (USNH) "Electric Vehicles: What you Need to Know"	6:30pm
24 Sunday	Board Meeting (Zoom) All members welcome	6pm
25 Monday	Dinner Discussion (Wood-n-Tap) Electric Vehicles Follow-up Discussion	7pm

August 2022

1 Monday	Social Dinner (Mamoun's)	7pm
6 Saturday	Explorations (USNH)	2:30pm
15 Monday	Monthly Meeting (USNH)	7pm
20 Saturday	Book Discussion (USNH)	2:30pm
22 Monday	Dinner Discussion (Wood-n-Tap)	7pm
28 Sunday	Board Meeting (Zoom)	6pm

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP: Calling all members (or member wannabes) who may have forgotten to pay your 2022 membership dues, please send a check to HAC Treasurer Nina Stein (see below)
OR

Come to one of our in-person events (see calendar) and give us cash or check.

We miss you when you're not with us!

Nina Stein
380 Hitchcock Road, #272
Waterbury, CT 06705

Please print and complete the attached membership form (see page 3 of this newsletter) with your updated contact information and enclose with your check. If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance re attending our programs via zoom, please contact us. We greatly value your participation in our supportive community!

THANKS FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

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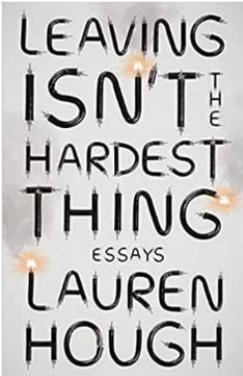
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Covid Protocol Reminder & Additional Programming Notes
* USNH Covid-19 Policy: For in-person events at USNH, you must show record of a Covid-19 vaccine AND booster if eligible, and you must wear a N95, KN95, KF94 or equivalent mask while inside the building. No food can be served inside and social distancing should be observed.
* For many, hunger and food insecurity continue over the summer; but collections and donations of non-perishable food drop off. Please bring whatever contributions you are able to when you come to any HAC event at USNH. The USNH Food Bank Team will deliver to the Hamden Food Pantry, as well as use some for its own in-house pantry shelves for USNH members and friends in need.

Book Discussion
Saturday, July 16, 2022, 2:30pm @ USNH
Our book for July is "Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing" by Lauren Hough.
Lauren Hough as a child grew up as a member of the infamous cult The Children of God. After escaping, as an adult she has had many identities: an airman in the U.S. Air Force, a cable guy, a bouncer at a gay club.
At once razor-sharp, profoundly brave, and often very, very funny, the essays in Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing interrogate our notions of ecstasy, queerness, and what it means to live freely. Each piece is a reckoning: of survival, identity, and how to reclaim one's past when carving out a future.
"Stark and riveting . . . searingly honest and often painfully funny. . . ." – Leah Mirakhor, The New York Times Book Review



Humanist Explorations
Saturday, July 2, 2:30pm @ USNH
"Josephine Baker: The First Black Superstar"
Born in St Louis in 1906, into a life ridden with poverty, illiteracy, and racism, she managed to escape her ignominious environment. By 1920, Josephine had arrived in New York City, during the years of The Harlem Renaissance. By 1925, she was in Paris. She would become a French citizen, and work for the Resistance during the war years. Fighting for racial equality her whole life, she became one of the best known performers on The French and European Stage.
Join us to watch this informative and entrancing documentary, and for the discussion afterwards.
We will be in the air-conditioned Sanctuary space.

Dinner Discussion
Monday, July 25, 7pm
Wood-n-Tap, 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden
To follow up on our monthly meeting, we'll discuss our current thoughts on electric vehicles. Weather permitting, we'll meet on the patio.



SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, August 13, 11am
CT Coalition of Reason Summer Picnic
Wharton Brook State Park, Wallingford / North Haven
Bring your own refreshments. A grill will be available.
This will be the first ever statewide social gathering of humanist, atheist, and free-thinking groups in Connecticut.
Parking is limited and the park is subject to closure if parking reaches capacity, so please consider carpooling.



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