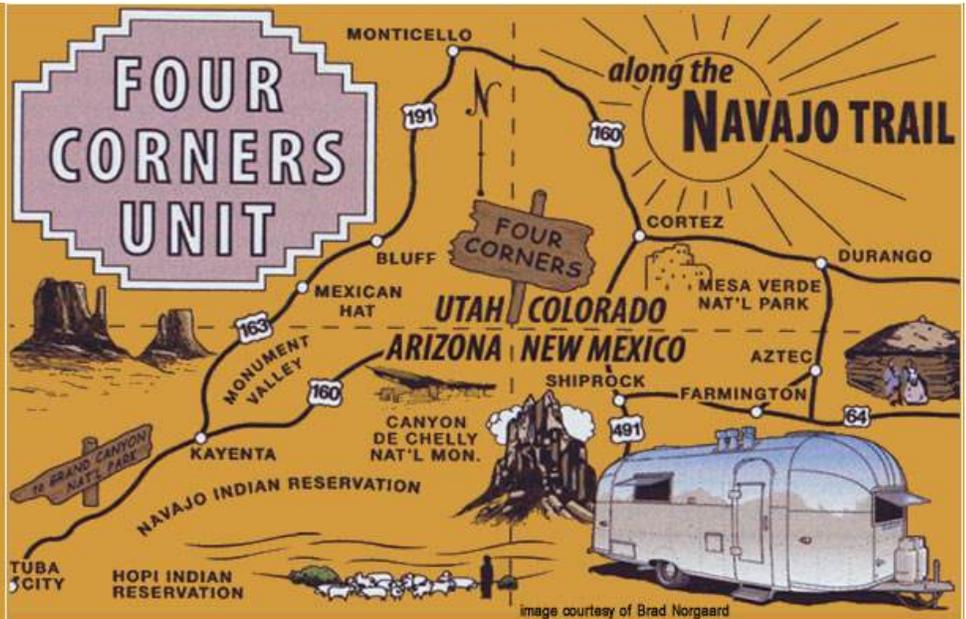


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Richard Girard

Happy New Year everyone!

We had two great rallies this year so far - if you count the New Year's Rally that starts in one year and ends in the next! Jan and I enjoyed visiting with all of the members who were able to attend these events!

The next rally is in April, and will be a joint rally with



the Arizona Unit. It will be held at Roosevelt Lake, which is north and east of Phoenix. This rally was originally to be held at Roper Lake State Park in southern Arizona, but had to be moved because of funding issues with the park system.

Arizona State Parks have been forced to close over half of the parks because the state legislature took away over 8 million dollars that the parks operate with. This is disastrous for clubs like ours that use these facilities for our rallies! More information about these closures can be found here:

<http://azstateparks.com>

I have sent numerous letters to my elected officials stating our concern over the loss of these great facilities; I urge you to contact your legislators too!

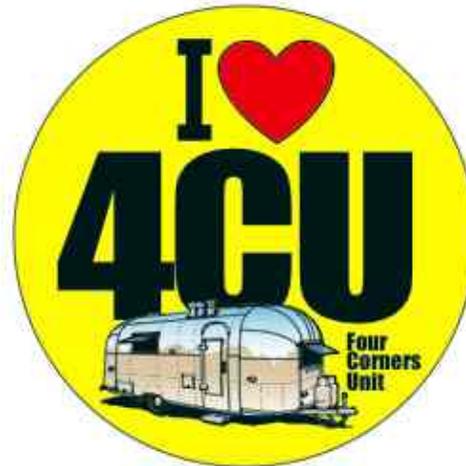
There has been much concern about the financial condition of the WBCCI as well. The economic collapse in our country has affected everyone, and the club is no exception. The WBCCI has made some adjustment to try and compensate for its budget shortfall, and one of those adjustments is a \$10 dues increase that will take effect in 2011. Personally, I am opposed to this increase, and will be lobbying to try and get it reversed at the International Rally this summer in Gillette, WY.

There were also cuts made to the travel expenses of all International and Regional WBCCI Officers. There are several other items that are currently being examined that when implemented, will significantly reduce the operating costs of the Club. If you have any questions about these issues, please contact me (rgirard5@cox.net)

All of that aside, this year is going to be another great one for the Four Corners Unit! **Ken Johansen** is currently taking reservations for the Restoration Rally in June, and the Balloon Fiesta Rally in October. These are both premier events for our unit - our sincere thanks to Ken!

We have several other rallies planned this year, but could always use another excuse to hitch up the trailer and get out of town! If you have an idea for a rally, let me know! Until then, travel safe, and we'll see you 'round the campfire.

-. Richard



REASONS TO RENEW

There is a lot of talk on the Airforums Web site recently about the WBCCI and the planned increase in dues for 2011. The Four Corners Unit is based on the belief that it's the *people* that make up the Club; *we* determine what happens to it! It's the members who drive change in the organization!

With that in mind, several members and officers would like to point out the *benefits* we all receive by belonging to the WBCCI! We urge you to renew your membership in 2011!

- Meet great folks who share an appreciation of the Airstream & other aluminum trailers, & who enjoy the outdoors & like to camp together
- Membership in the oldest & most prestigious RV club in the country
- Opportunity to attend rallies & caravans held by any Unit in the WBCCI
- Optional membership in intra clubs of the WBCCI, such as the Vintage Airstream Club, the Classic Airstream Club, & the Amateur Radio Club
- Regular scheduled Unit rallies
- Devoted Unit officers who work hard to ensure our rallies are a great time for everyone
- Blanket insurance coverage for liability, both for our members & the venues where we hold our activities
- Outstanding Web site & Unit communication
- Access to some pretty creative venues, information sharing, & vendor support (such as the Vintage Restoration Rally)
- Support of a full time staff at the Club's headquarters for all the units & members

If you think about it, \$65 is easily spent on one average trip to the grocery store these days. It is *still* a great value for what we all receive as WBCCI Club members!

RALLY REPORT: THIRD ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S RALLY by Linda Lawson

The weather was brisk, the bonfire was roaring, and the champagne was flowing as some 60 or so Four Corners Unit members rang in 2010 at Picacho Peak State Park. Early in the evening we enjoyed a finger lickin' good All Hor D'oeuvres Potluck, many beverages (alcoholic and non-), game playing, a prize drawing, and a lot of catching up and getting to know both old friends and new.

Late on the following morning, a most welcome pancake breakfast was prepared and served by **Bob and Lou** and **Julianne**. It was a wonderful contribution



Picacho Peak with Aluminum
Photo by Linda Lawson



Chefs Bob Whitcomb & Julianne Campbell
Photo by Richard Girard

to the Rally, and, as always, was delicious! Some folks were moving a little slow, but the weather was great, and perfect for just sitting back and relaxing, or visiting some of the nearby points of interest. The ostrich farm drew several rally-ers. Everyone gathered back at the group ramada for the evening's Happy Hour, followed by a second Potluck with a chili pepper theme. The after-dinner event was a White Elephant Gift Exchange. One of the more coveted gifts was a very funky clock, featuring flamingoes, sea shells, and black flocking . . . it was actually an original,

re-handcrafted creation by **Sergio**, and it finally found its new home with **Tamara and Anthony!**

Saturday morning was Hike the Peak day. Host **Ken** had to bow out of leading the hike due to mechanical difficulties (of his motor home, not himself), but **Louis** and several others stepped in to save the day. The group hike lasted a few hours, and most everyone agreed the Peak is much taller and rougher than it looks!



White Elephant Gift Exchange
Photos by Linda Lawson, Sergio Quiros



Hikers
Photo by Richard Girard

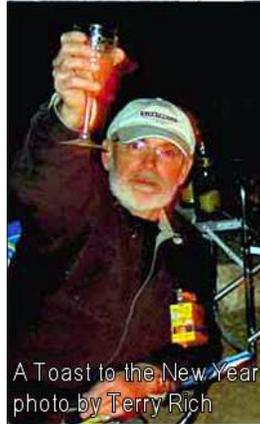
The final evening's Happy Hour and Potluck (salad theme) were enjoyed by all, and another great bonfire completed the day!

Sunday morning everyone was invited to a delectable omelette breakfast, prepared and served by **Richard and Jan**. This omelette was cooked in a dutch oven, and made from ONE gigantic fresh ostrich egg, procured from the nearby farm! It was quite a sight to see and a treat to partake of!

Ken and Linda, and **Louis and Sergio**, who all hosted this year's rally, could not have succeeded without the generous help of other 4CU members! Special thanks to **Bob and Lou and Julianne**, and to **Richard and Jan**. Thanks to the rally sponsors, who generously provided hand-out goodies and prizes for the drawings: **Happy Camper Winery, Oasis RV, and Vintage Trailer Supply!** Extra thanks to **Louis and Sergio** from Ken and Linda for filling in and really handling more than their share when we had to step out of the picture with motor home repairs - several times! And finally, thanks to all the great friends and new friends of all of us, the 4CU members, for attending the rally and participating so enthusiastically!



Happy Hour
Photo by Linda Lawson



A Toast to the New Year
photo by Terry Rich



Happy Hour
Photo by Linda Lawson

This year's celebration marked both a first and a (possible) last for the Rally. To the amazement of all, most everyone stayed awake until the midnight hour, ARIZONA TIME (in the past we have folded early, toasting to the New Year on New York time)!!! And, for perhaps the last time, this Rally was held at the beautiful Arizona State Park of Picacho Peak; this Park is slated for closure in June of 2010 due to cuts in the state's budget! An alternate location will be selected to ring in the year 2011 - stay tuned to the 4CU Web Site and the Airforums for updates! - *Linda*

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Check out our official Web site for the most recent info on rallies, Unit news, posting your rally photos, contact info for officers and committee chairs, and lots more! If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Web site, please get in touch with our Webmaster, **Jim Carnevale** at jimc@his.com

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RALLY REPORT: DEAD HORSE 4 by Richard Girard



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Photo by ?

Over the President's Day weekend, Jan and I hosted our fourth rally at Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Cottonwood, Arizona. We had several folks unfortunately drop out of the rally at the last minute, but were still able to fill the group site again this year. The weather could not have been any better with cloudless, sunny days and cool evenings to warm around the campfire!

This year's theme was PIRATES! and everyone really got into the spirit of the event. We held a sort of scavenger hunt, so a large group of pirates invaded old town Cottonwood, going from shop to shop, searching for clues and a chance to win the treasure! The prize was a replica vintage Airstream trailer and, ironically, it was won by **Mike and Tracy Bertch**, who had the only Airstream Motor Home at the rally. The competition for the best costume was very close, but **Anthony Rodriguez** walked away with the prize for that one!



Michael Bertch holding up prize for Treasure Hunt
Photo by Terry Rich



Anthony Rodriguez, Best Costume
Photo by Terry Rich

As always, the food was great, and I know I gained a few pounds but it was definitely worth it. Friday night we all mixed our chili recipes together in a big pot and served it up. It's the traditional first night meal at the Rocky Mountain Vintage Airstream Club Rally, and it worked well for us as well!



Pirates!
Photo by Richard Girard

Saturday was pot luck dinner night and what a great selection of food

was served up! Sunday night's meal was suggested to me by **Jim Carnevale**, and it could not have worked out any better. Several of us prepared Dutch Oven dishes, while others made side dishes to go along with it.



Dale "PeeWee" Schwamborn receiving truck replica from Brad Norgaard
Photos by Richard Girard



On Saturday **Dale "PeeWee" Schwamborn** stopped by for a special visit. He was presented with a replica of the truck that he drove as an advanced scout on the Capetown to Cairo Caravan 50 years ago! The truck was hand crafted by **Brad Norgaard**. The detail and workmanship of this replica is truly amazing!



Pirate Potluck
photo by Terry Rich



Sheri Dean & Richard Girard with friends
Photo by Brad Norgaard

Jan and I would like to thank everyone who helped make this a very special rally. **Louis and Sergio** were working with us for several weeks before the rally, and we could not have pulled this off without their help. A special thanks also goes to **Mike Bertch**, who must have carried several times his weight in trash to the dumpster every day. Again, thank you to everyone! It was a weekend of great food, great friends, and great fun!

The reservation has been made for DH5, and next near we will be doing a western theme. It's the same weekend, and the same location - hope to see you there! -

Richard

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RALLY RECIPES WE LOVE!**Goat Cheese Enchiladas**

by Julianne Campbell (from Bobby Flay recipe)

served at New Year's Rally chili pepper potluck

Ingredients:

- 12 blue corn tortillas
- Red Chile-Tomato Sauce, recipe follows
- Goat Cheese Filling, recipe follows
- 8 ounces Monterey jack, grated
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- Sour cream, for garnish
- Chopped green onions, for garnish

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Dip tortillas in chile sauce to lightly coat both sides. Spoon about 2 tablespoons of the goat cheese filling on each tortilla and roll up. (To help prevent the tortillas from splitting, put them in the microwave for 20-30 seconds. They become more pliable.)
3. Spread 1/2 cup of the tomato-chile sauce into a medium, deep casserole dish. Arrange rolled tortillas in the casserole so they fit snugly. Repeat with remaining tortillas.
4. Pour 1 1/2 cups of the sauce over the enchiladas and top with the grated cheese.
5. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes or until the enchiladas are heated through. Remove from the oven and sprinkle with chopped cilantro. Garnish with sour cream and green onions.

Red Chile-Tomato Sauce**Ingredients:**

- 3 ancho chiles
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 large red onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon dried Mexican oregano
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 (16-ounce) cans plum tomatoes, pureed
- 3 cups homemade chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 to 2 tablespoons honey
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

1. Bring 2 cups of water to a boil in a small saucepan. Add chiles, remove from heat and let sit for 30 minutes.
2. Remove stems and seeds, then place in food processor with 1/4 cup of the soaking liquid and puree until smooth.
3. Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook until soft.
4. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute.
5. Add cumin and oregano and cook for 1 minute.
6. Add ancho puree and cook for 2 to 3 minutes.
7. Add wine, pureed tomatoes, and stock and cook for 25 to 30 minutes or until slightly thickened.
8. Season with honey, salt, and pepper, to taste. For a chunkier sauce, leave as is. For a smoother sauce, puree in batches in a blender or food processor. Keep warm until ready to serve.

Goat Cheese Filling**Ingredients:**

- 1 1/4 pounds goat cheese
- 3 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup freshly grated cotija cheese
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro leaves

Directions:

1. Place goat cheese, garlic, cotija, and lime juice in a food processor and process until smooth.
2. Season with salt and pepper and fold in the cilantro.

4CU COOKBOOK



Attention All Cooks! We Need Your Help for the 4CU Cookbook!

If you have been to any of our rallies you know that we have some very talented cooks within our club. Wouldn't it be great to tap all that talent by putting together a 4CU Cookbook?

Meals prepared in your Airstream will be the focus for this cookbook, but others will be great as well. Please mention if you have served the recipe at a rally!

Categories for the cookbook will be:

- Appetizers
- Soups and Salads
- Vegetables & Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Breads & Rolls
- Desserts
- Dutch Oven
- This & That (i.e., Rubs, home remedies, tips when trailering)

If you have already sent in a recipe to the 4CU Newsletter, they will be incorporated into the Cookbook too. But please send more!

Sound like fun? Please send your recipes to **Jan Girard** at jangirard@cox.net

-Jan

4CU MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations to our Unit President, **Richard Girard**, for his nomination to serve as Region 11 Second Vice President! Luckily for us all, Richard will continue in his role as the 4CU President for the remainder of this year, before moving on to the regional position. . . . We are sorry to learn that **Marge Walters** had back surgery in late January, and **RoseMary Mazza** had spinal surgery in early February. We wish them both all the best, and hope to see them around a campfire again soon! . . . Condolences go out to **Mike & Shari Dean** for the loss of their

kitty . . . More Congratulations are in order: **Eric & Renée Olson** gave birth to a son, Henry . . . **Anthony & Tamara Rodriguez** are grandparents (again) to newborn baby Jaden. . . . Make sure to introduce those kids to an Airstream trailer soon!

If you have news to share with other 4CU members in the Newsletter, please contact **Richard Girard** with the details at rgirard5@cox.net

Many thanks to the following contributors; they made this newsletter possible!

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Richard Girard, Ken Johansen, Jill Shuck,

Julianne Campbell, Jan Girard, Louis Hall, Terry Rich, Ken Lawson

If you have comments, ideas, articles, or photos for the 4CU Newsletter, please contact the editor at lawson@xwinds.com

WELCOME NEW 2010 4CU MEMBERS!

We are pleased to “officially” welcome the following new 2010 members to the 4CU, and we look forward to building many good memories around the campfire with you!

As of February 24, 2010, we have 78 Members, 50 Affiliates (members of other WBCCI units who also want to be part of the 4CU), and 1 Honorary, for a total of 129. Our numbers have grown!

Marshall & Jackie Arnold	Colorado Springs, CO	Aff: DenCo
Jesus & Ami Barrera	Flagstaff, AZ	4CU
Michele Carullo & Carol Pollack	Clarkdale, AZ	4CU
William (Chan) Chandler	Warwick, GA	4CU
Jim Dahmann & Shirley Levitz	Tucson, AZ	Aff: AZ
Stephen & Anne-Marie Darling	Hood River, OR	Aff: WA
Michael Depraida	At Large	Aff: HOTX
Glenn Duff & Donna Knudson	Tucson, AZ	4CU
John & Jeanette Egan	Tucson, AZ	4CU
Bill & Candy Fisher	Colleyville, TX	Aff: HOTX
Art Flynn	Placitas, NM	Aff: NM
Mike & Betty Gardiner	Grayling, MI	4CU
Jim & Marcy Gray	Bellvue, CO	4CU
George Greer	Tijeras, NM	4CU
Michael & Roxanne Gross	Moorpark, CA	Aff: CnCstCA
Jim & Paula Haddox	Jourdanton, TX	Aff: TXHiLks
John & Rita Hanigan	Buena Vista, CO	4CU
Mark & Mary Hickman	Marston Mills, MA	Aff: NEU
Douglas Hubbard	Lakewood, NM	4CU
Dan Huizinga & Pat Glick	Wheatridge, CO	Aff: DenCo
Barbara Johnston & Janis White	Albuquerque, NM	4CU
Jon & Deb Kaslove	Cave Creek, AZ	4CU
Heidi Knippa	Austin, TX	4CU
Guiseppe & Maureen Margiotta	Pagosa Springs, CO	4CU
Gary & Marilyn McClanahan	Austin, TX	Aff: TXHiLks
Roger & Bonnie Miller	Ephrata, WA	4CU
Roger Moseley & Marty Brodzik	Palmer Lake, CO	4CU
Roger & Jan Pruter	Colorado Springs, CO	Aff: DenCO
Mark Rands & MJ Christensen	Denver, CO	Aff: DenCO
Tom & Patti Reed	Lafayette, CO	Aff: DenCO
Max Regan	Boulder, CO	4CU
Rodney Roosevelt	Manchester, TN	4CU
Jay & Karen Sadow	Scottsdale, AZ	4CU
Todd & Susan Sandberg	Stillwater, MN	Aff: MN
Carroll & Paula Shores	Bastrop, TX	Aff: TXHiLks
Michael & Karen Smith	Phoenix, AZ	4CU
Ed Stroetz & Ann Zasa	Tucson, AZ	4CU
Rich & Judy Stuchell	Centennial, CO	Aff: DenCO
Dacia Susleck	Chattanooga, TN	Aff: WDCU
Joseph Webb & Victoria Summy	Georgetown, TX	Aff: TXHiLks
Jim & Mary Wherrett	Omaha, NE	Aff: NE
Larry & Kathy Young	Trinidad, CO	4CU

- Terry Rich, 4CU Membership Chair

APRIL 15 - 18

**ROOSEVELT LAKE RALLY - A JOINT VENTURE OF THE AZ UNIT & THE 4CU
SPRING IN THE DESERT SOUTHWEST!**

Join us for this Spring rally, located roughly 80 miles northeast of Phoenix in the Salt River Valley. We will gather at the Grapevine Campground, Greeb Loop. There will be plenty of time for outdoor activities and games under the pavilion. Bring binoculars for wildlife viewing and cameras for great pictures. We are looking forward to exploring this part of our state and enjoying the beautiful scenery it has to offer.

Roosevelt Lake, the oldest artificial reservoir in Arizona, is located in the Tonto National Forest which embraces almost 3 million acres of rugged and spectacularly beautiful country, ranging from Saguaro cactus-studded desert to pine-forested mountains beneath the Mogollon Rim. We'll have opportunity for such activities as fishing, hiking, kayaking, geocaching, and wildlife viewing.

The camping is dry and you will need to come with a full tank of drinking water and empty black and gray tanks! Bring food for Happy Hours, and for some this may be their evening meal. We'll probably have one potluck. We will plan to join together to eat our meals.



Please contact **Richard Girard** to sign up for this rally!
rgirard5@cox.net

DIRECTIONS:

- From North Phoenix, Mesa and Scottsdale: Take Beeline Highway (Highway 87) north to Highway 188. Take 188 south for about 40 miles passing through Jake's Corner and Punkin Center to Lake Roosevelt. The route is all paved.
 - From Globe Arizona: Take Highway 188 for about 30 miles north of Globe.
 - The third way to get to Roosevelt Lake, the Apache Trail route, is not recommended. Apache Trail is a winding, narrow road with steep drop-offs! Do not drive the Apache Trail to get to Roosevelt Lake unless it is something you really want to do!
- Jill Shuck, President, AZ Unit



**Our unit meets online at
AIRForums.com**

- Forums - Articles
- Photos - Classifieds
- Blogs - Campgrounds
- Links - and much more...

JUNE 10 - 13**THIRD ANNUAL VINTAGE RESTORATION RALLY****A LEARNING EXPERIENCE NOT TO BE MISSED!!**

The Four Corners Unit of the WBCCI is pleased to announce the much anticipated Third Annual Vintage Restoration Rally. This is a rally for anyone interested in hands-on learning all of the ins and outs of restoring a vintage trailer, or just seeing how these trailers are put together.

The rally is part seminar (classroom) and part hands-on and does not require you to bring your trailer. Anticipated topics are as follows:

- Complete overview of trailer restoration with lots of photos to see
- Rivet and skin skills taught by Aircraft experts
- Cabinet building skills
- Zolatone painting (this alone will be worth the trip)
- Electrical - basic and high-tech wiring
- Axle replacement
- Door rebuilding/repair
- Solar

And more!

We will have trailers at the rally that will be working on and tons and tons of tools around so that you can get some hands on experience.

Check out last years rally at

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/f289/2009-fcu-vintage-restoration-rally-47536.html>
and the year before at

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/f289/fcu-vintage-restoration-rally-39159-2.html>
and we think you will see it is a must-attend event – this is the only rally with a focus on Airstream restoration taught by professionals - you will see and learn far more than humanly possible to absorb – which is why all the presenters put their handouts in a book that you can take home with you!

So you want details? OK! We hold this rally the second weekend in June (10-13) at Enchanted Trails RV Park and Trading Post (an old route 66 trading post)

<http://www.enchantedtrails.com>

in Albuquerque NM. We are holding the rally later this year for better weather – less wind, and the pool will be open for the kids! Our rally fee is \$50 per person or \$85 for a couple, plus as screaming deal of \$15 per night to Enchanted Trails (thank you Vicki!!) for your camp site.

So what do you get for your 50 bucks? You get

- a great learning experience
- plus a catered meal on Saturday night (so you don't have to worry about cooking after working hard all day)
- a continental breakfast Sunday morning (so you won't have to worry about cooking after staying up late on Saturday night)
- and a great restoration manual to take home with you!

Please e-mail us at fourcornersunit@hotmail.com and we will forward you a sign-up sheet with instructions.

So don't hesitate; we look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque!

- Ken Johansen

Upcoming 4CU Rallies

When	What	Where	Host(s)	Contact
April 15-18 2010	Roosevelt Lake Rally (w/AZ Unit)	Roosevelt Lake, Arizona National Park Service	TBD	rgirard5 @cox.net
June 10-13, 2010	Restoration Rally	Enchanted Trails RV Resort, Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen	fourcornersunit @hotmail.com
July 22-26 2010	Route 66 Rally	Across New Mexico on Historic Route 66	Ken Johansen	fourcornersunit @hotmail.com
Sept 16-19 2010	September in the Pines	Heron Lake SP, Los Ojos, New Mexico	Jim & Rod	jimc @his.com
Oct 1-5, 2010	Balloon Fiesta Rally	Balloon Fiesta Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen	fourcornersunit @hotmail.com
Oct 15-17, 2010	Pumkin Chunkin Rally (w/ New Mexico Unit)	Estancia, New Mexico	Marshall Hall	marshall.hall50 @gmail.com
Nov 2010	Thanksgiving in Quartzsite	BLM Land, Quartzsite, Arizona	Mike & Tracy	scrapirony @frontier.net
Dec 31,2010- Jan 3, 2011	4th Annual New Year's Rally	to be determined	Louis & Sergio, Ken & Linda	lhall15690 @aol.com

