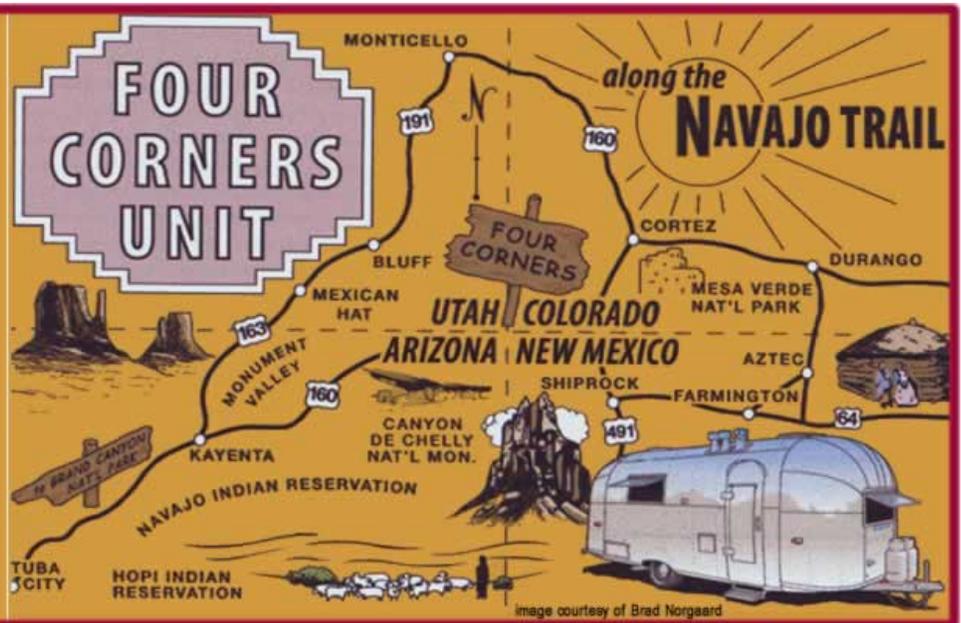


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Louis Hall

Greetings everyone, I hope this finds you all well and ready for Airstream camping!

One of my goals is to keep our newsletter stories about our Unit, and keep WBCCI HQ articles where they belong - in the Blue Beret. I am going to break my own rule in this issue because I would like to take a moment to discuss the **Proposed Change to the WBCCI Constitution** - the key word here is "Proposed".



I received several emails from our members who simply stated that they joined the 4CU because of the people and that the proposed change seemed a bit excessive in terms of the information that was sent out and the scope of the proposed revisions. I couldn't agree more! We also joined this

Unit because of the wonderful, diverse, unique group of people we encountered at our first 4CU event. That being said, it *is* important for us to vote on this issue and then move on to having fun and camping. I suspect that this Constitution change will be debated many times before anything is enacted. Our Unit Board has discussed it, and all agree that *it is not good for our Unit or our Members*. Therefore, we hope it does not pass!

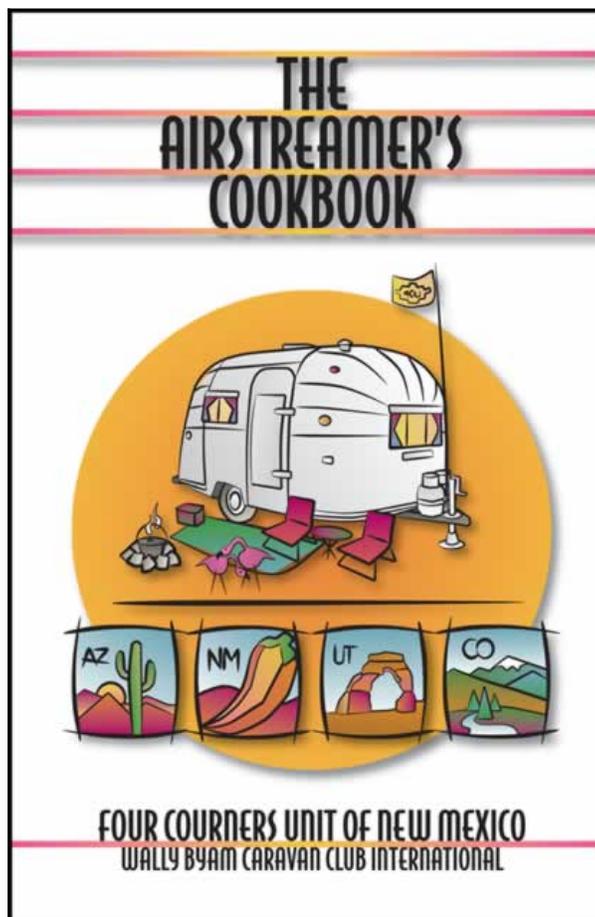
Since the voting will take place at the upcoming International Rally, I want every member to see what is being proposed, and to have the opportunity to ask questions, and then to form their own opinion prior to voting. All full 4CU members should have received my email message with links to a discussion thread on Airforums and a voting Web site.

Okay, on to more important business - Rallies and Events! It's hard to believe that we are nearly halfway through 2011 and we will have held 5 rallies by the end of June (the [Restoration](#) and [Jemez Mountains](#) Rallies occur in June). That is an average of 1 per month, and I think it is great! Keep the ideas coming in, as we are a bit light for summer month rallies. Please feel free to share your suggestions for any event that you think would be a nice addition to our calendar. We have a group of folks on our Board who are standing by to help coordinate, plan, and help with any details or questions you may have. [Let's hear some of your thoughts for new rallies!](#)

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer, and remember, *a rolling Airstream wheel gathers no cobwebs!*

See you down the road,- *Louis*

GET YOUR COPY BEFORE THEY'RE SOLD OUT! 4CU Airstreamer's Cookbook!



The Four Corners Unit Cookbook is a 100% volunteer effort with no cost to the Unit for design and production. The price is **\$15.00** per copy, with the proceeds going to the Four Corners Unit treasury. We have sold several copies at the Dead Horse and Lake Pleasant Rallies, but we *do* have a few copies left! There will be a limited number available for purchase at the Restoration Rally (see Anthony and Tamara).

If you would like to reserve a copy of the Cookbook to receive and pay for at an upcoming 4CU rally, contact Jan Girard at

4CUcookbook@gmail.com

It is also possible to order your Cookbook and have it sent - with an additional cost for shipping & handling. Contact Jan - she will answer any questions! - *Louis*

RALLY REPORT: SPRING BREAK AT THE LAKE, LAKE PLEASANT AZ

by Faith & Steve Kopp



photo by Mike Young

Spring Break at the Lake was a first for the 4CU - first rally at [Lake Pleasant Regional Park](#), and first time for hosting an Airstream rally for co-hosts **Mike & Betty Gardiner** and **Steve & Faith Kopp**. It was even a first time for "camping" for a few couples!

For the 25 Airstream owners plus one tenting couple (whose Airstream was under construction) in attendance it was a fun-filled weekend. Most rigs started arriving early on Thursday, and the weather was great. We had reserved the Raccoon Group Site, which has a very large parking area, a good-size ramada, and clean showers and restrooms right in the site.

Following Happy Hour on Thursday night, **Louis & Sergio** surprised everyone with a showing of an epic film from the 50's - "The Long, Long Trailer" starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. The best part of this movie was the scenes of a 1953 Mercury pulling a 40 foot trailer up the high Sierras! The film was followed by a bonfire and swapping of our own travel experiences.

Friday was a good day spent kayaking, hiking, and meeting new and old Four Corners Unit members or guests. We had a great potluck in the evening with more food than we could finish, followed by a showing of the film "Capetown to Cairo Airstream Journey". After the movie we built the typical 4CU bonfire and amused ourselves with more tales and stories of our own Airstream travels.

Saturday started with a continental breakfast and some light rain and much cooler temps. The kite flying was marginal at best, but some folks did manage to get their kites in the air for few minutes! That afternoon's Happy Hour melded into the 4CU BratFest. **Betty & Mike** cooked up some great Brats, and **Anthony and Tamara** BBQed some spicy ribs, while everyone else brought loads of side dishes. The evening continued with another 4CU first: "BINGO". You had to see it to believe it; some attendees actually had bingo markers in their trailers! All the prizes were great and related to spring and summer fun. The competition got pretty rowdy, but it was all in the game!

The cold front was gone by Sunday. While some folks got ready to leave, others kayaked and/or hiked; it was a beautiful day! Most attendees departed for home not really wanting to leave the fun. Sunday night about a dozen folks went to the [Wild Horse West Cafe](#) for chips and burgers and more tales of places visited over the years.

Overall this was a great rally! Lake Pleasant Regional Park has plenty of room and good facilities. If you missed this rally, we are thinking of going back some time in 2012 for another 4CU Rally at this same location. Stay tuned! - *Steve & Faith*

Spring Break at the Lake Rally

Photos by Faith Kopp



Steve Kopp & new 4CU Banner



Steve Kopp



Dog's Break at the Lake



Mike Gardiner, Steve Kopp, Bob & Marlene Rempe

Spring Break at the Lake Rally

Photos by Faith Kopp



William Wolfe, Kate Graves, Marlene Rempé



Christine Girard & William Wolf



Betty Gardiner



Steve Kopp & Mike Gardiner

Spring Break at the Lake Rally

Photos by Mike Young



A beautiful Spring day!



Ready for Lake Pleasant

Spring Break at the Lake Rally

Photos by Mike Young



Sunset



Stormy Skies



Save This Seat Foot!



Betty & Mike Gardiner



Bingo Game



We Have A Winner!

Spring Break at the Lake Rally

Photos by Ken Lawson



Morning Around the Fire Pit

Richard Girard

Spring Break at the Lake Rally

Photos by Linda Lawson



Kite Flying in the Clouds

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: LOUIS HALL, 4CU PRESIDENT

photo by Barbara Johnston

My partner Sergio Quiros and I live in Phoenix, Arizona. Sergio is an Arizona native, and I am originally from Leon, Iowa. I am a small business owner and my company is [Creative Document Systems](#). We are a local Arizona distributor of document finishing products ranging from various binding and laminating supplies and equipment to paper handling equipment and mailroom products. I started the company two years ago after being laid off from a large corporation where I worked in the industry for 22 years. Sergio works in the Provost Office at [Arizona](#)

[State University](#) where he manages curriculum, student issues, and serves on various academic committees. He has been employed there for 14 years.

We chose an Airstream because they are definitely unique and cool. I have wanted one since I was a kid, and I used to see them on the highway while we were on family trips. We currently own a 1962 28' Ambassador that we found locally here in Phoenix. We lucked out and found our trailer in a mostly original, excellent condition. Our goal is to keep it period-correct where it matters.

Our favorite trips so far are the ones we take twice each year to [Puerto Peñasco, Mexico](#) and camp on the beach. We find it very relaxing, and we have a great time with some of our other Airstream friends that usually travel with us in a small Airstream Caravan when we make this trip.

Our only trailering close call so far is missing a devastating hail storm last summer in Limon, CO when we were returning to Arizona from a trip to Omaha, Nebraska to see family. Thankfully, we were a day late for that event!

Sergio and I have co-hosted the New Year's Eve Rally for the past 3 years and have had a great time with that. We intend to continue to be involved with that rally. We would like to host a new rally on top of [Mingus Mountain](#) near Prescott, AZ; we will keep you all posted on that!

We travel with our two Maltese Poodles, Audrey and Riley, and they have become quite the little campers since we purchased our trailer. If we could take our trailer anywhere in the world it would be a trip to [Alaska](#). I have been several times on business, but a leisure trip would be great!

My goals as a Four Corners Unit Officer are quite simple - to enjoy the company of our 4CU friends and guests, have fun, and keep our Unit focused on providing a great experience for all of our members. If we stay the course on our principles, I believe that we will continue to be an example unit for others to follow. The future of the WBCCI will surely hinge on other units like ours paving the way, inspiring change with our principles, culture, and a strong membership. - *Louis*



<http://fourcorners.wbcci.net>

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MILO BROWN, 4CU TRUSTEE



Q: Name and where do you live?

A: Milo and Karen Brown; we live in Juniper Hills, California, which is in the Mojave desert.

Q: What do you do for a living?

A: I'm a Business Agent.

Q: What made you choose an Airstream and what was your first trip?

A: When I was six or seven my Mom, Sister, and I were camping in a yard sale tent at the beach. A black Rolls Royce towing an Airstream parked next to us. I liked the Rolls and the Airstream. That night we were eating hot dogs

with mac and cheese, when my Mom nudged us to look over at the Airstream people. Their butler was serving them hot dogs with mac and cheese! My Mom said to my sister and me, "You are eating like rich folks tonight!" Now when we have hot dogs in our Airstream, I know I'm rich! Our first trip in our own Airstream was to boondock up a canyon on the edge of the [San Fernando Valley](#). What a learning experience that was!

Q: What model Airstream do you currently have?

A: This is our second and last Airstream. It's a Safari 25 foot front bedroom. We expect to be buried in it.

Q: What was your favorite trip in your Airstream so far?

A: My favorite trips so far have been all the ones boondocking in the desert, and all the Dead Horses, and Turkey Days in [Q Town](#).

Q: Have you had any close calls when traveling in your Airstream?

A: Several - but the one that still gives me shivers was the lady who stopped at the red light, then pulled out and across three lanes to be in front of us. I stood on the brakes with both feet and to this day I do not know how I did not hit her! We put disc brakes on the trailer within two weeks of that incident.

Q: Have you ever hosted an Airstream Rally; If so what was that experience like?

A: I have hosted several. My first two were stressful and cost me money. Then I learned to have everyone make their own reservations and collect and disburse no money at all. After that it was a breeze to throw a rally. I also learned that things will go sideways, but it really doesn't matter. Broken things will be fixed. Problems will be solved, and everyone will still have a great time!

Q: Where have you camped that you think would be a great location to hold a Rally?

A: Camp Cady, which is just north of Barstow off I-15. It's a restricted State Wildlife Area. We could camp there if we agreed to do a half day's work doing maintenance. It's a great spot of over two thousand acres that has the remains of [Camp Cady](#), a civil war-era calvary fort and historic ranch buildings.

Q: Do you travel with pets; if so where do they ride and how do you manage them in your rig?

A: We travel with two large dogs. A yellow lab named Dee-Oh-Gee and a German Shepherd named Sasha Pickles. They ride in the back seat of the truck on the road, and in the trailer before bedtime. Dee-Oh-Gee goes under the table and Sasha goes underfoot. When its bedtime, Sasha wedges herself between the bed and the front bulkhead, and Dee-Oh-Gee sleeps up against the bed at the hallway - unless its cold, and then he scoots down to get the heat from the furnace outlet.

Q: If you could take your Airstream anywhere in the world, where would you go?

A: Anywhere, I really don't care where we are or where we are going when we're in the Airstream. It's all golden time.

Q: As an officer of the 4CU, what are your goals in serving the Unit, and what future do you see for the WBCCI?

A: My goal is to keep the 4CU casual and comfortable to the members of the Unit. We all joined this Unit to avoid the over-regulation that is common in many others. Its a lot of work behind the scenes by the Officers to keep the balance between anarchy and formal dinners in suits. I think the Officers are doing a good job of steering the Unit.

The future of the WBCCI is a bit more worrying to me. The current caretakers of the Club seem to be more concerned with keeping it as it was "In The Day" than they are about realizing that the way people camp now is different. Folks are more casual, although many of the club's traditions are still valid. But many more are *not*, and if we as a club do not offer what people want, they will not join and the club will suffer.

So is all lost? Of course not. That generation will move on, and Units like ours will continue to gain in prominence and become the new face of the Club. The Club will go through an adjustment and come back even stronger. - *Milo*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: KEN JOHANSEN, 4CU TRUSTEE



My residences are in Tijeras, New Mexico and Durango, Colorado.

I am a semi-retired CPA - I am the former CFO of Presbyterian Regional Hospital system in New Mexico - I currently have my own CPA practice in which I do consulting for hospitals and medical practices, mostly in New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona. In addition I have a tax practice, with clients scattered about the U.S. I have also been on the faculty of a couple of

local colleges, teaching accounting, finance, and tax law.

I chose an Airstream because my piano teacher always raved about his - said the beds were more comfortable in the Airstream than in his house! I can't remember the first camping trip. I have a 1958 Overlander; I purchased it site unseen from someone in Texas. It was an absolute disaster that I rebuilt over three years. Never intended to rebuild a trailer, because I like camping way more than rebuilding trailers! It came out OK and I'm enjoying using it.

Favorite trip is always [Balloon Fiesta](#)! I so much enjoy watching both the young and old who are there for the first time, and seeing their faces light up when those balloons first take off - its really cool!

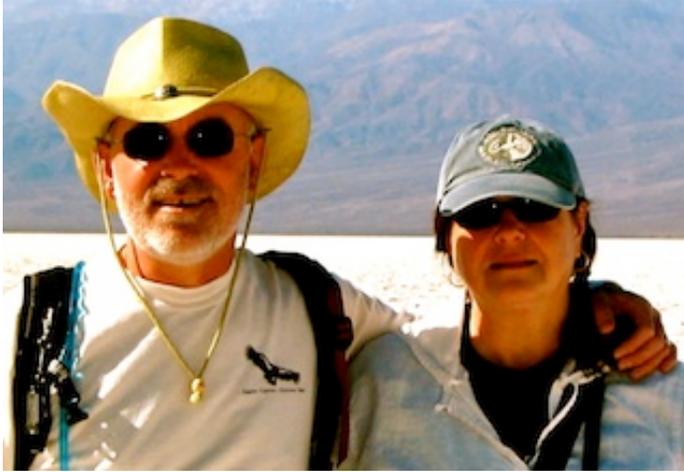
I have hosted and currently host several 4CU rallies - the [Balloon Fiesta Rally](#), the [Restoration Rally](#), and the Route 66 Rally. For the Balloon Fiesta we expect about 90 units, Restoration about 70, and Route 66 is a start up rally, so will get about 20 units.

The Four Corners Unit started one hot July day back in 2006 in my Airstream Barn. The reason it was started was to set an example of what I thought a great unit should look like. The original vision was to focus on great events - period - that welcome all Airstream owners. I envisioned a highly organized unit without formal titles, and all meetings held either via Internet or conference call. The future I see for the 4CU is for members to step up and do great rallies.

I support the WBCCI - it does have its issues, but I figure unless you are willing to step up, you do not have the right to criticize the leadership. I am concerned with all these start up Airstream clubs; I think all they do is dilute the members.

I believe the WBCCI will survive, but as with any club, will always have challenges to face. - Ken J

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: LINDA LAWSON, 4CU NEWSLETTER EDITOR



I reside just outside of Phoenix, Arizona with my husband of 15 years, Ken Lawson, and our three gatos. I am a retired software engineer. Ken works as a network systems specialist at [Intel Corporation](#). He has worked for Intel for about 15 years.

Ken and I have always enjoyed camping, and started out roughing it with minimalist backpacking gear and a small tent. The last place we enjoyed our sleeping bags in the tent was at [Canyonlands](#) in Utah. There we met a woman camper who had just purchased

a popup trailer that she was trying out for the first time. She showed us the inside and how it folded up and we were impressed by how compact it was, and how many more of the comfort amenities it offered than a tent. We returned home and started considering purchasing a popup ourselves.

After thinking about it, checking the prices, and wondering where we would store it when not in use, we decided it wouldn't be that much nicer than our tent - it was basically just a tent on wheels. And it certainly wouldn't be bear-proof, or any drier or warmer than our tent was during a rainstorm or winter weather! Besides, we really disliked the idea of getting into the "RV" lifestyle and all that it entailed. We both agreed that the only "RV" that was so cool that it *might* be OK to buy would be one of those silver Airstream trailers . . . hmmm.

Ken discovered the [Airforums](#) Web site and we quickly became very educated about Airstreams new and old. In about two months we went from being mildly interested to being obsessed with owning one, and soon found our way to Joe Pershing at [Oasis RV Center](#) in Tucson. The rest is history - an aluminum tent on wheels is all we've used since!

We currently own a 2006 28' Safari SE and a 1981 28' Excella Motor Home. During the hot summer months we keep the trailer at our lot at the [Airstream park in Lakeside AZ](#) so we have a weekend getaway all set up and ready for us. When Ken retires we would like to travel continuously for a while; our favorite trips so far have been the ones where we've had weeks of vacation time to tour whole states and areas of the country.

We joined the WBCCI when we got our first Airstream as Members At Large. After reading the Airforums and corresponding with Richard Girard about the first Dead Horse Rally, we decided to check it out. We had a great time and decided to become members of the 4CU. We hosted the first 4CU New Year's Rally back at the end of 2007, and have co-hosted it twice since; we plan to do it again to bring in 2012! - Linda

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: RICHARD GIRARD, 4CU IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



Residence City & State? What do you do for a living?

I live in Phoenix, AZ with my wife of 27 years, Jan. I am currently a Computer Support Specialist for the [Central Arizona Project](#). My plan is to retire in November of this year, so I am on the final leg of a career in Data Processing that started in New York in 1972 with IBM.

What made you choose an Airstream?

Jan and I tent camped for several years and then bought a popup trailer that we owned for 17 years. The tent trailer was getting small as our dogs increased in number and size, so we started to think about getting a

bigger trailer. About 10 years ago Brad Norgard showed up at a fly fishing club outing with his 1959 Trade Wind; we took a good look at the quality of the trailer, and the search began!

What model Airstream do you currently have, and how did you come to acquire it?

After looking for six months I had a disappointing trip to Northern California to buy an Airstream that turned out to be more of a project than I wanted. I posted the experience on Airforums, mostly to feel justified by my walking away from the deal! Ken Johansen contacted me to tell me that *his* trailer would be for sale in the near future. Several emails later I drove to Northern New Mexico to purchase our 1975 Trade Wind!

What has been your favorite trip in your Airstream so far?

It's hard to say which was my favorite trip; they have all been great! Any trip to the [Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta](#) (4 so far) is a magical experience. Our two trips to [Salida, Colorado](#), for [RMVAC Rallies](#) have been fantastic, with much to see and do. Last year we traveled to the International in [Gillette, Wyoming](#), and that was also one of my favorites. The drive through Arizona, Utah, and Colorado was just spectacular, as well as the sites around Gillette. Once at the International we got to meet with many of our club friends from all over the United States and Canada.

Have you had any close calls when traveling in your Airstream?

A couple of years ago we were traveling along AZ-260 at night, just outside of Show Low, Arizona, when 2 elk appeared in the road in front of me. I was able to maneuver around them safely, but it was pretty scary at the time!

Have you ever hosted an Airstream Rally; if so, what is that experience like?

Jan and I hosted the *first ever* 4CU Rally in February of 2007 at [Dead Horse Ranch State Park](#) in Cottonwood, Arizona. It has become an annual event every President's Day weekend. We will be hosting our 6th Dead Horse Rally in 2012.

Do you travel with any pets; if so, where do they ride while on the road, and how do you manage them inside your rig?

We travel with our two girls, Gracie and Smokie. They are rather large and fill the back seat of the truck in a pet sling that keeps them in place. We do leave them with a dog sitter for longer trips that require multiple days of travel. Once we retire, they will be with us on the longer trips as well!

If you could take your Airstream anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

In the July 1957 National Geographic there is a great article about the [European Caravan](#) that was led by Wally Byam and sponsored by the Airstream Company in 1956. Traveling through Europe with an Airstream in tow has been a dream of mine since the first time I read that article!

As an officer of the 4CU, what are your goals in serving the Unit, and what future do you see for the WBCCI?

It's all about friends getting together at great events. I would like to encourage other members to host rallies in new locations, and to let them know that we'll be there to help! The WBCCI needs to turn around the steady decline in membership by adopting the philosophy of the 4CU. - Richard

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: TERRY RICH, 4CU MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



photo by Dale (PeeWee) Schwamborn

Terry Rich resides in Tucson, Arizona with his partner of 30 years, Greg Schmuker. They share their home with Sadie, their blond cocker spaniel and Homer, the desert tortoise in their care. Terry is a graphic designer with a background in ad agencies, and now owns his own business, [TBRich Design](#), which he has [operated](#) from their home the last 25 years. Greg is retired from retail management (but works harder these days taking care of Terry and the household!).

Terry and Greg had another cocker spaniel (some of you knew her - Annie) who had

complicated health issues that prevented them

from taking vacations. They say that their adventure into RVing “was her fault.” They saw RVing as a solution because they could take Annie with them on vacations. So the search for an RV began! They had always admired Airstreams, but an opportunity to purchase a small motorhome came up and they took it. Terry says they enjoyed it very much, but after a couple of years of RVing and not towing a vehicle, they decided a trailer would better suit them - because they could drop a trailer at a campsite and still have wheels to go exploring. In a whirlwind of “high finance,” they sold their car, bought a truck and a 2006 19’ Safari SE Bambi at [Oasis RV](#) in Tucson - all within a period of two weeks! A few months later they sold their motor home privately, and a new era of camping had begun. Annie is gone now, but she enjoyed many years of happy camping adventures - and Terry and Greg are hooked - now crediting Annie with bringing them to Airstreaming.

They have not made any long distance trips so far, but they have crisscrossed [Arizona](#), camping at virtually all the Arizona state parks where camping is available. They have also explored part of [New Mexico](#), southern [California](#) and a bit of west [Texas](#). When they became involved with the 4CU another new era of camping began - dry camping and boon docking, which opened new options for them. These days they often enjoy more undeveloped campgrounds in national forests and national recreation areas. Their newest adventures are semi-annual jaunts to [Rocky Point, Mexico](#) with fellow 4CU campers. Perhaps their favorite trip so far was a 3-week trip to northern New Mexico for the 2010 [Lake Heron](#) Rally and 2010 [Balloon Fiesta](#) rallies, with a week in the [Jemez Mountains](#) in between. That’s the longest trip they’ve made, and they had a great time . . . and want to keep expanding their horizons.

Terry and Greg say that the 4CU has opened a world of new possibilities and new friends to them. Not only has it changed the way they camp, but it has allowed them to make great friends within the unit and beyond. Terry, as Membership Chair, has the opportunity to “talk Airstream” to a wide variety of fellow Airstreamers from all walks of life, and finds that no matter who or where they are, there is a common thread to build friendships on. Terry is always pleased when he and Greg are able to meet acquaintances they’ve made through the Airstream network, and turn them into friends!

Terry is an optimist about the Unit and WBCCI. He knows there are issues to be addressed at the higher levels of the club, but also believes that change can only happen through the cooperative efforts of grass-roots progressive members within individual units. As Membership Chair, he enjoys helping to bring “happy campers” into the 4CU who appreciate what it has to offer. He feels that if all units were as welcoming, diverse, and casual (and therefore “appealing”) as the 4CU, the larger issues facing the overall organization would be resolved and we could all get back to the our fundamental goals - hitting the road, meeting up with Airstream friends, and enjoying not only our fabulous Airstreams, but all the possibilities and simple joys we find in going camping! - TerryJ

MEMBERSHIP NOTES (23Feb11 – 17May11)

BY **TERRY RICH**

Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to **WELCOME** the following **New Members to the 4CUnit**:

Kevin & Carrie Bye, Lee's Summit, MO (4CU)

Bob & Mary Lou Doster, Buckeye, AZ (Affiliates, AZ Unit)

Jer & Kate Graves, Salida, CO (4CU)

Don Gubrud, Hillsboro, TX (4CU, Transfer from Texas Unit)

Hal & Sandy Harnagel, Golden, CO (Affiliates, Denver Unit)

Art & Mary Kelly, Bancroft, Ontario, CAN (Affiliates, Ontario Unit)

Jimmy & Marque Mooney, Stephenville, TX

(Affiliates, Texas Highland Lakes Unit)

Tom & Rebekah Nguyen, Denver, CO (Affiliates, DenCo)

Dennis & Carol Ober, Manhiem, PA (Affiliates, Central PA Unit)

Bob & Marlene Rempe, Angle Fire, NM (4CU)

Jeffrey & Signe Wheeler, Boulder, CO (Affiliates, DenCo)

William Wolfe & Christine Girard, Phoenix, AZ (4CU)

Welcome to each of you! We are pleased to have you on board, and we look forward to seeing you all around the 4CUnit campfire as soon as possible.

Our Numbers:

As of this writing the 4CUnit has 89 Full Members, 65 Affiliates (members of other WBCCI units who also want to be part of the 4CU)...and 1 Honorary for a total of 155 members.

The 2011 Membership Year Closes:

We have closed the membership roster for 2011 memberships. Any new membership applications received from this point forward will be processed and submitted to International after 1 July 2011 for the 2012 membership year. **This is the absolute BEST time of year for new members to join because they will receive membership benefits for the remainder of the calendar year of 2011 and all of 2012, with "official" start-dates of 2012.** Good news if you have friends on the fence about joining us! A 2012 4CUnit Membership Application is included as the last page of the Newsletter. Please print out some applications and take them along with you when you go camping! You just never know when someone will want information about the 4CUnit!

2012 Membership Renewals Coming Up:

As the International membership books close 30 June, we will begin emailings reminding you to send in your 2012 membership renewals. The 2012 dues remain the same as 2011, \$65 for WBCCI + \$1 for the 4CUnit for a total of \$66. Affiliate membership is \$1. If you have paid dues in advance, we will send a reminder note to that affect so that you do not double-pay. **Why so early for 2012?** We begin collecting dues for the next calendar year at this time because we must have our 2012 membership information to International by November 2011 so that members' names will appear in the **2012 International Member Directory**, published in January 2012. Why not print out the 2012 4CUnit Application at the end of the newsletter, complete it and send it with your dues to our Treasurer, Howard Efner, today! Then you won't have to worry about it later!

Questions?

If you have any questions about membership please contact Terry Rich, Membership Chair, at Terry@TBRich.com. Happy trails! - Terry

WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY - JUNE 28 - JULY 4 2011

Summer is almost here and Jan and I will be attending the [International Rally in Du Quoin, Illinois](#). This year the International will be held at a beautiful fairground in a small town with a population of around 6,000. Since most of the Unit members will not be able to attend, we will try and report back to you all of the events of our stay at this year's event.

We will be parking - and if our schedule permits, parading - our trailer with other members of the [Vintage Airstream Club](#). There will be plenty of meetings and seminars to keep us busy, as well as a few meals along the way. Last year Jan was one of the judges at the pet contest, which was her favorite event from Gillette! This year we are going to have a picnic on the 4th with members from Regions 11 & 12. It should be a lot of fun.

Last year I started a thread on Airforums to document our trip to and from Wyoming; I plan on doing the same thing when we start our journey to Illinois. We are planning to begin the trip on the June 16, so please join us as we travel across this great country! - *Richard*

CAMPING NEWS - FREE ENTRY TO NATIONAL PARKS

The National Park service has announced that there will be seventeen "free" days at all National Parks and Monuments in 2011. The next one coming up will be the first day of summer, **June 21**. Next is National Public Lands Day, which will be observed on **September 24**. The last will be the week ending Veteran's Day, **November 11 thru November 13**. All entry fees are to be waived on these days. Read more at <http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm>

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UPCOMING RALLIES: June 2 - 5, 2011

Jemez Rally, Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico

Co-Sponsored by the New Mexico Unit #069 & the Four Corners Unit of New Mexico #004

Contact A Rally Host to Register for this Event:

NM Unit: Tom & Barbara Stallings: H 505-298-8355, C 505-263-5540, casacornice@hotmail.com

4C Unit: Bruce & Kathy Gaither: 505-281-0941, 0069@wbcci.net

Location: Santa Fe National Forest, USFS Paliza Group Campground, GS1 Group Area

- Three miles north of Ponderosa, NM (Sandoval County) on Forest Road 10. Approximately 60 miles (1 hour) from downtown Albuquerque, NM
- This is a dry camp! No Hookups! Bring your solar panels or generator if you need it.
- Drinking water will NOT be available, you must haul what you need. Jugs can be filled & hauled from the Jemez Pueblo convenience store, 9 miles from the campground.
- There is no firewood available in campground so BYO Wood if you plan a campfire.
- **Local cell phone coverage is spotty**, & dependent on your provider. If you can't get a signal in the campground, drive a few miles toward civilization & you should get some bars.
- Participants are welcome to come late or leave early but the Paliza Group Campground, GS-1 area is reserved for our exclusive use only from June 2 - 5. You could stay at the very nearby Paliza Family Campground before or after those dates.
- The Paliza Group Campground is newly renovated & has 20+ paved sites, 5 or more of which can be doubled or tripled. Most of the sites are long enough for large Airstream trailers plus tow vehicle.
- **Site assignments will be coordinated by the rally hosts upon arrival.**
- What's included?(**Fee will be collected at the rally**, estimated \$8 -12 per person)
 - ◊ Camping Fees Thursday – Sunday (3 nights)
 - ◊ Dinner Friday (main course, you supply a side dish)
 - ◊ Saturday Left Overs at Pot Luck

Preliminary Rally Itinerary - All Activities Optional

<p>Thursday June 2 Arrivals: Group Campground gate opens 10AM. We are in campground GS-1 Rally Hosts will direct you to a campsite – largest sites are for largest trailers (duh!) Lunch: On Your Own Self Guided Tour of Local Attractions Happy Hour 4:30PM Group Shelter (BYOBeverage) Dinner: On Your Own</p>	<p>Saturday June 4 Breakfast: On Your Own or BYOCoffee to Group Shelter Self Guided Tour of Local Attractions Lounging, Hiking, Hot Springs Fishing Valles Caldera National Preserve Lunch: On Your Own (BBQ Leftovers Group Shelter) Happy Hour 4:30PM Group Shelter (BYOBeverage) Dinner: "Pot Luck" Group Shelter</p>
<p>Friday June 3 Breakfast: On Your Own or BYOCoffee to Group Shelter Self Guided Tour of Local Attractions Lounging, Hiking, Hot Springs Fishing Valles Caldera National Preserve Lunch: On Your Own Happy Hour 4:30PM Group Shelter (BYOBeverage) Dinner 6:00PM Group Shelter Main Dish Provided - Pulled Pork & Smoked Brisket - BYO Side Dishes & Drinks</p>	<p>Sunday June 5 Breakfast: On Your Own or BYOCoffee to Group Shelter Have A Safe Trip Home</p>

Access: From the intersection of US 550 (old NM 44) & NM 4, near San Isidro, turn onto NM 4 heading northeast toward Jemez Pueblo. Continue about 6 miles to the intersection with NM State Road 290 on the right. Turn RIGHT onto NM State Road 290 toward Ponderosa, NM, & follow State Road 290 approximately 7 miles. State Road 290 then turns into Forest Road 10 - a maintained gravel road. Continue on FR 10 for an additional 2.25 miles to a large sign marking "Paliza Group Campground" on the left. The campground entrance is on the right side of the road a few yards ahead. The separate Paliza Family Campground entrance is about 1.5 miles further on FR10. - Bruce & Kathy

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/recreation/districts/jemez/camping/palizagroup.html>

UPCOMING RALLIES: June 9 - 13, 2011

Vintage Restoration Rally, Albuquerque, NM

Greetings! We are rapidly approaching this rally which promises to be a great educational experience and fun time for all. You are welcome to come early and stay late!

Our plan for this rally is to do a seminar/conference style event for the purpose of learning the skills required to restore these wonderful trailers - hopefully we can steer you away from some of the mistakes all of us have made - or at least tell you the stories of what went right and what went wrong. Like my wife, who had a certain person drill through her thumb - I promise it really was not my fault - in spite of what her story is!

Some of the presentations will be inside seminar style, some will be outside, and some will be actual hands on - in other words, you may find tools in your hand! We hope all will have a great time, meet some new friends, perhaps even give you a network of folks to call as you work on your trailer, and maybe even learn a new skill!

Confirmed seminars at this point will include:

- **Polishing**
- **Electrical work**
- **Zolatone painting**
- **Door and window rebuilding/vent installation**
- **Axles/brakes**
- **Curtains and upholstery**
- **Fiberglass restoration**
- **Insurance for Airstreams**
- **Cabinet making**
- **Metal work**
- **Solar**
- **Plumbing**
- **Rivets rivets and more rivets**
- **Drum brakes**
- **Access doors**
- **What to look for when buying a vintage trailer**
- *And more!*

This year again we are very lucky to have Area 63 Productions as our featured presenter - they are a well known Airstream restoration shop from Orange CA. In addition we have Master Tech RV from Florida to demonstrate very slick solar installations. One of the highlights of the event is how to convert from drum brakes to disk brakes - we will have a trailer in attendance that will be receiving these new high tech "shoes". Another feature is we have Jim Polk with us, who will be updating and giving us information on insuring your trailer. Jim is one of the few in the country that is accepted by insurance companies and the Internal Revenue Service for appraisals of Airstream trailers. He is available for a reasonable fee to do a professional valuation of your trailer if you so desire. And don't forget to bring your old Airstream items for sale or swap. Again this year we will have an informal swap meet - we usually have Airstream items for sale, as well as a few vintage trailers around for sale!

The campground where will be staying is an old Route 66 campground that used to be an old Route 66 trading post that was actually moved brick by brick when the interstate came through Albuquerque - a great setting for our vintage trailers! The owner is a vintage trailer owner herself - she has a beautifully restored canned ham, another old Yellowstone, and Airstream trailers waiting to be restored, a very nice old teardrop trailer, and two old Hudsons that are used to tow the trailers. So if you are into vintage stuff and some Route 66 history, this is the place to be!

The swimming pool is open for the kids and the kid wannabe's! And . . . the great news is, the campground is giving us a GREAT deal on camping spots - only \$15.00 per night - that's a deal these days! The campground is right next to Camping World, so parts and service are available right there. Food! - details to follow, but will have a catered meal on Saturday night so you don't have to worry about cooking after a hard day of working on trailers. On Sunday night we will have a movie night so we can relax after a great weekend.

So what do you need to do at this point? Glad you asked . . .

Make sure you call [**Enchanted Trails at 505-831-6317**](tel:505-831-6317) and let them know how many nights you plan to stay with us - be sure to tell them you are with the Airstream Restoration Rally.

If you have not sent me your Registration Form and Rally Fee yet, contact me at:
[**fourcornersunit@hotmail.com**](mailto:fourcornersunit@hotmail.com)

- Ken J

UPCOMING RALLIES: July 21 - 24, 2011

New Mexico Route 66 Rally with the Vintage Airstream Club

GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66!

The [Vintage Airstream Club](#) and the The Four Corners Unit are teaming up to join the [New Mexico Route 66 Association](#) for a great time in July: the 21st – 24th are the dates – be there or be square

This is a “traveling” rally. We will start at the [Tucumcari NM](#) KOA on Thursday night, tour the city on Friday - the city of murals and great art-deco architecture - and watch all the vintage cars come into town as they prepare to ride across New Mexico on Route 66. Then on Saturday morning we will all take off for [Albuquerque](#) and tour the various towns, sites, and history that this Highway is so famous for. We will stay at Enchanted Trails RV Park - on old Route 66 trading post - and join the “neon tour” on Saturday night in downtown Albuquerque, where there will be tons of old cars, food, music, and more. The city is planning to close off a several block area for this event. Or, if you prefer not to drive downtown, we will have our own “drive in” big screen movie at the campground!

Then on Sunday we will continue this journey to [Gallup, New Mexico](#), where we will stay at the USA RV Park and depart Monday morning, after driving down memory lane. You will receive a nice tour guide (and some other goodies) that will describe interesting places to see and historical information along the route. You can travel together with others, or you can go at your own pace during the day. Relax and enjoy the ride! Several towns will be entertaining us along the route - various activities such as BBQs and other events will be going on that are in the planning stages. And . . . don't forget the great photo opportunities!

So how do you sign up? Glad you asked

Cost is only \$35.00 for the Rally! You can get the sign up sheet by emailing us at: fourcornersunit@hotmail.com

You will need to make reservations at any or all of the following - these campgrounds are giving us special rates - be sure to tell them you are with the New Mexico Route 66 Rally:

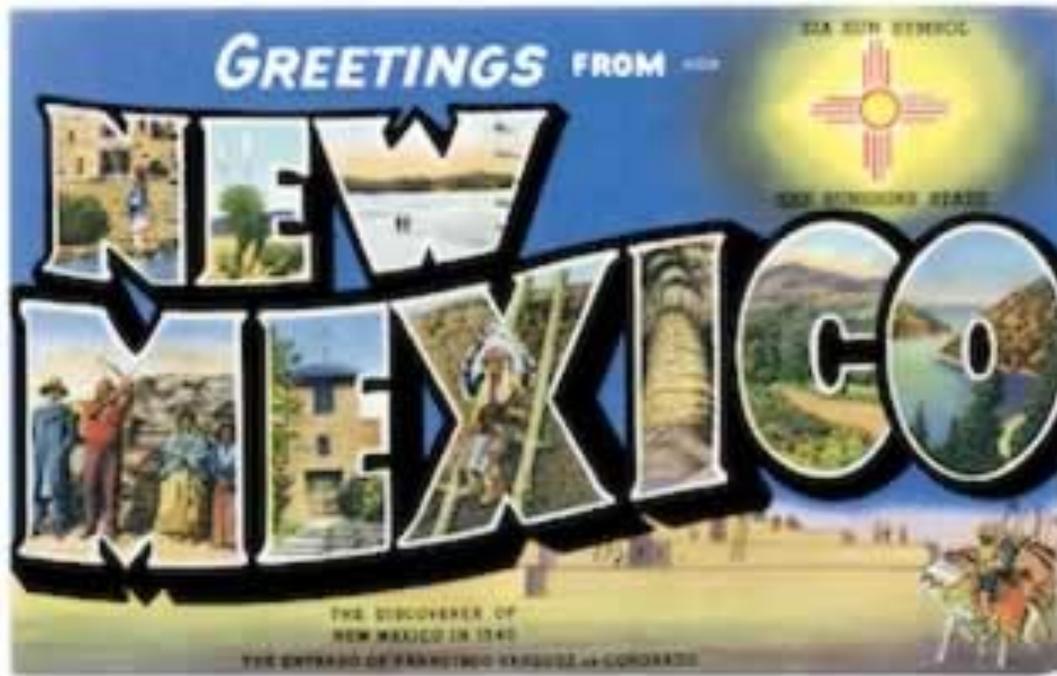
Thursday & Friday July 21 & 22	KOA Tucumcari, NM	(575) 461-1841	\$36.00/night
Saturday July 23	Enchanted Trails RV Park & Trading Post Albuquerque, NM	(505) 831-6317	our favorite Airstream park \$15/night
Sunday July 24	USA RV Park Gallup, NM	(505) 863-5021	\$20.00/\$25.00 depending if you purchase dinner

This rally as a great opportunity to turn back the clock to a time when life was simpler, and maybe even a bit slower! Take your time, see the sights, take some great pictures - maybe have a burger and malt - or two - or three - even tune into AM radio oldies 1600 in Albuquerque or XM 50's radio and make believe its 1955! - Ken J

Newsletter Submissions

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

2011 Upcoming 4CU Rally Schedule



When	What	Where	Host(s)	Contact
June 2-5	Jemez Rally (joint w/New Mexico Unit)	USFS Paliza Group Campground, GS1, Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico	Bruce Gaither, Tom Stalling	0069 @wbcci.net or casacornice @hotmail.com
June 9-13	Vintage Restoration Rally	Enchanted Trails RV Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen	fourcornersunit @hotmail.com
July 21-24	New Mexico Route 66 Rally (joint w/VAC)	Tucumcari, Albuquerque, Gallup NM	Ken Johansen	fourcornersunit @hotmail.com
Sept 30-Oct 4	Balloon Fiesta Rally	Balloon Fiesta Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen	fourcornersunit @hotmail.com

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