

the Four Corners Unit RoundUp

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A Note From Our President

Spring is in the air and the cold of winter is behind us. Living in Phoenix we have a much different concept of winter than some of our members who live in much colder locations. No matter where you live, it's time to go camping! After two great rallies in Arizona this year, the next stop is Albuquerque for the second annual Restoration Rally. Ken did a great job last year and this year is looking even better. Please contact Ken Johansen if you would like to attend this rally or maybe just stop by and visit your 4CU friends for a day. I would like to meet as many members as possible at this event. I could also use a little help replacing the Air Conditioner on my trailer.

I have been working on the concept of a Four Corners Unit Flag for the past few months and we have had a discussion regarding this in the 4CU area at Airforums.com. The goal is to have a flag approved at the International this summer. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please join in on the discussion. If you have any questions about accessing this forum, please contact me or Jim (Membership Chair) and we will help you through the process. There will more information about the unit flag in the near future.

This year's International Rally is being held in Madison, WI. Information about proposed changes to the club will be sent in the form of a ballot in the near future. Please take the time to study the proposals and return the requested information.

Until next time, see you round the 4CU campfire...

Richard

Luau in the Desert / DH3 Rally Report

Once again, Jan and I were the hosts of Dead Horse 3 – The Luau over President's Day weekend. We really enjoy the event and from the feedback we have received, everyone had a great time as well. The weather was a little cool at night, but the days were warm and sunny.



Friday night we held a Spam cooking contest and I was floored by the amount of great tasting Spam dishes that were served. Tamara Rodriguez prepared the winning dish which was Spam Enchiladas and they were delicious. Thank you to everyone who entered, all of the meals were scrumptious.

Saturday night after the pot luck we had a white elephant gift exchange where people won or stole some very interesting gifts. It's always fun to see everyone reaction to the different

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Rallies Are the Spirit of the 4CU, Help Us Plan More!



Descendant of a Peep? This flightless fowl was adopted as our mascot for the rally.

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items that were put in the pile. I expect to see a few of the items wrapped up again for next year. Maybe I can get that great lamp that Dave and Kelly walked away with this year.

Sunday many of our friends had to leave, but about half of the 30 rigs stayed an extra day. Most of us that stayed the extra night made our annual trip to the Town Tavern for dinner Sunday night. The food was great and we had a shorter wait than we did last year. Maybe they are getting used to a few dozen people showing up with no reservations.

We have already reserved the site for next year and we plan on a pirate theme for next year. Let me know if you have any suggestions for events at DH4.



Picacho Peak New Year's Rally – December 31-January 4, 2009



We held our 2nd annual New Year's Rally at Picacho Peak State Park and had an excellent turnout for this event. In total we had 21 units participate this year. We occupied a good portion of the Quail group area. We arrived a day early to prepare for the rally and were met by our reigning TTQ Michela who was all set up with her reservation desk and ready to greet arriving participants.

Our first night was New Year's Eve and after a welcome Happy Hour and dinner was finished,

everyone gathered around the bonfire and we rang in the New Year together. We toasted with several bottles of Champagne and welcomed 2009 with great friends and lots of enthusiasm. New Year's Day was fairly quiet as everyone slept in or spent time hiking and exploring the area. That evening we enjoyed a pot luck with a southern theme, I must say that we have some excellent cooks in this unit. The evening wound down with a campfire under the stars.

We held two other much anticipated events during this rally; first we played a fun and hilarious game of pictionary. We split the group into two teams and members of each team had to write down a person, place, thing, and an action on slips of paper and they were all placed in a bowl. The two teams exchange the bowls and each team selects one member to draw an item picked at random from the bowl they received from the other team. Everyone gets a turn to draw and the teams alternate with a new person drawing. There is a 1 minute time limit on drawing and guessing. Our teams were the Safaris and the S.O.Bs. The S.O.Bs won by two points. The next evening we had a pot luck and then followed up with a white elephant gift exchange. There were some very interesting items being exchanged. We had everything from trailer parts to a chocolate fountain, and several flamingo items. This event proved to be a lot of fun



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- newsletter editor



Ponderosa Shadows

A Private Membership Airstream Park for those 55 or Older



August 2007 - Adjacent to Show Low Lake

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Most of you may not be aware of one of Arizona's best kept camping secrets, so we thought we'd share this info with you. Ponderosa Shadows is located in Lakeside, Arizona and is generally open from May 15th to October 15th, weather permitting. The Park is owned by Ponderosa Shadows, Inc., a Not-For-Profit Arizona Corporation, which in turn is owned by the 40 individual members. The typical membership is held jointly by a married couple; a few members are single.

Each of the 40 memberships is assigned a spacious lot (not less than 8,000 square feet), which includes a storage shed (about 8'x10') for personal use. Most sites have dual hook-ups (one for the owner and one for a guest), most have cement patios, and many have gazebo (screen house) slabs. In addition to the campsites, the park also has common areas such as roads, and a ramada-type building with a large fireplace and complete modern kitchen and rest rooms, which serves as a meeting/activity hall. There are also about 10 acres of undeveloped ground. We are open during the spring, summer, and fall months only. Currently, you must remove your Airstream from the Park when it is closed over the winter months.

We do not rent or lease campground spaces; we DO advertise membership lots that from time to time become available for sale. These lots - there are only 40 of them - offer a private, spacious, full-hookup site in a gorgeous wooded setting with a beautiful lake nearby!

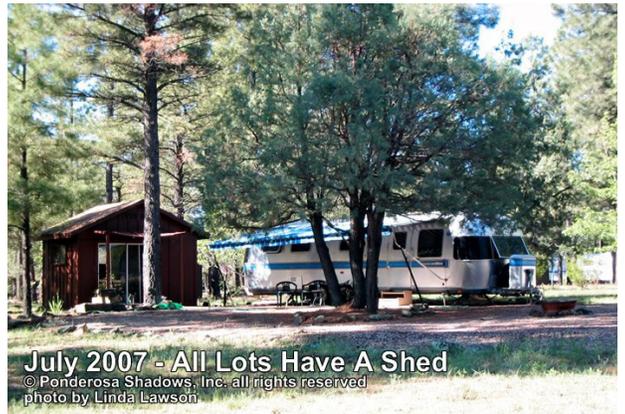
Membership Requirements:

- + age 55
- + own an Airstream
- + belong to WBCCI
- + purchase a lot
(from a member who is selling theirs)

Visit Our Web Site at

<http://ponderosashadowsinc.googlepages.com>
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July 2007 - All Lots Have A Shed

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July 2007 - Most Sites Have A Casita

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Second 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. This rally is part seminar (classroom) and part hands on and does not require you to bring your trailer. We will be covering all kinds of topics including buck riveting, zolatone painting, door and window rebuilding etc etc.

Area 63 Productions is going to bring a gutted '58 to the rally. What is so special about this is that they are going to allow us to work on it with them - so what a great opportunity to use and test skills! Talk about hands on! You will be able to do some actual buck riveting, help put on vents/windows - whatever projects you have in mind for your trailer.... Shoot this could even be like Extreme Makeover - Trailer addition! - if there are enough of us, they will leave to go back to California with a completed trailer!!!!

The rally will be the last weekend in April in Albuquerque NM - easy to get to from anywhere.... please e-mail Ken Johansen (fourcornersunit@hotmail.com) for more info - we have a few spaces left and we will close registration just about as soon as you get this newsletter. Its going to be here before you know it, so make plans now.

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and there were many laughs as we opened and snatched gifts from each other. We ended this evening as all others with a nice big fire under the stars in the wonderful Sonora Desert.

We had excellent weather for this event with warm 70 degree days and cool nights. Our departure day turned quite rainy and everyone who departed had to pack up between rain showers that were moving through the area, but all in all it was a great rally. We also would like to welcome our 3 new members who joined the 4CU after attending this rally as guests. We hope to see everyone next year and many others who have not yet attended this event.



- See you down the road,

Louis



Just a few remaining FCU window decals are available. Shoot me an email at: stream2699@cox.net and we'll git-r-done.

Brad

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Remember to keep up with all of the FCU happenings at our webpage:

<http://fourcorners.wbcci.net>

Bookmark in your web browser and check in periodically for the news and rally info.



Until next time, the 4CU Rocks!!