

# the Four Corners Unit Roundup

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## President's Message by Richard Girard

October has been a busy month for Jan and me. We started the month at the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We joined up with a few other 4CU members along the way and had a smooth trip to the Fiesta. Camping with the unit on the fiesta grounds is a great experience; we are less than 50 yards from the field, and most of the time the balloons are drifting right over our heads!



Action at the Fiesta  
photo by Richard Girard

From Albuquerque we headed north to Fort Collins, CO to attend the Region 11 Rally. We had a couple of days to make the trip and we made a few stops along the way to visit with friends. We arrived in Fort Collins to find winter knocking on the door every day. A few inches of snow and temperatures in the teens was quite a departure from the weather we left behind in Phoenix.





Fort Collins Weather  
photo by Richard Girard



Jan & Janie Western Line Dancing  
photo by Richard Girard

Our Region President, Janie Lichtfuss, hosted a very enjoyable rally with a variety of entertainment and plenty of food. There were several seminars and something for everyone. A Region business meeting was held and I had the honor of representing the Four Corners Unit.

The following issues were discussed and voted on at the meeting:

- The Paso Del Norte Texas unit will dissolve at the end of this year
- The Colorado West Unit will be given one year to increase its membership by 20% or be forced to dissolve or merge with another unit.
- Next year's Region Rally will be held the weekend after the Balloon Fiesta Rally at Red Rock Park near Gallup, NM.
- A motion was passed by the Region and will be sent to the IBT meeting in January. This motion calls for a reduction in the number of Regions as well as the elimination of one VP on the IBT. It also calls for the International Rally to be streamlined and hosted by different Regions. The purpose of this motion is to reduce expenses and better match the structure of the club to its current size.

We were on the road for 15 days and covered over 2,000 miles. We had to replace one tire and one ice chest, but that's a story for around the campfire.... Richard



Four Corners Unit Flag  
photo by Richard Girard

## Unit Flags

I picked up the Unit Flags from Jim Carnevale while in Albuquerque earlier this month. Jim did a great job on the flag project and I am very pleased with the finished product. **I will be delivering flags to people who ordered them at the next several rallies. If you have ordered a flag, but will not be attending a rally in the next several months, please contact me so that I can get the flag to you.** We do have a limited number of extra 3x5 flags that you can buy. The cost is \$52.



## **Rally Report: September in the Pines** **by Rod Daniel**

Members and guests of the Four Corners

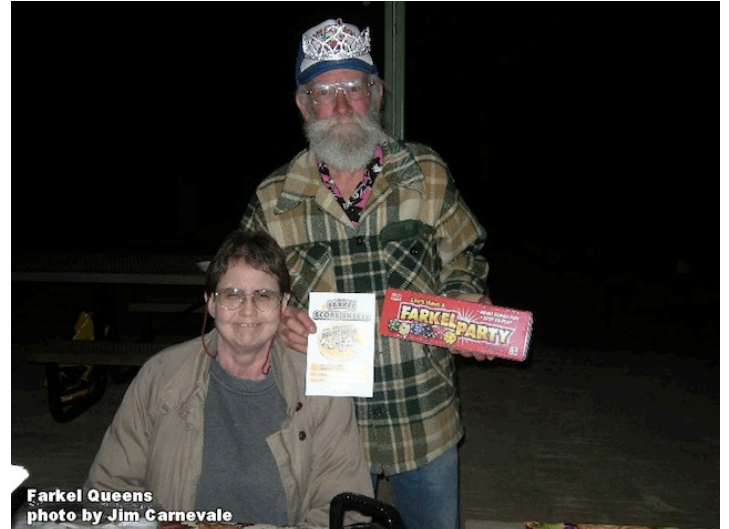


shore. Evening meals were accompanied by spectacular rain and lightening, but the group shelter kept most everyone dry. Very cool door prizes, provided by Sundance Graphics, were handed out through random drawings. Prizes also were given for first place, and the worst place, in the first ever Airstream Farkel tournament (a strange name for an addictive dice game). Tracy walked away as the undisputed champion! Prizes for the Farkel tournament were provided by Legendary Games.

Heron Lake State Park rests in the high altitude forested mountains of northern New Mexico. The park is very popular and

Unit gathered at Heron Lake State Park in northern New Mexico for the September in the Pines Airstream rally, September 18-20, 2009. Twenty trailers, and about 40 attendees gathered for 3 days of relaxation, hiking, fishing, boating and hearty eating. Campers included seasoned Airstream owners, a few full timers, and one couple who were making their maiden voyage in their newly acquired Airstream. Folks traveled from as far away as Louisiana to be a part of this rally!

The Airstreamers gathered each morning and evening for organized meals. Saturday included a group hot dog picnic on the lake



crowded during the summer months. It contains many desirable and private camp sites, extensive hiking and biking trails, and a large no-wake lake. The park staff was very accommodating in reserving one loop of full hookup sites for the rally. This was the first

Airstream rally ever held at Heron Lake State Park, and the rangers are hopeful that there will be another. Many Four Corners Unit members are looking forward to the next September in the Pines rally!

The September in the Pines Airstream rally was organized by Jim Carnevale and Rod Daniel, with assistance from Bob and Lou Whitcomb.

### **4CU Membership Badges Update**

Brad has finished a bunch of the 4CU membership badges that are ready to send out, and he still has another small batch to go! These are the laminated NAME badges with the 4CU on one side and WBCCI info on the reverse. If you have any questions about these, contact him at [stream2699@cox.net](mailto:stream2699@cox.net)

### **Rally Recipes We Love!**

We all love to rally, and part of any 4CU Rally is at least one group potluck! Sometimes they get a little weird (Spam, anyone?), but no matter what, there is always an abundance of delicious FOOD and DRINK!! With that in mind, the 4CU Newsletter hereby introduces a new feature! We invite\* any and all 4CU members to submit their (or someone else's) recipe that was recently enjoyed at a 4CU Rally.

<b>Jalapeno Popper Spread</b> <b>prepared by Reg Bittner</b> <b>at 2009 4CU New Year's Rally at Picacho Peak</b>	
<p>PREP TIME 10 Min COOK TIME 3 Min READY IN 13 Min Original recipe yield 4 cups</p> <p><b>Ingredients:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened</li><li>• 1 cup mayonnaise</li><li>• 1 (4 ounce) can chopped green chilies, drained</li><li>• 2 ounces canned diced jalapeno peppers, drained</li><li>• 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese</li></ul>	<p><b>Directions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Stir together cream cheese and mayonnaise in a large bowl until smooth. Stir in green chiles and jalapeno peppers. Pour mixture into a microwave safe serving dish, and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.</li><li>2. Microwave on High until hot, about 3 minutes.</li><li>3. Baked Variation: If you would like to brown the cheese, bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for about 30 minutes.</li></ol> <p>Serve with sliced sourdough baguettes, tortilla chips or crackers</p>



**\* Send in your Rally Recipes!: Send an email to Linda at [lawson@xwinds.com](mailto:lawson@xwinds.com)**

**Include the recipe, the cook's name, your name (if different), & the rally(s) it was served at!!!**



## **Rally Report: 2009 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta** **by Ken Johansen**

The third annual Four Corners Balloon rally was another great success - for the most part the weather was great, and the company even better! Represented were folks from 12 states as far away as New York, Florida, and California, and just about everywhere in between. Our parking area was perfect - we were one row back from the field - we could actually have had the front row - but it is difficult to get trailers in there! Next year we have plans to take the front row and we will figure out how to make it work!



Friday we met out at Camping World where we pretty much took over the place - we caravanned in two groups over to the Fiesta field and amazingly enough, no one got lost. It's a site to see - 45 Airstreams lined up going down the highway!

We had our usual happy hours and pot lucks, but the real show were the balloons. We were not disappointed on Saturday morning for the first mass ascension - the weather was perfect. Saturday afternoon the winds picked up and the gas balloon race across America was canceled, as was the evening balloon glow - but the fireworks . . . they were incredible!



We saw all kinds of balloons - all kinds of shapes and sizes. We never got tired of all the balloons on Sunday and Monday, but on Tuesday we had our usual bonus - lots of folks leave the fiesta field where we are parked, so we were treated to balloons landing all around us - some of us even got to help pack away a balloon! Last year one of our folks even got a free ride as a balloon landed right next to us, then took off again - with one additional passenger!



This rally is a must attend event – one that you never tire of. You can watch it on TV, or you can see all the pictures, but you just cannot imagine being next to 500+ balloons taking off at one time! This is the only balloon event that you can walk right up to the balloons and watch them take off!

**We hope to see you next year!**



**Airstreams and Balloons**  
photo by Ken Lawson

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**AIRForums.com**

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



## **Coming Right Up! Thanksgiving in Quartzsite!**



Winter in Quartzsite...Turkeys being scalded in hot oil by Richard, more food than Golden Corral (and much better), a blazing campfire (ok, BONFIRE), a margi ball, a beer or two, a glass of wine, BLOODY MARYS, and friends that you couldn't find anywhere else...Thanksgiving with the 4CU...November 25 to 29, but come early and stay late...there is NO CHARGE; bring food, firewood, and a comfy camp chair...hosted by everyone that shows up, but the official hosts are ourselves, Bob and Lou, and Julianne...The rally site will be the same as last year, or close enough to find by the shiny things...the location will be at the Roadrunner area, south of Q...for better directions than I can

provide, go to the Q3T2 rally thread on the forums, and find JIMMINI's directions...we'll update when we get closer...see ya'll soon!!!

mike & tracy

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Q-3,T-2

👤 We will be having Q-3,T-2 rally at the same area as last year the FREE BLM boondocking land South of Quartzsite called Road Runner CG.

1) You go about 5 miles south of Quartzsite on US 95 to just past mile marker 99.

(2) Then turn right onto 53rd ST North, just after you turn bare right onto dirt road, sign has Road Runner camp ground. Then follow the 4CU signs.

🌞 #Note : This is a FREE rally, Free camping, NO rally fee, NO kitty fee. All we ask is that you bring some FIRE WOOD, and a table. Would like to hear from some volunteers for the side dishes and the WINE. Looks right now like we will be feeding about 30 folks. But hope this goes up as more folks sign-up.

See Post #75 of the Q-3, T-2 Rally Page on Airforums . . .

## **Ring In The New Year With Us! 4CU Third Annual New Year's Rally!**

The year is quickly approaching its end and we cannot think of a better way to celebrate the new one than at Picacho Peak! You will be surrounded by mature saguaros and other beautiful Sonoran Desert flora (and fauna) at this picturesque Arizona state park. Its situated off of I-10, just about 45 minutes north of Tucson and about an hour South of Phoenix.



We will be enjoying the incredible Arizona winter weather at daytime temps in the 70s and evenings dipping into the 30s. There will be another hike to the Peak, there are several other less strenuous trails to hike, a nearby Ostrich Farm to visit, the beautiful desert landscape to enjoy, and some pretty cool folks to party with!

We have enough space for over 50 units in the Quail Group area that we have reserved. This group site has a great central ramada with power and an adjoining group camp fire pit. It will be dry camping in the Airstreams, but fresh water and a dump station are available, as well as some of the nicest restrooms and showers in the Arizona State Parks system.

Cost to attendees is \$15.00 a night per trailer, payable to the Ranger at check-in.

Be sure to visit our Airforums signup page on the Rally Schedule at this link:

**<http://www.airforums.com/forums/calendar.phpdo=getinfo&day=2009-12-31;&e=542&c=1>**

We look forward to seeing many old friends, and hopefully many new ones as well!

Bring firewood!

Louis & Sergio and Ken & Linda

## **Rallies are the spirit of the 4CU! Help us plan more!**

**If you are hosting an upcoming 4CU Rally, get the word out!**

**In addition to the Airforums, send your rally info to:**

**the 4CU Web Guy at [jimc@his.com](mailto:jimc@his.com)**

**and to the 4CU Newsletter Editor at [lawson@xwinds.com](mailto:lawson@xwinds.com)**

### **Upcoming 4CU Rallies**

<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Host(s)</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Nov 25-29, 2009</b>	<b>Thanksgiving in Quartzsite</b>	<b>BLM Land, Quartzsite, Arizona</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Tracy, Bob &amp; Lou, Julianne</b>	<b><a href="mailto:scrapirony@frontier.net">scrapirony@frontier.net</a></b>
<b>Dec 31, 2009 - Jan 3, 2010</b>	<b>New Year's Rally</b>	<b>Picacho Peak SP, Arizona</b>	<b>Ken &amp; Linda, Louis &amp; Sergio</b>	<b><a href="mailto:silverback@xwinds.com">silverback@xwinds.com</a> <a href="mailto:lhall15690@aol.com">lhall15690@aol.com</a></b>
<b>Feb 12-15, 2010</b>	<b>Dead Horse 4</b>	<b>Dead Horse Ranch SP, Cottonwood, Arizona</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Jan Girard</b>	<b><a href="mailto:rgirard5@cox.net">rgirard5@cox.net</a></b>
<b>June 10-13, 2010</b>	<b>Restoration Rally</b>	<b>Enchanted Trails RV Resort, Albuquerque, New Mexico</b>	<b>Ken Johansen</b>	<b><a href="mailto:johansen@frontier.net">johansen@frontier.net</a></b>
<b>Sept 16-19 2010</b>	<b>September in the Pines</b>	<b>Heron Lake SP, Los Ojos, New Mexico</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Rod</b>	<b><a href="mailto:rgirard5@cox.net">rgirard5@cox.net</a></b>
<b>Oct 1-5, 2010</b>	<b>Balloon Fiesta Rally</b>	<b>Balloon Fiesta Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico</b>	<b>Ken Johansen</b>	<b><a href="mailto:johansen@frontier.net">johansen@frontier.net</a></b>

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