

the Four Corners Unit Roundup

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Holiday Greetings from Jan & Richard! by Richard Girard

I would like to thank all of the members of the Four Corners Unit for making 2009 such a great year. Hopefully you had an opportunity to attend one or more of our rallies this year. Jan and I were at most of the rallies, but wished we could have attended them all. Why not make a New Year's resolution to attend a rally next year?

2010 is starting to shape up into another terrific year as well. The **Restoration Rally**, which has previously been held in April, is moving to June, which should provide much better weather conditions. If you saw me and others in the wind and blowing dust on the roof of my trailer at this year's event, you will understand the reason for the change.

We are also in the planning stages for a joint rally with the Arizona Unit at **Roper Lake State Park, AZ** in April. I have never been to this lake, but it has been on my list of places to visit for some time. Information about this rally will be posted on the web site as it becomes available.

Jan and I will be hosting our 4th annual rally at **Dead Horse Ranch State Park** in Cottonwood, AZ on President's weekend in February. This year's theme will be **Pirates** - we would love to see you there!

*May you have a beautiful Holiday
wrapped in warmth
touched with wonder
and filled with love*



See you around the campfire... Richard

Rally Report: Pumkin Chunkin Rally by Marshall Hall



Pumkin Chunkin has been an annual event in Estancia, New Mexico for 14 years, but this was the first time there was any kind of trailer rally connected with it. There were about 10 trailers, with a good mix from 4CU, the NM Unit, other WBCCI unit members, and one Classic Campers of NM member. There was also a good mix of vintage and newer units.

On Friday folks came in and set up camp at the Torrance County Fairgrounds, which is next to a gem of a little park with a small lake, playground, horseshoes, and fall



Cottonwoods. We had a great potluck and campfire.

On Saturday morning more than half the trailers got out their pumkin chunkin decorations and lined up for a short caravan to the staging area for the parade through beautiful

downtown Estancia. The Airstream contingent was a full city block long with orange streamers, pumpkins, spooky cobwebs, and of course a bunch of candy to throw to the kids.

Saturday afternoon was spent watching the flying pumpkins. We had dinner at the Belle Notte restaurant which drew raves, and another great campfire at the fairgrounds. Sunday morning brought local home made pastry and green chile quiche, and a fantastic potluck breakfast. We hit the road mid-morning, with most going home, but some off to other parts.

Estancia Pumkin Chunkin 2010 should be the 3rd weekend in October. Hope to see you there! *Marshall Hall*



P.S. Pumkin Chunkin has it's own facebook page - "Estancia Pumpkinfest" - it's worth a peek and also has more photos!



Pumkin Chunkin Rally 2009
photo by Joanne Palmer



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Pumkin Chunkin Rally 2009
photo by Marshall Hall

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AIRForums.com

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- Links
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- Classifieds
- Campgrounds
- and much more...

Rally Recipes We Love!

Pineapple Cheese Casserole

by Rose Mary Mazza

served at 2009 Dead Horse Rally (don't worry----no Spam!)

Ingredients:

- 3 (15 ounce cans pineapple chunks in own juice), drained
- 2 1/2-cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 8 tablespoons pineapple juice
- 8 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2-cup white sugar
- 30 buttery Ritz crackers, crushed
- 1/2-cup butter, sliced

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. In a large bowl, combine pineapple chunks, cheese, pineapple juice, flour and sugar.
3. Spoon into a 9x13 inch baking dish.
4. Top with crushed crackers and butter slices.
5. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes.

Send in your Rally Recipes to Linda at lawson@xwinds.com

Fried Trout w/ Lemon Sauce

By CookieMaMa (aka Tamara Rodriguez)

made at 2009 Heron Lake Rally

This recipe is best cooked in an electric skillet or at constant high heat in a cast iron skillet.

Ingredients:

- 1-2 lbs. of fresh or thawed frozen Trout (or any fish you like)
- 1 cup of flour or fish fry coating (Zanteran's type)
- Seasonings to taste: Old bay, Goya Adobo, or any product to suit your taste
- 1 cup of milk or desired fluid
- Vegetable oil

Optional: couple splashes of Louisiana hot sauce, add to milk/fluid

Directions:

1. Heat up frying pan with approx. 2 in of vegetable oil. Have a sheet pan with paper towels available to place the fish on once coated.
2. Cut fish into desired portion size if needed. Rinse fish in cool water, and pat dry.
3. Place milk or fluid into a pie pan, seasoned coating mix into a zip lock bag. Take fish and dredge in milk/fluid, then add fish to coating bag, shake off excess coating and place on sheet pan
4. When all the fish is coated, test oil for temp. Don't fry until oil immediately cooks a pinch of coating. Frying too early will result in oily, soggy fish.
5. Place 1-2 pieces of fish in pan at a time, so that temp. is maintained. Cook fish till golden brown (3-5 min on 1st side), flip carefully & cook till golden brown on reverse side.
6. Place cooked fish on clean sheet pan with paper towels, salt if needed, & lightly cover with paper - or best, serve immediately!

Lemon Picada Sauce

Ingredients:

- Zest of 1 lemon
- Juice of 3 lemons
- 1 Tblsp of corn starch
- 1/2 teas. of minced garlic
- 2 teas. of capers (if desired)
- Salt to taste
- 2 teas. of minced parsley or dill

Directions:

1. Place in sauce pan & bring to a simmer until slightly thickened
2. Serve over fish if desired!

Rally Report: 2009 Thanksgiving at Quartzsite (Q3T2) by Michael & Tracy Bertch



The Q3T2 rally started early...the 15th...Jimmini set up camp at the appointed site, and we rolled in behind him after dark...he had to lead us in...happy hour started the next morning, and hasn't ended since!!! Well, the rally ended...

We hovered on the outskirts of an Escapee rally, waiting our time to claim the site, which was that Friday (20th)...on the 21st, the Blue Kazoo Boys (Michael and Paul) showed up, and the circle was born...trailers began trickling, then flooding in, and the parking order became...well...*chaotic* comes to mind...we'll all know what to do next year, as Richard and Jan gave us a demonstration on how to park...and park...and park...and rearrange a firepit...





Most of the time seemed to be centered around Jimmini's trailer, Silverbear's (LIVE MUSIC!!!), and the campfire. Potlucks were pretty elaborate, and appetites were somewhat whetted by the pre-potluck happy hour *snacks*...but then...T Day arrived...three poor defenseless, headless, but delicious large birds were sacrificed to the crowd, along with side dishes of all descriptions...I would never accuse our group of being gluttons, but I would point out that the only turkey left that evening was waiting to jump into the boiling oil...thanks to Richard and Jan for deep frying three of the suckers and Howard and Carolyn for suffocating the other one in smoke...and then...there's ALWAYS a then...wake up to chefs Bob, Lou, and Julianne for pancakes, bacon, sausage (thanks Mike & Sheri) and a host of other treats the next morning...I'm beginning to notice a pattern here...c'mon Jenny Craig, give us yer best shot...it won't work!

Somewhere along in this rally, the obligatory visit to the *Glass Gardens* happened, and Anita, the...uhm...well ? proprietor(?)(ess) talked about the history and evolution of...well...all I can call it is the Glass Gardens.

One of the best things about a 4CU rally besides the friendship, food/drink, and fun is that everyone kinda just sees something that needs to be done, and does it...the new folks who came to visit were no exception, and we welcome you back...if ya want to join us, I'll pay your first year's 4CU dues...we are about as diverse a group of folks as can be found, and are what I like to refer to as the largest functional dysfunctional family...wouldn't trade it for the world...Thanks to all who attended, forum-surfed in support, and allowed us to tip a few extra in (and because of) your absence...

YES, Q4T3 is going to occur, if folks want it...I can't do anything about the wind conditions, unless we rent a recreation center, but that wouldn't be the same as the desert experience!...*mikestracy*



Ring In The New Year With Us!

4CU Third Annual New Year's Rally!



It's coming right up! Plan to join us in the desert for champagne & sparklers . . . and lots of other stuff!

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

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

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

Bring firewood!

Louis & Sergio and Ken & Linda

Rally On in 2010!

4CU Dead Horse 4!



Jan and I are pleased to host the 4th Four Corners Unit Rally at Dead Horse Ranch in Cottonwood, AZ. The dates are 02/12 - 02/14 with the option of staying an additional night and leaving on the 15th which is President's Day.

It will be held in the same group site as previous years, which means we will be parked in one big loop with a giant Ramada and fire pit. The loop also has restrooms and showers. This is dry camping but water is available in the loop and the dump station is nearby. Generators are permitted during the day.

The cost for the rally is \$30 which will cover your first two nights of camping. Any additional nights will be \$12. I will be collecting the money when you arrive and cash would be the preferred payment method.

Pirates will be the theme this year. We will have a pirate cooking contest Friday night and a potluck on Saturday. We will provide a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning as well. Saturday evening will be the white elephant gift exchange, so find something nice or wacky - or both - and wrap it up. We are working on a treasure hunt for Saturday after breakfast and more details will be announced later.

Don't forget to add your name to the crew list so that we have a accurate count of the number of people on board:

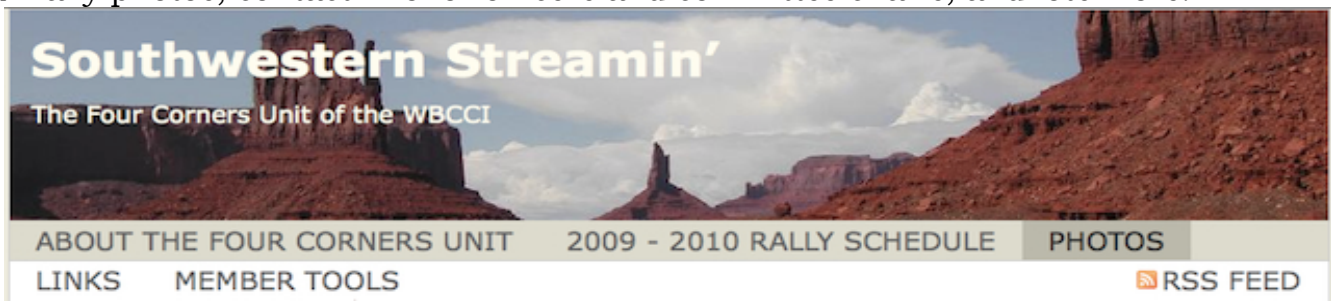
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Children and pets are more than welcome. This is always a great event; please plan on attending! This is a Four Corners Unit rally and is open to all members of the WBCCI. If you are not a member but wish to attend as a prospective member, please contact me!

Richard & Jan

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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!



Upcoming 4CU Rallies

When	What	Where	Host(s)	Contact
Dec 31, 2009 - Jan 3, 2010	New Year's Rally	Picacho Peak SP, Arizona	Ken & Linda, Louis & Sergio	silverback @xwinds.com lhall15690 @aol.com
Feb 12-15, 2010	Dead Horse 4	Dead Horse Ranch SP, Cottonwood, Arizona	Richard & Jan Girard	rgirard5 @cox.net
April 2010	Roper Lake Rally (w/ Arizona Unit)	Roper Lake SP, Arizona	CHECK WEB SITE FOR LATEST ON THIS ONE!	
June 10-13, 2010	Restoration Rally	Enchanted Trails RV Resort, Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen	johansen @frontier.net
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	johansen @frontier.net
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

Visit the 4CU Web site for further details: fourcorners.wbcci.net

