

# the Four Corners Unit Roundup

All the Airstream news  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### by Richard Girard

Summer time is just around the corner and hopefully everyone is getting out and spending some time in their Airstream. We just returned from the joint rally with the Arizona Unit and had a great time. If you haven't had your Airstream out this year, it's time to get it ready for the road! We have plenty of events coming up and it would be great to have you with us!



The big event at the end of June is the International Rally which will be held in Gillette, Wyoming this year. Jan and I are making the trip and we are looking forward to seeing many of our friends from all over the country. I'll be attending several of the meetings and taking in some of the seminars as well. On the afternoon of the 29<sup>th</sup> I will be presenting a seminar on how units can use the Internet. I'm still working on the presentation, but I think the attendees

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will find it very interesting. I will also be representing the Unit at the delegates meeting. At this time there are no candidates running in opposition to the slate presented by the nominating committee, and there are no proposed amendments to the club's constitution.

Jan and I also have a few day trips planned and will be visiting places like Devil's Tower and maybe even Mount Rushmore. I'll be taking lots of pictures and you will be reading all about our trip in the next newsletter. If anyone else is planning to attend, please let me know and we will be looking for you in Gillette!

C U round the 4CU campfire . . . -. Richard

## **Red Rock Region 11 Rally**

### **6-11 October 2010**

Volunteerism is the backbone of the WBCCI, and the upcoming Region 11 rally has a great need for volunteers. I am not sure of the specific types of jobs that need to be filled, but here are some needs that come to my mind:

- Parking Chairman
- Greeters
- Decorations
- Raffle Chairman

If you know of some other positions we need filled, please let me know.

The Rally Cook is Roger Preuter, the Seminar Chairman is Barbara Vaughn, Registrar is Sue McDowell, and Publicity Chairman is Don Mantle. There is also a need for those of you who have a craft or seminar appropriate to the rally.

Please contact:

**Barbara Vaughn**

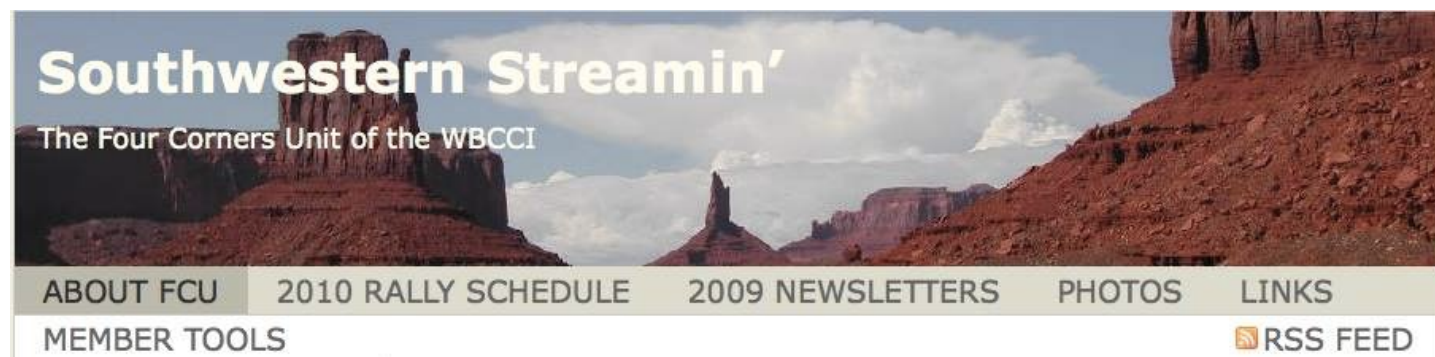
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### **FOURCORNERS.WBCCI.NET**

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](mailto:jimc@his.com)



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

**Brad Norgaard (Immediate Past Newsletter Editor),**

**Richard Girard, Ken Johansen, Jan Girard, Terry Rich, Ken Lawson**

**If you have comments, ideas, articles, or photos for the 4CU Newsletter, please contact the editor at [lawson@xwinds.com](mailto:lawson@xwinds.com)**

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## RALLY REPORT: Joint Rally at Roosevelt Lake

by Richard Girard

On April 15<sup>th</sup> we had a Joint Rally with the Arizona Unit at Roosevelt Lake which is located North and East of the Phoenix metro area. This rally was originally planned to be at Roper Lake State Park near Safford, but because of the issues with the Arizona State Parks it had to be moved. The group site we rented had large level sites with a big group Ramada, modern bathrooms, and showers. The weather was a little warm during the day, but the nights were delightful. We had 22 Airstreams, with about half from each of the two units.



Roosevelt Lake Rally  
Happy Hour with Jim, Sheri, Min  
photo by Linda Lawson



Roosevelt Lake Rally  
Dan talks to members  
photo by Linda Lawson



Roosevelt Lake Rally  
Happy Hour  
photo by Linda Lawson



Tonto National Monument  
photo by Ken Lawson

The Tonto National Monument is near the Park, and this was a nice hike up to some ancient ruins that many members took. The ruins themselves had just been fumigated for bee hive removal, and so were closed to hands-on visiting, but they could still be seen from the trail leading up the monument site.

Steve and Faith had an unexpected visitor at their campsite. A rattlesnake was spotted under their trailer one afternoon. It did not stay very long and headed into the brush after just a few minutes. Everyone was very careful after that, and luckily no other visitors were spotted.



Roosevelt Lake Rally  
Kopps' Pet Snake  
photo by Ken Lawson

Several folks brought Kayaks with them and were kind enough to share and instruct, so Jan and I had our first ever kayaking experience! It was lots of fun and something that we will be doing again.



Roosevelt Lake Rally  
photo by Richard Girard





Fishing and hiking were two other popular events during the weekend. Every evening we all got together for some great meals followed by a relaxing evening around the campfire. I really enjoyed meeting the members from the Arizona Unit. I finally met Jerry and Gloria, who store their 34 footer in the same RV Storage facility that I do.



I would like to thank Jill Shuck, whose hard work made this rally happen. When we found that Roper Lake was not available, Jill overcame that obstacle; she found the Roosevelt Lake site, made all the reservations, and put together a wonderful weekend for both our Units! - Richard



## 4CU Cookbook Coming Soon!

### Urgent Request for Contributions!



Calling all you talented 4CU cooks! Jan Girard is still collecting recipes to include in the upcoming 4CU Cookbook! If you haven't submitted one of your favorite camping recipes yet, please send it in to Jan today! If you are reading this Newsletter and are NOT the cook in the family, **LET THE CHEF OF THE HOUSE KNOW ABOUT THIS PROJECT** by forwarding this article, or the entire Newsletter on to them! Jan needs about 100 more recipes to complete the book; we need to help her out and get those recipes sent in!

The focus of the book will be on meals prepared in your Airstream, of course! Any dishes you may have served at one of the 4CU rally potlucks or Happy Hours would be great (and please be sure to mention what rally it was served at), or just any quick & easy recipe you may have that would be

suitable for preparing and serving while camping out or picnicking!

The planned categories for the cookbook are:

*Appetizers*

*Soups & Salads*

*Vegetables & Side Dishes*

*Main Dishes*

*Breads & Rolls*

*Desserts*

*Dutch Oven Recipes*

*This & That (rubs, home remedies, & trailering tips)*

All submissions used in the book will credit the contributor! If you've already sent a recipe to Jan, consider sending her another one! If you haven't sent one yet, please do it today!

Send to: Jan Girard at **[jangirard@cox.net](mailto:jangirard@cox.net)**

Thank you, thank you, thank you! -Jan

## 4CU Member News



Congratulations to Steve & Faith Kopp, who became grandparents (again) in March! . . . Our sincere condolences go out to Dale & Mary Strommer whose standard poodle, "Bella," passed away from cancer on 22 March, and to Jim & Min Dodds, whose long-time friend and companion, "Bob" the dog, passed away from kidney failure, also in March.

If you have news to share with other 4CU members in the Newsletter, please contact **Richard**

Girard with the details at **[rgirard5@cox.net](mailto:rgirard5@cox.net)**

## Welcome New 2010 4CU Members!

We are pleased to welcome the following new 4CUnit members who have joined us since the last newsletter. We look forward to building many good memories around the campfire with you! As of this writing the 4CUnit has 80 Members, 53 Affiliates (members of other WBCCI units who also want to be part of the 4CU)...and 1 Honorary for a total of 133 total members.

**Pat & Linda McDowell**

**Michael Smith & Frank Saenz**

**Uwe & Dianne Salwender**

**Paul & Veronica (Ronnie) Ward**

Wimberley, TX

Pfulgerville, TX

Trabuco Canyon, CA

Phoenix, AZ

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- Terry Rich, 4CU Membership Chair



## June 10 - 13

### Third Annual Vintage Restoration Rally



#### Enchanted Trails in Albuquerque by Ken Johansen

This rally is a great opportunity for all Airstream owners to see how your trailer is put together! For those who have vintage units they want to restore, this is an opportunity to learn from professionals who do this for a living!

All are welcome - in fact you don't even need a trailer (stay in a motel), or bring a tent (yes, we've had folks staying in tents and sob's) - the point is for folks who love these old trailers and want to learn skills necessary to repair or even rebuild them - or if you are thinking about buying an Airstream just to see what's involved before you take it on - we promise you will learn a lot!

Also, we seem to always have a vintage trailer or two (think we had 3-4 last year - and I know two were sold during the rally) for sale! Registrations are coming in pretty steady - just as an fyi, we have a 70 unit limit!

The Rally is held at Enchanted Trails RV Park and Trading Post (an old Route 66 trading post) <http://www.enchantedtrails.com> in Albuquerque New Mexico. 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 a screaming deal of \$15 per night to Enchanted Trails (thank you Vicki!!) for the camp site.

To reserve your spot, send your email address to me at:

**fourcornersunit@hotmail.com** I'll send you a registration form to mail in, and further instructions! You'll also receive a newsletter about the Restoration Rally with further updates as the starting date approaches! - Ken J

## July 22 - 25

### Route 66 Rally



#### Get Your Kicks On Route 66! by Ken Johansen

The Four Corners Unit is teaming up with the New Mexico Route 66 Association for a great time in July. July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25 are the dates - be there or be square!

This is a "moving" rally. We will start in Tucumcari New Mexico on Thursday night (July 22<sup>nd</sup>), tour the city - 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 along the way. 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, music, and more! The city is planning to close off the area for this event.

On Sunday we will continue the journey to Gallup, New Mexico, where we will all depart after driving down memory lane and hopefully have our fill of Burgers and Malts!

We will be putting together a more detailed route description of sites to see and places to stop - we can travel together, or you can go at your own pace during the day.

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Relax and enjoy the ride!

This is our first rally of this type, so we are planning as we go along - we have notified the various towns that we will be traveling through in hopes that they really make this an event not to miss!

For more information check the Web site at:

**[http://rt66nm.org/events/road\\_trip\\_2010/road\\_trip\\_2010\\_registration.html](http://rt66nm.org/events/road_trip_2010/road_trip_2010_registration.html)**

If you have any questions, you can contact us directly at **fourcornersunit@hotmail.com**

Please be sure to send - this is really important - your email address and a check (\$35 registration fee) to:

**Four Corners Unit  
c/o Ken Johansen  
P.O. Box 1554  
Tijeras, New Mexico 87059**

You will need to make camping reservations - we will be staying at Enchanted Trails on Saturday night, July 24th. We will be sending out information on the campgrounds for Tucumcari and Gallup soon (that is one of the reasons why we need your e-mail address)!

So get ready to turn your time machine back to 1955 and relive those days of the past on Route 66! - Ken J

**October 1 - 5!**

## **2010 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta**



### **Reservation Deadline Extended! by Ken Johansen**

The Four Corners Unit is planning another GREAT rally at the 2010 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. We will be camping beach front right on the grounds of the Balloon Fiesta. If you have never been before, this is a great opportunity to see this event close up - the balloons will be taking off (and sometimes landing!) yards from your trailer's front door.

The cost at this point is \$340 for the four nights, and INCLUDES FREE entry to all Balloon Fiesta events for 2 people. There is no rally fee - just the cost of the event itself. This is the only Airstream event that camps on the Fiesta grounds!

This event fills up fast and I need to know who is attending very soon! **I can now take reservations until June 1st - so anyone who wants to attend who has not yet signed up, send me the deposit check (½ of the fee, \$170) AND your e-mail address** - this is a Balloon Fiesta requirement, not ours. We will need to get our final checks to the Balloon Fiesta folks in early August. (There is a refund policy in place in case you need to cancel later!)

The weather could be rain or shine - temps can be anywhere from cold to warm. A fresh water truck and pump-out service is available, however there are no electric hookups on the Fiesta grounds. But generators are OK to use, and solar works great! This is the perfect family rally, so bring the kids and pets and let's have a great time at this VERY popular and NOT-TO-MISS event!

Please make your check (\$170) out to Four Corners Unit, and send along with your email address (very important so we can keep in touch) to: **Four Corners Unit, C/O Ken Johansen, P.O. Box 1554, Tijeras, NM 87059**

If you have any further questions, you can contact me at **fourcornersunit@hotmail.com** - Ken J

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### Upcoming 4CU Rallies

When	What	Where	Host(s)	Contact
June 10-13, 2010	Restoration Rally	Enchanted Trails RV Resort, Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen	fourcornersunit@hotmail.com
July 22-25 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

