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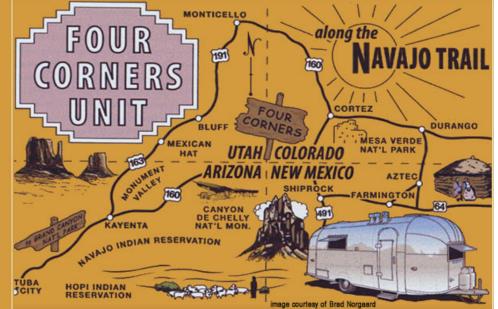
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Richard Girard

As this year draws to an end, so does my term as President of the Four Corners Unit. The past two years have been a wonderful

experience for Jan and me. It has truly been an honor to be the head of such a fantastic group. In the past year we traveled through 5 different states. attended 8 official rallies (and a couple of unofficial ones), and towed our trailer over 6,000 miles. This was truly a year of fun, fellowship, and adventure for us! And although



we did not attend every rally this year, we were always with the group in spirit!

I would like to thank all of the members of the unit who made my job as President a very enjoyable experience. There were so many people in the unit that were always there to give a helping hand and for that I am very grateful. It would be impossible to name everyone who contributed to the success of the 4CU these past 2 years; it is clearly a team

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effort, and we have a great team. Thank you!

It is now my honor to hand over the role of President to Louis Hall. Louis has done a great job as Vice President and I could not have picked a better successor. Louis and his team have my full support and I feel certain that 2011 is going to be another great year for the Four Corners Unit. Congratulations, Mr. President.

Jan and I would like to wish all the members a very happy and healthy holiday season. We have two great rallies in the next few months, and we are looking forward to seeing all of our friends at these events!

See you around the campfire! - Richard



REGION 11 NEWSLETTER by Dan Neumarkel

This is the first of several newsletters which I will provide to Region 11. This is an attempt to provide the needed communications to the Units so that we are all together in the activities which we enjoy as WBCCI members.

First: Our Region Rally was held on 6-11 October 2010. There was a good attendance with 39 rigs and 76 persons. There was no snow as promised by the President, but we did have some rain on 5-6 October in the evening and into the night. Sure made for good sleeping. There was, also, wind. Gallup, New Mexico proved to be a great venue for the Rally. As the lady at the Chamber of Commerce said, "Gallup is a small town which many pass through but few spend the time to seek out the hidden treasures which exist."

There were those who frequented the Trading Posts and found jewelry, rugs, and a lot of education which is provided by the traders. I will not bore you with how great the Lions Club treated us as they catered the Unit President's Appreciation Dinner. This event was for all rally goers to share a time with the Presidents and Spouses as the centerpiece.

The local entertainment, Navajo Rug Weaver and our history of Gallup by Sally Noe were highlights of the Rally. We were educated with the seminars that brought to memory those things which we have heard before. The subjects were Using the Internet, Richard Girard: Mentoring, Barbara Vaughn; Making Fancy shirts, Jan Pruter; Maintenance, Art Jensen; Cape Town to Cairo, Tom Golden; Navajo Rug Weaver, Caroline Dick from Many Farms, AZ; Round Table discussions on WBCCI, Richard Girard; CPR, Ruth Vollmer. We appreciate all these volunteers for providing the seminars. I must mention that all the volunteers which assisted Roger in the kitchen are valuable.

The business of the Region was conducted by the Region Board of Directors. It consisted of ratifying the bills which the Region had incurred for the year, ratified the Unit Certified vote on the motion from Denco Unit and Forrest McClure. This motion will be sent to Cindy Reed for further distribution. We are saddened that the Colorado West Unit will be merging with the New Mexico Unit on 31 December 2010. This leaves 6 Units in Region 11. The minutes of the meeting will be distributed when they are completed.

Announcements of other matters are: There will not be a Region Rally in 2011. The

2011 Annual Meeting will be held at the International Rally, DuQuoin, Ill, in June or July 2011 (date to be set with International after 1 Jan 2011). We installed Roger Pruter as 2nd VP of Region 11. Welcome, Roger.

WBCCI EDUCATION

Bringing to your attention some of the information which is contained in the ByLaws and Policy of WBCCI is the subject of this section.

- Blue Book, Membership Numbers, page 55-56.1
 - ♦ Trailers sect 10.1 "The numbers should be placed on the front and rear above the window, centered..."
 - $\diamond~$ Motorhomes sect 1 "The numbers should be placed on the front and rear at the top of the RV , centered... "

We should be proud of our numbers and display them with pride as this is a strong marketing and recruiting tool. So let's display our numbers where they can be seen. Have you ever seen a NASCAR driver without his car number clearly painted on his car? Or a football player with no number on his jersey? They show our pride in membership.

- Dan Neumarkel, Region 11 President



4CU RECIPE BOOK NEWS!



After over a year of hard work collecting recipes from club members, the 4CU Cookbook is currently being put together by a crew of talented volunteers! The estimated time and place of arrival for this long-awaited compendium of tantalizing and delicious camping meal ideas is at the Dead Horse 5 Rally, February 18 -21, 2011.

Plan now to purchase your copy at the Rally; all proceeds go to the 4CU general operating fund!



RALLY REPORT: PUNKIN CHUNKIN RALLY by Marshall Hall



This year's Rally was just about perfect. Nice warm, clear weather. From 4CU we had Annette and Charles Knotts, Stan and Val Bembenek, Polly Pulver with daughters Gretchen, Willow, and husband Grant Murphy, and Pat and Candace Phippen. Also from New Mexico were Ruth and Henry Vollmer. John Martin attended from the PA Unit; he is



transferring into either NM or 4CU. The Summers of WBCCI Vintage also attended. Bruce was here; also switching to 4CU. Joe Harshey and Judy Broussard of SWVCA and Classic Campers of NM also attended. Joe brought his 1951 Boles.

It seems like everyone at the Rally had at least one dog. We had the Torrance County Fairgrounds to ourselves, and a parallel Doggie Rally took place without a growl or a snarl! Last, but certainly not least, was 3 year old Ryan - inseparable from his Iron Man costume - who for the life of me I can't remember which grandparents he was with!

Great potluck dinner Friday night, followed by a fire to sit around that couldn't be beat, and again for Saturday breakfast. At around 10 AM about half the trailers cued up for the parade at the old Torrance County Courthouse (site of the last legal hanging in NM in 1922). The parade also had mounted cowboys and cowgirls, antique and custom cars, a high school marching band, local school and community groups, and local political candidates. New to the parade this year were the Shriners with a locomotive, clowns, and Four Wheelers. Probably about a hundred pounds of candy were thrown by the Airstreams! Those not IN the parade were watching the parade.





somewhat spectacular bonfire inspired by burning up all the rest of the firewood to avoid taking it back home!. It appeared that some of the firewood consisted of tree trunks.

Sunday morning we had a leisurely breakfast, leaving about lunch time. Some folks were thinking about visiting some of the Salinas Pueblo Ruins on the way down the road. My apology to anyone I have left off this list or confused the details thereof.

- Marshall

Saturday afternoon the group went to the Punkin Chunkin grounds where giant slingshots, trebuchets, and compressed air cannons kept the pumpkins airborne. There were also food booths, a chili bake-off, a pieeating contest and live music. Also a good assortment of carnival rides.

Saturday night we had dinner as a group at the Bella Notte Restaurant; everyone gave it a "thumbs up" and headed back to camp tired and stuffed. After dinner the 2and 4- leggeds enjoyed a very large and



Volunteers Needed! 4CU Rally COMMITTEE 4CU FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE Contact Louis Hall at: 1hall15690@aol.com

RALLY REPORT: 2010 4CUNIT BALLOON FIESTA RALLY by Terry Rich



Once again the Four Corners Unit Annual Balloon Fiesta Rally in Albuquerque was an event to remember. Airstreamers from across the country began making their ways to ABQ during the last few days of September. One group coming from the west met in Flagstaff, AZ, to head east together, with more joining in Winslow, AZ. They met even more Airstreams at the KOA in Grants, NM, the night before the Rally. Meanwhile, more aluminum had been gathering all week at the Enchanted Trails RV Park next to the Camping World on I-40 — our prearranged meeting place where, on Friday morning, October 1, Ken & Ellyn Johansen, the Rally organizers, checked attendees in and staged our massive entrance into the Balloon Fiesta Grounds.

It was an amazing gathering of Airstreamers ... the entire parking lot at Camping World was filled. It was something of a Pre-rally Rally as old friends greeted each other and new friends were made! We organized into 10-12 rig caravans to make our entry to the Balloon Fiesta. It was a great sight to behold. All told we had nearly 70 rigs. As we entered the Balloon Fiesta Grounds the parking volunteers guided us into our spaces. Our group filled the first four rows of campsites facing the lift-off field. We were front and center and a short stroll from all the balloon action.

Friday was spent getting set up, enjoying the perfect weather, and visiting new friends and old ... and preparing ourselves for another year of hundreds of hot air balloons floating over our heads. There was anticipation in the air as we all looked forward to the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Balloon Fiesta on Saturday morning.



And a very early Saturday morning it was, but well worth tumbling out of bed and making lots of coffee for. The Dawn Patrol helicopters were in the air around 3:30 AM and the gates opened at 4:30 AM ... followed by Opening Ceremonies, a Balloon Glow, and the beginning of the Mass Ascension around 5:30 AM. It really is a spectacular thing to witness. There we were in the wee hours of the morning, the lift-off field illuminated by stadium lights, the sound of gas burners inflating the Balloons, the smell of hot coffee and breakfast burritos from the

vendors, and a full-blown carnival atmosphere ... all before the sunrise!

The great thing about the Fiesta is the extraordinary up-close and personal experience you can have as you watch the process of getting the balloons in the air. Mass Ascension is coordinated by the Zebra Crew armed with walkie-talkies and whistles,

choreographing row after row of beautiful, huge, mesmerizing balloons rising into the skies as dawn breaks and the sun peeks over the mountains to the east. Spectators are allowed on the field to watch the whole process happen only feet away — from laying the balloons out on the grass, to filling them with hot air, and finally, watching them gracefully leave the ground and float away to the cheering crowd's delight. Hundreds of balloons in the air at one time is a powerful thing to behold!

Being camped where we were, we could simply get our coffee, relax in a chair on our Airstream patio with friends, and watch the rows and rows of balloons lift off and float overhead. The Balloon Fiesta is touted as the most-photographed event in the country and it's no wonder why this is. Thank goodness for digital cameras!

This was repeated each morning to everyone's delight. It never seems to get old! During the days we were free to explore the Hot Air Balloon Museum next to the area where we were camped, visit the vendors on the east side of the balloon field, explore Albuquerque ... or maybe just take a nap! Late in the afternoon activity picked up



again, with various groups of Airstreamers gathering for happy hours, hors d'oeuvres, and

a few potlucks here and there. We were treated to fabulous fireworks displays from the balloon grounds each evening, and weather permitting, we enjoyed balloon glows as well.



The days went quickly, with each morning being a new opportunity to watch the balloons from a different perspective, each day a chance to take in local attractions or just hang out with friends, and each evening more opportunities to enjoy gatherings for dinner or cocktails and the camaraderie with fellow Airstreamers.

And suddenly it was Tuesday, and time for everyone to break camp and head home or move on to their next Airstream adventure. Experiencing the Balloon Fiesta is somewhat like visiting the Grand Canyon — it is totally overwhelming, very big, and almost impossible to adequately capture in photos. Add the fun of gathering with so many Airstreamers, and what you have is a nearly indescribable experience. Start planning now to attend the 2011 4CUnit Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally. There's nothing like it! Thanks to Ken & Ellyn for their

work preparing the way for this event. - Terry



Many thanks to the following contributors; they made this issue possible! Brad Norgaard (Immediate Past Newsletter Editor), Richard Girard, Terry Rich, Louis Hall, Marshall Hall, Diane Leipper, Ruth Vollmer, Charles Knotts, Mike Bertch, Jan Girard, Sergio Quiros

RALLY REPORT: Q4T3 - THANKSGIVING AT QUARTZSITE RALLY by Mike Bertch



Attendees at the Q4T3 Rally (and I missed one or two that didn't register) were as follows:



Bertch, Michael & Tracy Campbell, Julianne Depraida, Michael Dodd, Jim Effner, Howard & Carolyn & Louisa Girard, Richard & Jan Kallen, Tony Leipper, Bryan & Diane Louis & Sergio Schwartz, Brian

Add to this Phil (friend of Brian S.), and Bill&Phyllis (SOB, but they were there the previous rally, also...Escapees, and they have a rally, same site, a week before ours)





This year's annual T-Day Rally was thinner in attendance. but as such made for thicker waist lines...! Eight rigs officially (5 guests - 18 total mouths). and four, yep, 4 turkeys donated their all to the smoker and the fryer! Thanks to Howard&Carolyn for the smoked turkeys, Richard&Jan and Jim&Min for the fried ones...side dishes to last as ribfillers and leftovers for us that stayed on...no scheduled activities but eating, friendship, and campfires...burned a lot of wood, but still had some left



over...burned the last of it 12/11/10 with the remains of the pallet.



The missing were toasted (actually the present were pretty toasted), and the campfire solutions to world problems, politics, finances, and general observations about going to hell in a hand basket were bandied about...the most latter was somewhat embellished, but it fit right in with the lies we told about all of you that weren't there...lesson to be

learned: we will talk about you in your absence, it may not be flattering, and your only defense is to attend (although that may not insure immunity...)!

In any event, despite the cold wind that ONLY OCCURRED WHEN JAN SHOWED UP & ABATED ONLY AFTER JAN LEFT...hmm..., I had a good time, and I hope the rest did too...I seem to have lost the complaint box, or maybe we just burned it...?

The Q5T4 is almost certainly arising on the not-yet-to-be-seen horizon...depending on pending policy(ies), we may put out a 'donation' dish next year, to supplement the folks who have, in the past, shouldered the cost of Margiballs, turkeys, and frying oil, as those are the

biggest individual donations...can't really pay for the effort everyone has always put out, and if you can't/don't donate...I'll still ask you, "where the heck are you...we're waitin"... A BIG thanks to all that came, and all who wanted to but couldn't, and to all of you who lived vicariously through the Airforums rally thread...maybe next year ...? - Mike

4CU MEMBER NEWS

Our hearts go out to our 4CU members who recently lost their beloved furry companions.

Remembering Annie

We laid our Little Orphan Annie to rest on 17 November 2010, at the age of 13. Rest in lost his battle with cancer on October 17th. peace, sweet girl. We miss you... ~Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker and Sadie



Mica 2001 - 2010

Our companion and friend, Mica, Larry & Kathy and Sage...miss him.



MEMBERSHIP NOTES (11Sep10 – 11 Dec10)

BY TERRY RICH **OUR NUMBERS**

We are pleased to **WELCOME** the following **New Members** to the 4Cunit: Mike & Mary Brumback, Anderson, IN (Affiliates, Central Indiana Unit) Brian Chew & Lois Angerami, Ranchos de Taos, NM (Affiliates, Denver CO Unit)

Bill & Judy Cody, Austin, TX (Affiliates, Denver CO Unit) Harvey & Gail Craig, Austin, TX (Affiliates, Texas Highland Lakes Unit) Al & Jan Himmelman, Evergreen, CO (Affiliates, Denver CO Unit) Pat & Barbara Hughes,

Houston, TX (Affiliates, Texas Central Plains Unit) Henry & Sharry Kahanek,

Fredericksburg, TX (Affiliates, Heart of Texas Unit) Tony Keller, Cedar Cove Springs, FL (Affiliate, FL Treasure Coast Unit) Ken & Sue Martin, San Diego, CA (Affiliates, San Diego CA Unit) John Martin, Albuquerque, NM (Affiliate, PA Unit) Mario Mastrosimone, Tucson, AZ (4CU)

Gary & Christa Mellinger, Simi Valley, CA (Affiliates, Central Coast CA Unit) Mike & Megan Merkt, Carlsbad, CA (Affiliates, El Camino Real CA Unit) Mary Meyer, Cedar Lake, IN (4CU) Les & Gayle Miller, Spokane, WA (4CU transferring from MAL) Frank & Karen Pickett,

Garden Grove, CA (Affiliates, El Camino Real CA Unit) Spike Ress & Sue Cotter, Parowan, UT (4CU transferring from MAL) Billy & Lainie Ruben, Columbus, OH (Affiliates, Watchung NJ Unit) Bruce Summers & Mia Siemenski,

Morgantown, WV (4CU transferring from Washington DC Unit)

John & Rosemary Tetzlaff, Hillsboro, TX (Affiliates, MN unit)

Dan & Helen Thomas, Amarillo, TX (Affiliates, Texas Plains Unit)

Paul & Veronica (Ronnie) Ward, Sedona, AZ (transferring from AZ Unit)

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.

As of this writing the 4CUnit has 94 Members, 64 Affiliates (members of other WBCCI units who also want to be part of the 4CU)...and 1 Honorary for a total of 159 members. (This includes members for 2010 plus new members to date for 2011, and taking changes in membership status from 2010 to 2011 into consideration.)

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2011!

2010 Membership will expire 31 December 2010! If you have not renewed for 2011, you should do so right away so that your membership does not lapse.

How do I renew?

You will find the 2011 Membership Application on the last page of this newsletter ... or you can contact Terry Rich, Membership Chair at

Terry@TBRich.com

for the 2011 Membership Application, or you can download it from the 4CUnit website at: <u>http://fourcorners.wbcci.net/about/membership-info/</u>

Please print the Application, complete it, and send it along with your dues to Howard Efner, Treasurer. His address is on the application. The dues for 2011 are \$65 for International plus \$1 for the 4CU for a total of \$66. Please make your check payable to the Four Corners Unit/WBCCI.

What about Affiliate Members?

Affiliate members may (1) renew your Affiliate Membership status by completing the form and submitting the 4CUnit dues of just \$1, or (2) transfer your Full Membership from your original Unit to the 4CUnit. In the latter case, complete the appropriate parts of the application and submit the International Dues of \$65 plus the 4CUnit dues of \$1 for total of \$66. We will notify International of your transfer to the 4CUnit. We would welcome you as a regular member!

Questions?

If you have any questions please contact Terry Rich, Membership Chair, at

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We look forward to yet another great year in the Four Corners Unit with you, packed with old friends and new, good times, great rallies and memorable gatherings around the 4CU campfire.

Happy trails! - Terry, Membership Chair

UPCOMING RALLIES December 29 2010 - January 2 2011 Fourth Annual 4CU New Year's Rally, Picacho Peak SP, AZ



Are you ready for a break from the relatives, the advertising, the malls, etc.? Maybe you've been traveling to escape the cold northern climates for some warmer weather down south, and you're ready for some company! The end of the year is coming right up, and so is our Annual New Year's Rally at Picacho Peak State Park! This is the time and place to put aside any stress, obligations, worries, and concerns you may be carrying. Join us for an Airstreamer celebration in the relative warmth of the Sonoran Desert (it *is* a bit cold at night), in the beautiful natural setting of the Picacho Peak campground. You can hike the Peak or you can feed the ostriches. You can ride your bike or read a book in the sun. You can party hard or you can go with the flow. We're just here to see the New Year in, gathered around a warm

campfire with friends new and old. Eat, drink, and be merry with some fine folks from the Four Corners Unit! Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact : Louis Hall at **lhall15690@aol.com** or Ken Lawson at **silverback@xwinds.com** - Linda

UPCOMING RALLIES February 18-21, 2011 Dead Horse 5 Rally, Cottonwood AZ



This will be our 5th Rally at Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Cottonwood, Arizona. This year we are going western, so pack up your cowboy/cowgirl outfit and hit the trail to Cottonwood. We have some great plans for the weekend and we would sure like to see you there! Jan and I will be doing a dinner for everyone on Saturday night and all you need to bring is a place setting and your appetite. Don't forget to bring a gift for the white elephant exchange which should be a bunch of laughs.

We will be in the Raven Group Area, which I consider to be one of the best venues available. It's dry camping, but water and a dump station are nearby. Quiet generators are fine during the day if you need to charge your batteries back up. We will be gathering by the fire pit every night, so bring

a little firewood if you can. The cost for Friday and Saturday night is \$45 per Airstream which includes the dinner Saturday and coffee every morning. If you can stay to Monday (President's Day) you will need to pay an additional \$15 to the park once you get there. There is a giant Ramada in the middle of the loop as well as bathrooms and showers. For more information about this event, please go here:

<u>http://www.airforums.com/forums/calendar.php?do=getinfo&day=2011-2-18;&e=682&c=1</u> and here:

http://www.airforums.com/forums/f289/dead-horse-5-a-71331.html#post914529 Jan and I are looking forward to seeing you all at the ranch. Travel safe and we will see you in Cottonwood! - Ríchard

Upcoming 4CU Rallies							
When	What	Where	Host(s)	Contact			
Dec 30, 2010- Jan 2, 2011	4th Annual New Year's Rally	Picacho Peak SP, near Eloy, AZ	Louis & Sergio, Ken & Linda	lhall15690 @aol.com or silverback @xwinds.com			
Feb 18-21, 2011	Dead Horse 5	Dead Horse Ranch SP, Cottonwood, Arizona	Richard & Jan	rgirard5 @cox.net			



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