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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Louis Hall

Greetings 4CU Members! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and the Airstreams are racking up some miles. It has been a hot and dusty summer here in Phoenix, but we are in the home stretch to 8 months of paradise, and hopefully no more **Haboobs**!



photo by Lynn Eubank

As we head into the fall and winter, we will be gearing up for our busy time as a unit for rallies, we have the Balloon Fiesta and Punkin Chunkin just around the corner, followed by Thanksgiving in Quartzsite. Then we have the New Year's Eve, Dead Horse, and St. Paddy's Day Rallies - all in the first quarter of 2012! (see page 20 for schedule!)

Our membership chair reminded me that we are in the process of membership renewals for 2012, which got me to thinking about the 4CU, and whether or not we provide our members with a good value for their 66 bucks. I evaluate my own business on a regular basis to ensure we provide our clients with good value for the money they spend with us. So I thought I would compare some things and hopefully bring a different perspective to the cost of 4CU membership dues.

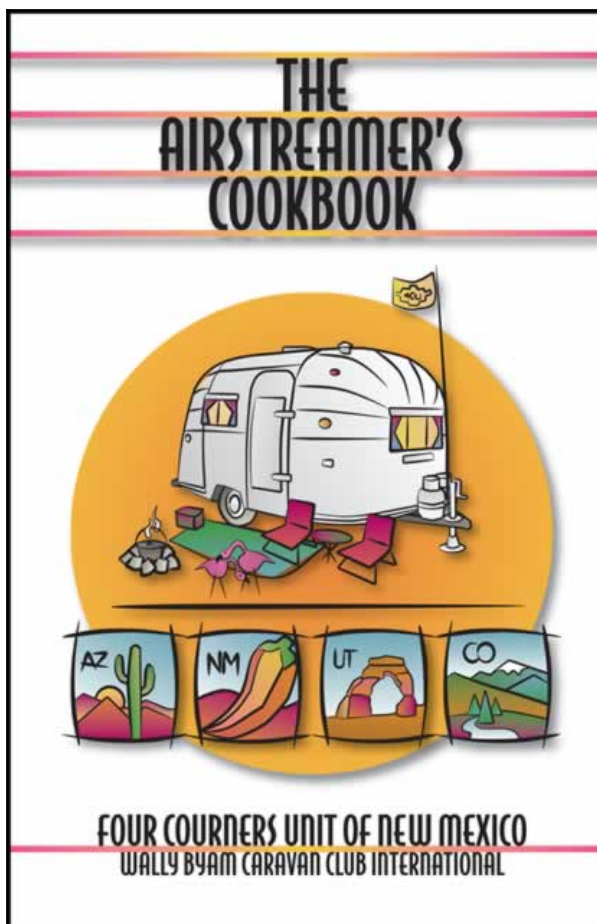
\$66.00 per year = \$5.50 per month. What can else can you get for **\$5.50 a month?** Wow, check this out!

- 15 days of HBO
- 1/2 day of electricity in the Arizona heat
- .73 pounds of rib eye
- 1.68 gallons of gas
- 4.7 beers
- 9.78 ounces of ground coffee
- 73% of a 2-hour movie, alone, with no popcorn or drink

Your membership dues provide you with a full year of fun, fellowship, and adventure with the Four Corners Unit. We already have 8 rallies on the calendar for 2012, with hopefully more being added along the way to get us to one event per month! Membership gives you access to other like-minded folks with the passion for Airstreaming. And while every organization has its politics, and a certain level of dysfunction, I hope the Four Corners Unit is a safe haven from all of that! On behalf of myself and the other Unit officers, we look forward to your continued membership support and your enjoyment of the friendship, acceptance, fun, and enthusiasm for Airstreams that the 4CU delivers. In my opinion; a good value for your money indeed!

I wish everyone a great Autumn Season and look forward to seeing you at the next 4CU event!

Many safe travels! - *Louis*



GET YOUR COPY BEFORE THEY'RE SOLD OUT!

4CU Airstreamer's Cookbook!

The Four Corners Unit Cookbook is a 100% volunteer effort with no cost to the Unit for design and production. The price is **\$15.00** per copy, with the proceeds going to the Four Corners Unit treasury. We have sold several copies at rallies earlier this year, and we will have copies for sale at most upcoming gatherings!

If you would like to reserve a copy of the Cookbook to receive and pay for at an upcoming 4CU rally, contact Jan Girard at

4CUcookbook@gmail.com

It is also possible to order your Cookbook and have it sent to you - with an additional cost for shipping & handling. Contact Jan; she will take your order and answer any questions! - *Louis*

RALLY REPORT: WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY - DuQUOIN, ILLINOIS

Jan and I traveled to Du Quoin, IL to attend the 54th International Rally of the WBCCI, held June 28 to July 4 this year. We towed our Airstream 1600 miles and went through 7 states and across the great Mississippi River. We got to see much of America's heartland because we tend to avoid the interstate highways as much as possible. Our biggest concern on the trip was the weather. We had several nights of heavy rains and tornado warnings. In fact, a tornado touched down in the middle of the International fairgrounds 2 days before we arrived on site! Luckily there was very little damage to the Airstreams set up there, and no reported injuries.



We arrived at the rally and were parked in the Vintage Airstream Club area. These were the best sites on the fairgrounds and were located on the edge of a small lake a short distance from the rest of the parking areas. When we were not attending

meetings and seminars, we were visiting with the many friends we have made over the years who were at the rally. In the VAC area we had a ramada which was the focal point every night for snacks and prizes that were donated by Vintage Trailer Supply and other vendors. I would highly encourage everyone to become **VAC members** and stay in the VAC area if you attend an International Rally!



One of the highlights for us was participating in the Vintage Parade. We traveled several miles inside the fairgrounds with flags flying and all the club members standing on the side of the streets waving and cheering as we slowly drove by. The other highlight was being presented with a plaque for the Silver Level (70s) in the International Concours d'Elegance competition. This was the second year that we have won this award.

One very interesting thing happened while we were at the International. Jan and I experienced our 15 minutes of fame! A reporter for the regional newspaper

approached us and asked to see our trailer and interview us. The article is now available and can be seen here:

<http://thesouthern.com/news/local/d3556f98-a399-11e0-89a8-001cc4c03286.html>

It was my honor to represent the Four Corners Unit at the annual delegates meeting. The vote on the revised constitution was *postponed until next year*, but we had an opportunity to speak about the revision, and I did. There was one vote on an amendment to allow multiple candidates to be presented by the nominating committee. This amendment was passed with very few votes against it (the 4CU vote was for the amendment). There were no votes called for the International Officers since there was only one candidate per office.

The Four Corners Unit in its short history has become a much-respected unit in the WBCCI. I had numerous people ask me about the unit while we were at the rally. The unit was also mentioned several times during seminars and meetings, and the comments were always very positive. I was very proud to represent the unit again this year. Jan and I will be headed to **Sedalia, Missouri** next year to attend the 55th International Rally. We would love to see you there! - Richard



RALLY REPORT CONTINUED: POP TOPS AND STUFFED ANIMALS! BY JAN GIRARD



“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.”

One of the eye-openers at the International Rally I attended this year in Du Quoin, Illinois, had to do not with aluminum *trailers*, but with aluminum *pop tabs* (AKA pop tops or pull tabs)! I learned that each year, whatever city the WBCCI chooses to hold their big rally in will benefit from *much more* than just having all those Airstreamers in town buying groceries, souvenirs, and fuel. The WBCCI donates an *enormous* amount of funds and goods to the local charities of the hosting city each year! There are community service committees devoted to all kinds of different charitable endeavors, and I decided to get involved!

The committee I chose to participate in collects the pop tabs from aluminum soft drink cans (and other aluminum cans with pop tabs). The tabs are gathered from donations taken around the country all year, and then all brought to the International. In Du Quoin I helped sort through 1,628 pounds of pop tabs! The committee turned them all in to the local Ronald McDonald House charity that helps families and children in need. (Ronald McDonald Houses collect pop tabs instead of entire aluminum cans because it's more hygienic to store tabs than cans, and collection and storage is easier. The program is an easy way for people of all ages to support RMHC and know they are making a difference!)

At the next 4CU Rally, and every one after that, I will be putting out a big plastic jar to collect **pop tabs** for next year's International. I'd like to invite the 4CU members to save up all their pop tops for me and bring them along to any 4CU Rallies! I know we have a lot of members who drink *one thing or another that comes in an aluminum can* - how easy to just save the pop top rings and bring them along on your next rally getaway!

But wait, there's more! My committee is also taking in **stuffed animals** and donating them to the host city's fire, police, or other charitable group that distributes stuffed toys to kids in need. So bring me your stuffed animals too - new or used, but in good shape (Richard has a new camper shell on his truck, so I know we'll have loads of room to haul things back in!). I would be so happy to be able to bring a bunch of stuffed animals to the International next year, all contributed by our Unit!

There are numerous other charitable donations that the other WBCCI committees focus on; *I will take any and all donations* in these categories also, if any members have contributions: **hats & mittens** made by those who knit, **Cabbage Patch dolls**, **lap robes & blankets**, **children's books**, **yarn**, **animal shelter supplies**, **personal-size care products for Women's Shelters**, and **monetary donations** that will go to host city charities for the needy.

I was really surprised and impressed to learn about all the good that the WBCCI brings to the cities where the International Rally is held each year. It made me realize that my dues for the club also indirectly support some community service projects that help out a lot of people across our country. I'm looking forward to turning over a big *truckload* of donations from 4CU members at next year's International! - Jan

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: LEON (4CU WEBMASTER) & JANET HAUCK (AZ-LH & AZ-JH)

My name is Leon Hauck, and Janet is my wife.

Q: Residence City & State?

A: Phoenix, Arizona

Q: What do you do for a living (or if retired, used to do)?

A: We are both self-employed. Janet is a freelance court reporter. I am a computer consultant and programmer.

Q: What made you choose an Airstream?

A: We started out car camping in the back of our Ford Explorer. One night we were watching a special on the Travel Channel on the old Teardrop campers of

the 40s and 50s and thought that would be a step up. Next we went to an RV show and Janet was liking the Class C motor homes. Then we came across an Airstream at the show. As soon as we closed the door and all the outside sound was blocked out we knew that nothing else would do!

One of our motivations for choosing an Airstream was to be able to use it on Janet's out-of-town jobs (as opposed to getting hotels). Roughly half of the nights we spend in the Airstream each year are on her out-of-town work trips.

Q: How long have you had your current Airstream, what model(s) is it, and how did you come to acquire it?

A: We've had it for three years. Janet did all the research and decided on the exact floor plan she wanted - a 25' Safari SE FB with the queen size bed. She posted a want ad on the AirForums Web site. After about six months with no response, she had resigned herself that she wasn't going to find a used one, so she had printed off the form for ordering a new one through **Oasis RV** in Tucson. While she was filling it out, somebody in Mailbu, CA, saw her ad and emailed her! We went over, checked it out, and towed it home with our inadequate V8 Ford Explorer. Within weeks we purchased a proper tow vehicle!



Q: What was your first camping trip in an Airstream?

A: The second weekend we had it we met friends at a little boondocking site we know about near **Stoneman Lake, Arizona**.

Q: What has been your favorite trip in your Airstream so far?

A: That is a tough call - we try to go somewhere new each time, and every trip has something different about it. If I had to narrow it down it would be either **Ken's Lake near Moab, Utah**, or **Haviland Lake near Durango, Colorado**. We avoid commercial campgrounds! Closer to home, when we just want to get away during the week, **Lynx Lake near Prescott** is a nice getaway. We just have to go during the week - the campground sometimes starts to fill up on Thursdays.

Q: Have you had any close calls when traveling in your Airstream?

A: Nothing dangerous on the road, aside from a tire blowing out on I-10. The biggest issue was theft in Window Rock. We didn't have a locking pin on the receiver portion of our hitch, and it promptly disappeared while on the reservation. I didn't notice it until we went to hitch up at the end of the week (and Janet had to be at a job the next day)! Luckily there was a tractor repair place outside of Gallup that had the exact make and model hitch to match ours, so it just turned out to be an expensive learning experience.

Q: What upgrades (if any) did you wind up making to your Airstream since you bought it?

A: For the interior we had **AZ Bambi Decors** make quality custom curtains. They really help insulate it from the cold, block out a lot of light, and they look great! We also took out the dinette and replaced it with a drop-leaf table and office chair from Ikea. It opens up the area, and also allows me to work and watch TV more comfortably. Janet prefers to lounge on street-side couch. As far as electrical improvements, first we replaced all the lights in the trailer with LED bulbs, and swapped out the old Sony TV with a 12v LED 21" flat screen TV that only draws 25 watts! Next we replaced the original deep cycle lead-acid batteries with high capacity AGM batteries from **Sun Xtender**. These upgrades allowed us to boondock for four days, even with a movie each night! At a later date, we decided we wanted a way to top off our batteries, so we added 170 watts of solar panels. Now we can camp without hookups for as long as we like with no need to purchase a generator. We don't need to run the AC, because if it's hot enough to need AC, we prefer to camp elsewhere! - *Leon & Janet*



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: ROGER & BONNIE MILLER (KING O D ROAD)



Q: Name?

A: Roger and Bonnie Miller

Q: Residence City & State?

A: Ephrata, WA

Q: What do you do for a living (or if retired, used to do)?

A: Retired from Grant County PUD (power company that manages two dams on the Columbia River) Bonnie was the Food Service manager (chief cook and bottle washer) for the County Juvenile Detention Center

Q: What made you choose an Airstream and what was your first camping trip in one?

A: Several friends have them and we needed something a bit bigger than our 13 foot "Lil' Bigfoot" fiberglass trailer.

Q: What model(s) Airstream do you currently have, and how did you come to acquire it?

A: 1965 Caravel. I saw this little trailer that had been wrecked every morning on my way to coffee. I stopped and talked to the guy who was working on it and saw that he was just butchering the heck out of it! When the spindles broke, it did quite a bit of damage to the back corners, and this guy was screwing diamond plate to the outside of the trailer! I couldn't stand seeing it every day, so a few weeks later I stopped again and asked what it would take to buy the trailer. I think he was tired of working on it and he sold it to me for what he had in it, including a new axle. Thus began 6 months of daily work, stripping it out, and redoing the inside, replacing 5 outside panels, and weeks of polishing. Not to mention lots of \$\$\$\$!

Q: What has been your favorite trip in your Airstream so far?

A: Two and a half months in AZ last winter Even though it was really cold for part of the trip, we met lots of new friends and traveled with some old ones.

Q: Have you had any close calls when traveling in your Airstream?

A: Not yet!! And I hope it stays that way.

Q: Have you ever hosted an Airstream Rally; if so, what is that experience like? Where have you camped that you think would be a great location to hold a rally?

A: No, but we attended one very near our home that was hosted by some folks on the other side of the state, and there were a few people there who expressed an interest in starting an Eastern WA unit, so we will be talking to them some more, and who knows - we may be hosting a gathering!

Q: If you travel in your Airstream full time, what has been the most difficult adjustment you've made compared to living in a house?

A: Not nearly so much to keep clean. But everything has to be in it's place.

Q: If you could take your Airstream anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

A: Bonnie would like to go to **Germany** and **Switzerland**. She was there several years ago and is into genealogy. Her family is from there, and she would like to see the home village and do some research. Beautiful scenery - lots of history. But there is so much of our own country that we haven't seen!

Q: As a member of the 4CU, do you have any suggestions for what would make the Club more fun or interesting to you? What future do you see for the WBCCI?

A: WOW! That's a loaded question. I think you all have a pretty good organization as it is. I guess you could all come North and camp with us some day. - **Roger & Bonnie**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: FRED COLDWELL (47WEEWIND)



Q: Name?, Residence City & State?

A: Fred Coldwell, Denver, Colorado.

Q: What do you do for a living (or if retired, used to do)?

A: Still bringing joy to the world as a civil trial lawyer. On a more productive note, I write the Old Aluminum history column for **Airstream Life** magazine. Wall Street willing, I hope to retire at the end of this year and begin to wear out the tires on my Airstream!

Q: What made you choose an

Airstream and what was your first camping trip in one?

A: Initially I was enamored of teardrop trailers, but figured I would not enjoy preparing meals outside in the rain or nasty weather. So I decided to get a stand-up-in trailer for travel. Only Airstream had the cachet I demand from life.

Q: What model(s) Airstream do you currently have, and how did you come to acquire it?

A: My current trailer is a 1953 21' Flying Cloud that had been refurbished in a Route 66 theme. I purchased it locally from Denver Unit members. Now I'm calming it down, fixing it up and returning it to its roots as a comfortable & homey 1950's Airstream, with modern conveniences hidden away. My backup Airstream is a very original 1948 16' Wee Wind that stays at home.

Q: What has been your favorite trip in your Airstream so far?

A: To the 2008 WBCCI International Rally in Bozeman, MT. I convoyed with vintage friends from Colorado and we traversed **Yellowstone NP** on the way there. Beautiful country to explore more in coming years.

Q: Have you had any close calls when traveling in your Airstream?

A: Nope, I may be on the verge of tottering but I'm still conscious and cautious!

Q: Have you ever hosted an Airstream Rally; if so, what is that experience like? Where have you camped that you think would be a great location to hold a rally?

A: I'm a charter member of the Planning Committee that designs and has hosted the **VAC Rocky Mountain Rallies** for the past 10 years. I help man the Margarita machine. We've rallied throughout Colorado, but my favorite place was the **old time-y campground in LaVeta, CO.**



Q: If you travel in your Airstream full time, what has been the most difficult adjustment you've made compared to living in a house?

A: I hope to adjust well next year in medium spurts.

Q: Do you travel with any pets?

A: No pets, no plants, no responsibilities to living dependents. But I enjoy and appreciate other's pets.

Q: If you could take your Airstream anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

A: There is so much to explore in the U.S.A. that I expect to be traversing our great country for the next two decades!

Q: As a member of the 4CU, do you have any suggestions for what would make the Club more fun or interesting to you?

A: No. I have really enjoyed every FCU Rally I've attended. Local units rock!

Q: What future do you see for the WBCCI?

A: Sorry to end on a downer note, but I don't see any hope for the WBCCI at the national level. Ever-decreasing membership on its stay-the-course path to irrelevancy. National leadership self-selects clones who perpetuate the same worn out programs and expel members who propose relevant change. A conscious course of self-destruction.- **Fred**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: ROBERTO URIBE & NANCY BAER (ELFIREBOB)

We live at 4000' in the mountains east of San Diego where we are blessed with all four seasons. I'm a Battalion Chief for Federal Fire in San Diego and fly to work on San Clemente Island, 50 or so miles off the California coast. I'm also the Fire Chief of the Pine Valley Fire Protection District, a partnership fire agency with Cal Fire and San Diego County. My bride-to-be, Nanc, works as an executive administrator/personal assistant for a wealthy developer in San Diego and is also Secretary for the Board of Directors of the Pine Valley Fire Protection District.

We chose an Airstream because our T@B lacked a shower and the road less traveled can be a dirty place. We'd both always dreamed of owning an Airstream as we're into anything vintage/retro-style, so it was a natural transition to 'trade up'. We did the initial shake-down in our 2006 19' Bambi CCD on our rv pad under the pine trees since I was on-call that Memorial Day weekend, and the spot looks like any back-in camping space in a remote mountain campground. Once the Bambi was outfitted, it was ready to hit the road. Next stop: Sequoia/Kings Canyon, the Southwest Grand Circle, the Tetons/Yellowstone. It was great for touring because it was so easy to pull off the road, build a sandwich, and have a look-see.

And that Bambi was an absolutely terrific rig, but we soon realized that full-timing would require a bit more space. So we looked for a 25 footer, largest of the small rigs, smallest of the large ones, perfect. It took me a while to find our 2007 25' FB International, which we call Smokey n' Baer's ***TinDen***, but Nanc and I have never looked back. I've outfitted it with solar panels and installed all the custom details that we need to make it our home away from home. We've enjoyed our Airstream and camping so much that we sold both motorcycles and I went looking for a vintage Airstream to tinker on! I lucked out when I found a 1970 Safari Land Yacht twin that had recently moved from the upper Colorado River area near Ash Fork, AZ to Flagstaff. After a year of restoration work, including a new subframe, axle, wiring, holding tanks, plumbing and cabinetry, and assisted by two vintage restoration rallies, I just took my daughter's family along with me this month on it's first shake-down, and I'm pleased to report that all systems are go! Thanks forum and 4CU friends. It's still a work-in-progress, but it'll keep me happily tinkering away for years!

We've had some great road trips across the Southwest and all parts surrounding, but a recent trip up the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington, to Olympic National Park and back down the middle of those states through the scenic volcanic ranges, was spectacular. We'll never forget maneuvering the narrow hairpins of Pacific Coast Highway north of San Francisco, nor the tsunami warnings that proliferated the further north we drove! From the foggy coastal redwoods to the blizzard at Crater Lake, and steaming fumeroles in Lassen, it was a memorable trip. Still topping the list though, is the rock-strewn beach at Colter Bay on Jackson Lake, Wyoming, where we like to enjoy a bottle of wine and catch the alpine glow as the sun dips behind the Grand Teton range. **It's such a special place that we plan to honeymoon there following our August 20th wedding ceremony on the rim of the Grand Canyon.**

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We've had some pretty close calls, but all things considered we've been very fortunate. There's that time Nanc was supposed to stay awake and watch the ink-black road for obstacles. If not for neon orange glow-in-the-dark ear tags, I would have hit the enormous black steer standing dead center in the road chewing it's cud in a downpour, while my trusty copilot and head cook slept soundly in the passenger seat! Then there's that time we ran out of gas due to a faulty gas gauge at high noon in the middle of the desert. We were headed for a very bad day if not for the Airstreamers on their way to Tucson, who kindly pulled alongside and drove me to and from the closest town for gas. Airstreamers are simply some of the nicest people you'll meet on the road! And then there's the recent series of blown tires, like the one not thirty minutes outside Albuquerque following the 2010 Vintage Rally, that took some aluminum with it. Boy did I receive a lot of comments on the [Airstream Forum](#) after posting a photo of Nanc helping me change that tire! Consequently, I just installed a remote tire pressure monitoring system, so we're good to go for the Grand Canyon trip!

We've never hosted an Airstream Rally, although we've thought about doing so to support a great cause of some kind, like helping a local Air museum, air show, or something along those lines. We're really small-venue folks who like getting to know people. An example is a six-pack tour we took years ago with three couples on three motorcycles through the SW Grand Circle. A similar adventure with three rigs of like-minded folks would be a particular blast.

While Mexico always seemed like an ideal destination for that particular adventure, as I speak the native lingo, it's back-burnered until the situation down there improves. Nanc would agree that an ideal rally location would include a body of water, as we're both avid kayakers. All the better if I can cast a line and do some fishing! We're fortunate to have the blue Pacific Ocean on our left and the mighty Colorado River on our right, so we have plenty of H2O opportunities. But that's not to say we wouldn't enjoy a rally in [Moab](#) with excursions to nearby arches and [canyonlands](#), or traveling to the geographical [Four Corners](#) as part of an event held near [Canyon of the Ancients](#) and beautiful [Mesa Verde](#)!

It'll be a couple of years before we cast off full-time in our Airstream, but one of our bucket list ideas is to ship one of our Airstreams to Europe and do some contractual fire-related work while we tour around that continent.

The 4CU is a great club and we've met some really terrific folks. It continues to expand and evolve over time, and we admire the leadership for rotating events and steering clear of cliques. As working folks, taking time off to attend each and every event is impossible, but we attend whenever we can every year or two. While we're dues-paying members of the WBCCI, we really prefer the casual and relaxed mind-set that the 4CU brings to the table. We're also auxiliary members of the San Diego Unit, but above all we belong to the illustrious club of seasoned campers. We may have progressed from tents to aluminum, but the great outdoors is the reason we back the rig out of our driveway. We're living la vida: Go Camping!

Remember; next time you see an Airstream, flash your lights and give a wave. And never pass a stranded Airstreamer without offering a helpful hand. Stream Safe!

***"Inspect 'n Shake your fire extinguisher; change those detector batteries!"***

*- Bob & Nanc*



## MEMBERSHIP NOTES (17May11 - 15August11)

**BY TERRY RICH**

### Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to **WELCOME** the following **New Members to the 4CUnit**:

**Linda Agre**, Clear Lake, MN (Affiliate, MN)

**Alison Cone & Stacy French**, Rancho Mirage, CA (4CU)

**Gene & Connie Erickson**, Mesa, AZ (4CU)

**Chris Martinez & Jeff Fenton**, Santa Fe, NM (4CU)

**Duncan & Christine Orr**, Flagstaff, AZ (4CU)

**Bobby Peckham**, Long Beach, CA (4CU)

**Mark Rands & MJ Christensen**, Denver, CO (4CU transferring from DenCO)

**Greg & Dimmie Zeigler**, Jackson, WY (Affiliates, WY)

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.

### Our Numbers:

As of this writing the 4CUnit has 93 Full Members, 67 Affiliates (members of other WBCCI units who also want to be part of the 4CU)...and 1 Honorary for a total of 161 members.

### The 2011 Membership Year Closed:

The 2011 membership roster has been closed. Any new membership applications received now will be processed and submitted to International for the 2012 membership year. **This is the absolute BEST time of year for new members to join because they will receive membership benefits for the remainder of the calendar year of 2011 and all of 2012, with "official" start-dates of 2012.** Good news if you have friends on the fence about joining us! A 2012 4CUnit Membership Application is included as the last page of the Newsletter. Please print out some applications and take them along with you when you go camping! You just never know when someone will want information about the 4CUnit!

### Time to Renew Your Membership for 2012!

We have begun periodic emailings reminding members to send in their 2012 membership renewals. The 2012 dues remain the same as 2011, \$65 for WBCCI + \$1 for the 4CUnit for a total of \$66. Affiliate membership is \$1. **Why so early for 2012?** We begin collecting dues for the next calendar year mid-summer because we must have our 2012 membership information to International by November 2011 so that members' names will appear in the **2012 International Member Directory**, published in January 2012. **Thank you to all those who have already renewed...** and those of you who haven't ... why not print out the 2012 4CUnit Application at the end of the newsletter, complete it and send it with your dues to our Treasurer, Howard Efner, today! Then you won't have to worry about it later!

### Questions?

If you have any questions about membership please contact Terry Rich, Membership Chair, at [Terry@TBRich.com](mailto:Terry@TBRich.com).

Happy trails! - Terry

## MEMBER NEWS

**Barbara Johnston's father, John G. Johnston**, passed away June 30, 2011 in Albuquerque at the age of 92 after a short illness. We extend our sincere condolences to Barbara Johnston and Janis White for their loss . . . . .

**Marshal Hall** has been very ill recently, but we hear he is now on the road to recovery - we all send our best wishes for his return to good health! . . . . .

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Roger Miller** as he recuperates from foot & leg surgery; his left leg will be in a cast until November, but he will be able to drive his truck before then, & **Bonnie** will hook up the trailer - so happy trails are ahead! . . . . .

Congratulations to **Ken Johansen** on his appointment as Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) Region 11 Representative . . . . .

Wedding bells rang at the Grand Canyon for **Bob Uribe and Nancy Baer** on August 20, 2011! Our good wishes and congratulations to you both for a long and happy union!

## A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL 4CU MEMBERS:

### YOU'RE INVITED!

### TO WHAT?

**A fun weekend campout with full RV hookups ...**

### WHY?

**Richard Girard is retiring** from his position as a Computer Support Specialist for the Central Arizona Project! And Jan is hosting a gathering of Richard's camping friends to help him celebrate the big event!

### WHEN?

**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 3rd, 4th and 5th, departing Nov 6th ...** that's arriving Thursday through Saturday nights, departing Sunday...

### WHERE?

We'll gather at the **Distant Drums RV Resort in Camp Verde, AZ**. Here's the Resort's Web site for information, maps and directions:

<http://www.distantdrumsvresort.com/>

### DETAILS?

**Jan has reserved a block of RV sites with full hookups at Distant Drums.** We are receiving a group discount rate of \$33.40 total per night, including tax. (Or you can pay the full rate with a Good Sam or other applicable discount, which comes to \$33.07 per night. Go figure.) **Attendees will pay for their nights directly to the Resort upon arrival.** Just tell them you are with the Richard Girard Party. We will have access to the Community Hall - which has a full kitchen and microwave; Hot tub and BBQ grills are also available.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Thursday ...** meeting and greeting and an informal Happy Hour. Bring an appetizer to share if you'd like ... or just come and socialize!

**Friday** during the day you can lounge, visit, or take in some of the area's attractions. That evening there'll be a Happy Hour. BYOB and an appetizer to share.

**Saturday** during the day, again, you can lounge, visit, or take in some of the area's





attractions. **Saturday evening will be the main event ... a potluck in Richard's honor** (potluck info to follow). Gifts not necessary ... but could be fun!

**Mornings** there will be coffee and pastries. Feel free to bring your favorite breakfast treats to share.

**Sunday** morning goodbyes and farewells ...

### HOW DO WE SIGN UP?

**First, please RSVP to Terry Rich** via return email: [Terry@TBRich.com](mailto:Terry@TBRich.com) (Terry is assisting Jan with the mechanics of it.) Please let us know if you can join us or if it's a "maybe"...

**Second, please provide your email, phone number and mailing address to Terry.** We need this info to prepare a spreadsheet for the Resort to help them check folks in as they arrive. (If you are a 4CUnit member, Terry has this info.)

### IS THERE A DEADLINE TO SIGN UP?

**We need a firm commitment by 25 September 2011.** We can have some flexibility after that, but we need to let the Resort how many rigs to expect so they can plan for our arrival.

### MAY WE COME EARLY AND/OR STAY LATE?

**Yes ... BUT** you may be asked to stay in a different area of the Resort, and you will be required to pay full rates for additional nights.

### NEARBY ATTRACTIONS?

**Cliff Castle Casino Hotel** is nearby. Rumor has it there might be some special deals for our group...

**Sedona** and its famous Red Rock Country...and the Pink Jeep Tours ...

**Red Rock State Park** ... a 286 acre nature preserve in the heart of Red Rock County ...

**Jerome** ... the mining ghost town on Mingus Mountain above Cottonwood ...

**Dead Horse Ranch State Park** in nearby Cottonwood...

**Blazin' M Ranch** near Dead Horse Ranch State Park ...

**Montezuma Castle National Monument** and **Montezuma's Well** ... Native American ruins from a people of long ago ...

**Out of Africa Wildlife Park** ... on the road between Camp Verde and Cottonwood ...

**Verde Canyon Railroad** ... where you can book a trip from Clarkdale to Perkinsville ghost ranch and back ...

**Vineyards** ... in Cottonwood and Cornville areas ...

**And more!**

### QUESTIONS?

Please contact Jan at [jangirard@cox.net](mailto:jangirard@cox.net) or Terry at [Terry@TBRich.com](mailto:Terry@TBRich.com) ... we'll try to answer your questions. **WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US & HELP RICHARD CELEBRATE!**

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## CAMPING NEWS - FREE ENTRY TO NATIONAL PARKS & HAPPY BDAY SMOKEY!

The National Park service has announced that there will be seventeen "free" days at all National Parks and Monuments in 2011. The next one coming up is National Public Lands Day, which will be observed on **September 24**. The last will be the week ending Veteran's Day, **November 11 thru November 13**. All entry fees are waived on these days. Read more at <http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm>

Just an FYI - this August marked the 65th birthday of the US Forest Service's longtime icon, Smokey the Bear! You can read about Smokey and view and listen to an archive of vintage promotional memorabilia at <http://www.smokeybear.com/>



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### Newsletter Submissions

**If you have comments, ideas, articles, member news, and/or  
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[lawson@xwinds.com](mailto:lawson@xwinds.com)**



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## The Early Years of the 4CU

<http://fourcorners.wbcci.net/newsletters>

## UPCOMING RALLIES: September 30 - October 4, 2011

### Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally, Albuquerque, New Mexico



Update - we are now full - all 100 spots are taken and we have a waiting list - I still have a few who have not paid their 2nd installment - I've sent them notices so they know who they are - if we do not receive by 9/1, they will lose their spot as well as their deposit.

As I understand it the whole park is pretty much full for this special year - we are by far the largest group they have - so it should be pretty cool.

There is a chance you could get in at this late date if any of those spots open up.

Other than that the planning committee is busy - - ah planning - we are expecting a great time and the weather is looking great! We will be in touch with everyone during the month of Sept.

- KenJ

## UPCOMING RALLIES: October 14 - 16, 2011

### Punkin Chunkin Rally, Estancia, New Mexico

Send \$25 rally  
fee to:  
**Marshall Hall**  
**PO Box 1163**  
**Estancia, NM**  
**87016**  
**marshall.hall50**  
**@gmail.com**  
**(505) 384-8082**

Punkin Chunkin (officially known as the Estancia Pumpkinfest) is the event of the year in the small New Mexico town of Estancia. This is the 3rd year there is an Airstream Rally in connection with this event and it is always a great success! Starting Friday October 14, we will set up camp at the Torrance County Fairgrounds. Saturday morning those who want to can decorate their rigs and parade through town among the fire engines, vintage cars, horses, and other floats and groups. If you don't particularly care for being IN the parade, you can walk from camp to WATCH the parade!

The pumpkins are chunked by various "chunkers" ranging from slingshot contraptions, trebuchets, to giant semi trailer-sized cannons. Saturday evening there will be a dinner at a local restaurant. A potluck breakfast will be held on Sunday morning. If you want to explore the area, there are historical towns, Pueblo ruins, and National Forest. Estancia is just a short jog from Albuquerque or Santa Fe.

- The \$25 fee covers camping at the fairgrounds. Extra \$ will be applied towards coffee, snacks, yummys, and incidentals. It won't cover Saturday's restaurant dinner, but prices should be pretty cheap and the food excellent.
- There are a limited number of electric hookups for those who really need them. There is a dump station of sorts available. No water hookups. No showers.
- I will register as a group on the parade entry form; it is pretty informal.
- Bring lots of candy to throw at the kiddies! Friday and Saturday nights we will have a campfire (conditions permitting). - Marshall



## UPCOMING RALLIES: November 23 - 27, 2011

### Thanksgiving at Quartzsite - Q5T4 - BLM Land, Arizona

Yep, THAT time, again...Turkey Day in Quartzsite...a free, no-hook up rally with the 4CU group...bring yer pets, a sense of responsibility for them, firewood, food, drink, a chair or two, a table, and an awareness of nothing required...it has been fun in the past, and I see NO reason why it shouldn't be, again. We may not be able to burn a desk this year, but I'll look for one 😊 ...See directions below. It's serious sit back time, but can be organized a bit if folks want it that way 😊

Officially 11/23 to 11/27...come early, stay late...the camping permits are 14 days free, and facilities are in town (5 miles away) for water, dump, propane, and food/booze...ok, you can also find soda...There is a sign up list on Airforums...we should have at least two turkeys...alas, our chief turkey fryer will be absent (going to Hawaii, the lout!), but others are welcome to try and fill his pot...er...shoes...we've never had a shortage of food or appetite 😊...

The sign up list is is here:

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/calendar.phpdo=getinfo&day=2011-11-22;&e=869&c=1>

Here is info about the Roadrunner Campground from the BLM:

[http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/recreation/camping/dev\\_camps/roadrunner.html](http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/recreation/camping/dev_camps/roadrunner.html)

#### DIRECTIONS:

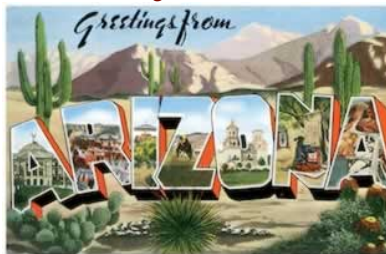
- (1) Go about 5 miles south of Quartzsite on AZ 95 to just past Mile Marker 99.
- (2) Turn right onto 53rd St North (also marked by a sign saying "La Paz Valley"); just after you turn bear right onto dirt road, sign says "Road Runner Campground".
- (3) I would recommend that you take the immediate right after turning in to Roadrunner (almost a U-turn), as the wash crossing there is more rig-friendly
- (4) I should have the pink surveyor's tape and signs with pink arrows up...FOLLOW THE PINK TO THE ALUMINUM!!!

QUESTIONS??? EMAIL OR PM ME...

- Mike



## 2011 Upcoming 4CU Rally Schedule



| When          | What                                   | Where                                                                  | Host(s)                                                       | Contact                                                         |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept 30-Oct 4 | Balloon Fiesta Rally                   | <u>Balloon Fiesta Park</u><br>Albuquerque,<br>New Mexico               | Ken<br>Johansen                                               | fourcornersunit<br>@hotmail.com                                 |
| Oct 14-16     | <u>Punkin</u><br><u>Chunkin</u> Rally  | Torrance County<br>Fairgrounds,<br>Estancia,<br>New Mexico             | Marshall<br>Hall                                              | marshall.hall50<br>@gmail.com                                   |
| Nov 23-27     | Thanksgiving<br>in Quartzsite<br>Rally | <u>Roadrunner BLM</u><br><u>Campground</u> ,<br>Quartzsite, AZ         | Mike &<br>Tracy<br>Bertch                                     | scrapirony<br>@frontier.net                                     |
| Dec 30-Jan 2  | New Year's<br>Rally                    | <u>Picacho Peak SP</u> ,<br>near Eloy, AZ                              | Ken & Linda<br>Lawson &<br>Louis Hall &<br>Sergio<br>Quiros   | lawson<br>@xwinds.com<br>and/or<br>lhall15690<br>@aol.com       |
| Feb 17-20     | Dead Horse                             | <u>Dead Horse Ranch SP</u> ,<br>Cottonwood, AZ                         | Richard &<br>Jan Girard                                       | rgirard5<br>@cox.net                                            |
| March 15-20   | St Patrick's<br>Rally                  | <u>McDowell Mountain</u><br><u>Regional Park</u><br>Fountain Hills, AZ | Paul &<br>Ronnie<br>McWard &<br>Mike &<br>Betty<br>O'Gardiner | btttygardiner<br>@yahoo.com<br>and/or<br>toocubed<br>@yahoo.com |







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## AIRSTREAM INFORMATION

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SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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### QUESTIONS?

CONTACT TERRY RICH, 4CU MEMBERSHIP CHAIR  
PHONE 520.748.0696 · EMAIL [TERRY@TBRICH.COM](mailto:TERRY@TBRICH.COM)



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