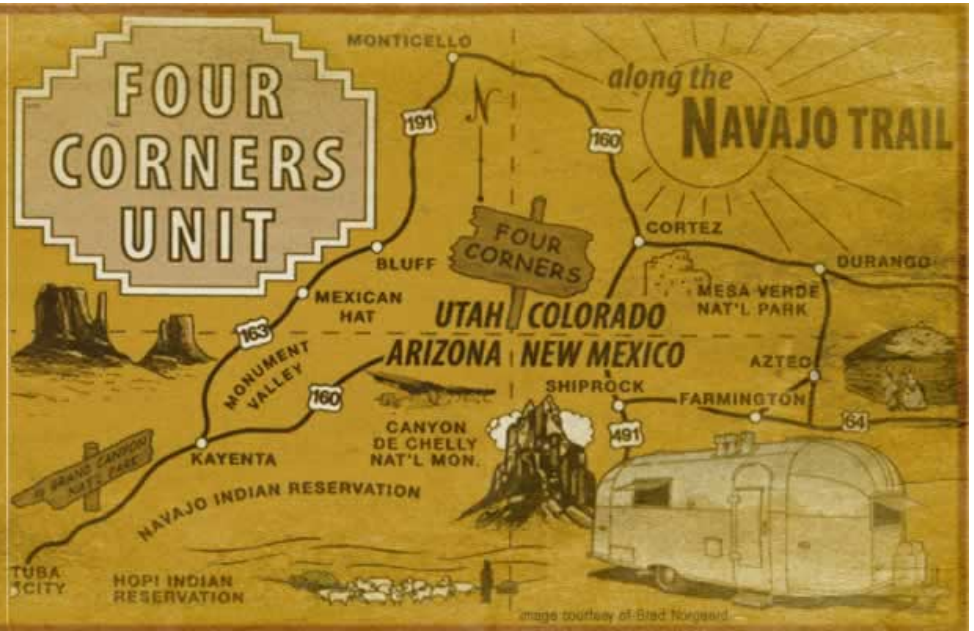


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Louis Hall

Greetings everyone in 4CU Land; I hope this finds you well and ready to hit the road!

I'll start by recognizing and thanking the following folks for volunteering and hosting some great events in the first half of 2012:

- Ken & Linda Lawson – Picacho Peak Rally
- Richard & Jan Girard – Dead Horse Rally
- Paul & Ronnie Ward and Mike & Betty Gardiner – St. Paddy's Day Rally
- Mike & Betty Gardiner and Steve & Faith Kopp – Spring Break at the Lake Rally
- Bruce & Kathy Gaither – Jemez Mountains Rally
- Ken Johansen – Restoration Rally
- Howard & Carolyn Efner and Barbara Johnston & Janis White – Santa Fe Rally



photo by Terry Rich

The Four Corners Unit now exceeds 100 members! I could not be more proud of this accomplishment and would like to thank *everyone* for making this unit the example for others to emulate. Our members are the ones who make the unit what it is! Additionally, I would like to recognize our Membership Chairman, **Terry Rich**. This milestone would not have been met without his tireless dedication to bringing new members into our unit. He is our greatest supporter and cheerleader. Thank you Terry!

I have some changes to our Board to announce to everyone. First Vice President, **Michael Smith**, has resigned his position. He and Karen have sold their Airstream and will be enjoying the use of their truck camper for the time being. I wish them well and will miss them around our campfire.

Mike's leaving means **Steve Kopp** becomes the First Vice President. Trustee **Janis White** has volunteered to be the Second Vice President, and our board has approved her.

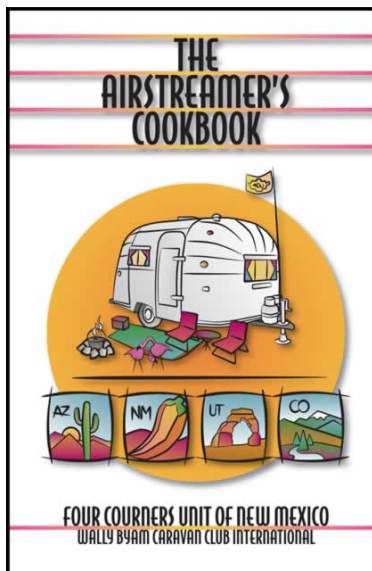
We will be looking for members who would like to be more involved with the 4CU when we conduct elections this Fall. We will need to fill our Second Vice President position, and our two Trustee positions. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in serving on the Board!

Earlier this year I mentioned T shirts! Well, we are still working out the kinks and how we are going to handle the transactions, inventory, ordering, and shipping. This is a larger project than I expected, but we will have it going shortly (I may have been a bit ambitious with the initial plans!). We will start off with one shirt style - a Unisex white T shirt with the color image printed on the front (it's the same image as that used on the Cookbook - see graphic below). This will give us the opportunity to see how sales go; we can always adjust as needed. We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to help us out with this project!

Sergio and I wish everyone a great and safe summer and hope that your Airstream will be rolling to a great destination soon!

See you down the road, - *Louis*

Do You Have Your Copy Yet? 4CU Airstreamer's Cookbook! Copies Are Still Available!



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 a good number of copies at rallies throughout 2011 and this year, and we will have copies for sale at 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: ST PATRICK'S DAY RALLY - McDOWELL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK, AZ by Paul & Ronnie Ward



Ralliers hanging out at Mike & Betty's Airstream

photo by the Wards

We did some damage to the cabbage patch & potato field while ensuring the Guinness didn't go stale over the St Pat's weekend! There were 18 aluminum cans parked in the [McDowell Mountain Regional Park](#) Group Site, and a few special guests also joined our rally (We invited all the other Airstreamers camped in the park - the Canadian couple were so sweet and had a blast with us)!

On Friday we had beautiful weather, and after Happy Hour enjoyed wonderful Irish Stew and several different varieties of homemade Soda Breads which were delicious! On Saturday (St. Patrick's Day) a snake was spotted and we tried to chase him away like St. Patrick would, but we didn't like the rattle! Later we feasted on the traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. After dinner our co-host **Betty Gardiner** got everyone involve in playing musical plates with awesome prizes going to the winners. There's still a debate on who was the actual finalist - **Louis Hall** or **Carol Pollack**! There were several folks enjoying **Pat Cahalan's** "Irish Flag" drinks, and later we found ourselves blowing in the wind!



Mr Cahalan & Reilly the Cat

photo by the Wards



Pat Cahalan mixes "Irish Flag Shots" for all!

photo by Terry Rich



The River Dance Clogging contest...
Louis won; Carol was a close 2nd.

photo by Greg Schmuker

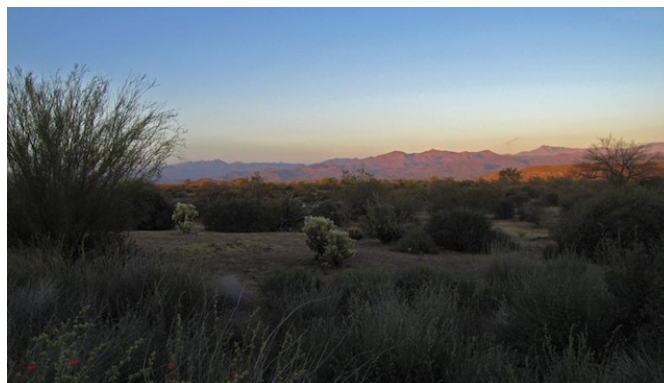


Happy Hour gathering...

photo by Greg Schmuker

Hiking & biking dominated the fitness crowd's activities, while others enjoyed the benefits of relaxation & conversation. The spectacular vistas from the ramada captivated ralliers, and we kept time by the **Fountain Hills** fountain, which spouted green water! Sunday the weather turned to a record-breaking COLD & rainy day. Most folks who stayed were hidden in their warm cozy trailers; sure beats tent camping!

Thank you *everyone* for making our St. Patrick's Day Rally a success! A special thanks to our co-hosts **Mike & Betty Gardiner**. We couldn't have held this rally without you both! Happy Trails to all till we meet again. Miss you guys! - **Paul & Ronnie**



The Mountains to the east of the park nearing sunset

photo by Greg Schmuker

RALLY REPORT: SPRING BREAK AT THE LAKE 2 - LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK, AZ

by Steve & Faith Kopp



photo by Leon Hauck

Same location and one year later the conditions were like night and day. Last year the rally had wind and rain and temperatures in the 40's and 50's and we burned all the wood we could find. This year the temperatures were in triple digits with light winds and we only burned a few logs - for the benefit of one tiny camper (**Andrew, Pat's & Babs'** grandson) who wanted to roast his marshmallows. Thanks Sergio for the fire! The "misters" made the ramada most enjoyable - thanks to **Sergio** and **Pat**!

Spring Break at the Lake 2 started on Thursday, April 19, with 13 Airstreamers arriving early. The new Maricopa County Park rules require that at least 10 units must be present to occupy the group site. We started with an opening ceremony, parade, and the introduction of members, and then assigned sites by length of service. No, just kidding - no intros and everyone parked where they wanted. Debbie and John got the only available tree, but it didn't really provide much shade.

Friday was shopping day - some went to IKEA (guess who), some went to Costco, Wal-Mart, or Home Depot - looking for muffins, brats, and of course, *misters*. Some folks went

to the beach (a good idea). Just wading through the water was the best way to cool off. The Friday night Happy Hour punch was to die for, followed by a potluck and way too much food - as usual!



Trying to stay cool while catching up in the shade of the ramada at Lake Pleasant
photo by Terry Rich



photo by Leon Hauck



Happy Hour at Lake Pleasant

photo by Terry Rich



photo by Leon Hauck

The Friday night movie was "[Beach Blanket Bingo](#)", starring Frankie Avalon, Annette Funicello and Deborah Walley. Thanks again to **Sergio & Louis** for the use of their projector and screen. This movie was made in 1965 and one wonders who would have paid more than 25 cents for this level of acting or screenplay. It was AWFUL - but we all had fun making fun of the movie! It was a topic of conversation all weekend and a copy of the DVD was the "grand prize" in our Bingo on Saturday night. Congratulations **Alan Bobman**!



Bingo Winner Alan Bobman

photo by Leon Hauck



Bingo Winners Sergio Quiros, Bonnie Bobman, & Louis Hall photo by Alan Bobman

On Saturday morning we had a Continental Breakfast of muffins and croissants with coffee and juice. Later that morning we had ralliers in 6 kayaks that were paddled around many of the coves of [Lake Pleasant](#). If the heat got too high you just jumped in and cooled off. OR you fell in the cool water getting out of the kayak! When we got back to the group area the misters provided a cool reception.



Steve Kopp

photo by Faith Kopp Ronnie & Paul Ward



photo by Faith Kopp



Barbara Johnston, Bonnie Bowman, & Betty Gardiner

photo by Faith Kopp

The Saturday night Brat Fest, compliments of co-hosts **Mike & Betty Gardiner**, was the best. **Anthony & Tamara** provided wonderful pork ribs, while the rest of us provided the delicious side dishes. Needless to say, no one was starving at this rally.

Shortly after midnight each night, the group site was visited by a small heard of wild burros. The burros make their way around the park sites going through garbage cans. There is no shame, and the burros look very healthy.



Betty & Faith (co-hostesses) modeling their new summer look photo by Terry Rich

Sunday (a day of rest) found many 4CU members heading home early while others went to the Lake, church, or shopping for more misters. Sunday night the remaining members, joined by a returning **Richard & Jan** (who had gone home earlier in the day), enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Wild Horse West Restaurant. A few members were skeptical as to the limited fare - "What? No French Fries with my burger!" - but we all came back to camp feeling full and very satisfied. We then sat under the misters (no fire pit) and told wild stories and fixed all the ills of the WBCCI. Spring Break at Lake 2 was a neat rally for all those who attended. We had 2 new members join, so we must be doing something right! - *Steve & Faith*

2012 4CU First Quarter Financials – 01/01/12 to 3/31/12

by Howard Efner

First Quarter Financial – 01/01/12 to 3/31/12

Starting Balance 2,682.48

Income

Dues	1,204.00
NYE Rally Kitty*	171.00
Affiliate Badges	55.00
Cookbook Sales	120.00
General Fund Donation	13.00
Total	1,563.00

Expenditures

International Dues	1,170.00
Postage - Treasurer	16.34
Postage - Membership	59.72
Total	1,246.06

Ending Balance 2,999.42

*NYE Rally Kitty = \$241.00 - \$70.00 (park reservation fees 2011& 2012)

4CU WEB SITE NEWS

by Leon Hauck

Since the last newsletter there has been a lot of activity, but it has all been behind the scenes. [WBCCI.NET](http://wbcci.net) just finished upgrading their system which hosts our web site; this has taken a few months. We are in the process of going through and finding out what new features we will be able to make use of.

Now that this transition has completed we will be able to get our online payment system implemented (which should be in place by the end of June), along with moving forward with a new photo-sharing system.

As always, if you have anything you would like to see added to the Web site, feel free to email me at leon@boondocking.net with the details and we'll see what we can do.

<http://fourcorners.wbcci.net>

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DAVID & JUDY CAHALL (DL46)

We are Judy & David Cahall. We have lived in Annandale, NJ (Central West NJ) for 30 years and now call it home for the summer and fall months. In July '11 we purchased a winter home in Maricopa, AZ, close to our oldest son & wife and two wonderful grandsons. We joined the WBCCI Watchung Unit of Central NJ in the Fall of 2010.

What do you do for a living?

We are both retired as of mid 2010. Judy was a school psychologist for over 40 years and since retirement has become a licensed life coach. Her emphasis is on Positive Psychology and Appreciative Living. David retired after 35 years in medical academics and global clinical research/medical affairs in the pharmaceutical industry. Bottom line: We love retirement!!

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

After living in an airplane for so many years during my global career functions, my wish was for an opportunity to travel within the US without ever entering another airport or hotel. Our travel philosophy on the dashboard of our truck - "It's

not the destination, but the journey" - fits with Airstreaming. We were drawn towards the sleek design of the Airstream trailer, their reliability in the midst of SOB quality chaos, and the camaraderie of the WBCCI members and their varied camping/exploring activities.

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

We found a 2005 30' Classic with a slide out in August 2010 online from a diesel pusher dealership in Phoenix (it was a trade for a pusher). The trailer was in excellent shape (~25K miles/5 yrs) and had been well taken care of by its previous owner. Since we were totally new to trailer camping, I contacted a person on the Airstream Forum from PHX who agreed to join us when we bought the trailer. He got us off on the right foot as well as highly recommending that we join the 4CU WBCCI unit as Affiliate members (Thanks Brad!).

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

We joined the 4CU unit after we purchased the Maricopa home (Fall 2011). We very much enjoyed our first two rallies with the 4CU gang at Picacho Peak SP for New Years 2011, and Dead Horse in February '12 - wonderful times and a great group. With the Watchung Unit, a Lobster Rally held at Cape May, NJ was also a great time. Although we have taken the trailer across country to NJ-AZ three times and enjoyed seeing the varied parts of the US, we are really looking forward to our WBCCI Alaskan (Aleyska) caravan this summer. We estimate that we will log >10,000 miles by the time we travel from NJ in mid-June to Fairbanks in August and back to AZ by end of September!

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

This is our first truck and trailer. No close calls, but many, many newbie learnings along the way. It's very funny to think about all of the errors of our ways as we learned trailering - lucky for us to have had such a wonderful rig from the beginning!

Where have you camped that you think would be a great location to hold a rally?

How about a 4CU Alaskan Rally? (:>)) We'll bring back some ideal spots for the members this Fall!

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

Our airstream is our third "home". When we are in it, it truly meets all of our day to day needs and reminds us as to how little one really needs to have a wonderful life: "Less things, More Life"

Do you travel with any pets or children; if so, where do they ride while on the road, and how do you manage them inside your rig?

No pets at the moment, but maybe another dog after the Alaska caravan this summer.

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

Have been to Africa and always wondered how the trailers did on the Wally Byam African Caravan. If another safari was ever put together we would like to be part of it.

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

More of the same! It's a great group of people with a focus on enjoying life, fun, friendship, the outdoors & camping without an overemphasis on formalities. What else does one need?

What future do you see for the WBCCI?

The challenge is to attract new members from the broad age mix (families to boomers) of new purchasers & current owners of Airstreams, and at the same time reinforce a continued commitment to the current membership. To do so, WBCCI, must remain true to Wally's creed for traveling ("...To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end ... and thus make your travel dreams come true."), and market itself as an organization that focuses on the interests & needs of potential members (camping, travel and exploration, trailer expertise, friendship, fun & camaraderie, and community service) and demonstrates that it offers unique value for its membership. To grow WBCCI, the governance needs to identify ways to bring innovative value to the Units and its members that will move WBCCI into the 21st century. It's the least that Wally Byam would have urged if he were alive today. -David & Judy



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: ALAN & BONNIE BOBMAN (BAAMbi7)



We are Alan & Bonnie Bobman, Scottsdale, AZ. Originally from Philadelphia, also lived outside Cleveland.

Favorite things to do:?

yoga & sewing (Bonnie), skiing/snowboarding, mountain biking & ice hockey (Alan) and, of course, adventures in our AS!

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

The looks, style and function of the AS were just too much to pass up; got that itch and just had to do it. Our 1st trip was with 4CU to Dead Horse 6! It was great having everyone there to help us break in our AS, and learn what not to do! Like don't lock yourself out!

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

16' Bambi Sport which we picked up in CA. A driver named Chuey brought it to the AZ state line (at 10 o'clock at night). It was a riot doing title work at Wendy's in Ehrenberg, AZ! The line for the notary was longer than the line for burgers. The drive home in the dark was interesting. We had never towed anything before!

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

Has to be our first: DH6 with 4CU! How can we forget the white elephant gifts!

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

Getting locked out at DH6. And learning how to back up the AS has been so much fun (not really)!

Funny encounter?

While stopped in a parking lot, a man in a Bentley and his wife made a mad dash to come and see the AS. "Can we see the inside?" We were tempted to trade for the Bentley but decided the AS was more fun and, of course, better stylin'!

Where have you camped that you think would be a great location to hold a rally?

We wish we could answer that one! We have only gone tent camping three times (once was outside REI for a garage sale!!). Our vacations generally revolve around snow. This will be a big change!

Do you travel with any pets or children; if so, where do they ride while on the road, and how do you manage them inside your rig?

No pets, and children can't decide if they want to come with us. Our daughter is a true urban dweller living in Brooklyn, and our son is at college having his own fun. We're convinced they will see the adventure and join us sometime soon. Although if we took them to Spring Break at the Lake I think they would have thought we were all crazy 'cause of the heat.

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

The top of See Forever ski trail in Telluride, 360 degree views. How fabulous it would be to wake up to views that reach ... forever!

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

Not sure if it could get anymore interesting than the white elephant at DH6 and a "beautiful" butterfly dish being called a "gift". We want to find out what a farket is!

-Bonnie & Alan

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Richard Girard, Janis White, Ken Johansen, & all those who contributed their
'early years' photos!

MEMBER NEWS

Late in February, **Tracy Bertch** fell and broke her hip, and underwent an immediate partial hip replacement. We hope you are recovering well, Tracy, and we are thinking of you! **Jim & Mary Wherrett** were heading home to Omaha after the St. Pat's Day Rally, when Jim suffered chest pains and was diagnosed with an aortic aneurysm. He was airlifted to Albuquerque where he underwent a repair and after 10 days in the hospital they flew back to Omaha. Relatives were able to come and get their dog, and they hired a truck driver to drive their truck and Airstream back to Omaha. We hope you are doing well and that you make a full and speedy recovery, Jim! Shortly after the St. Pat's Rally at McDowell Mountain Park, **Steve & Faith Kopp** had to say goodbye to one of their dogs, **Cinnamon**, after a brief illness. We'll all miss seeing Cinnamon at the next rally, Steve & Faith **Larry & Kathy Young** lost Kathy's father earlier this year (see the March 2012 Newsletter) and now they have lost a second parent within two months - Larry's mother, at the age of 106. We are sorry for your losses, Larry & Kathy **Barbara Johnston & Janis White** lost their Tibetan Spaniel, **Meg**, to liver failure on 3 April 2012 after a long battle with fading health. Little Meggie will be missed **Ray Mazza** had knee surgery earlier this spring, causing him and **RoseMary** to miss the Lake Pleasant Rally. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, Ray! **Jim Dahmann** is successfully recovering from his recent bout with prostate cancer. He and **Shirley (Levitz)** are selling their 1997 34' Norman Rockwell Special Edition and are settling nicely into their new life in Sarasota, Florida. Happy trails, Jim & Shirley! **Don Williams** is "really retiring" on 15 June - congratulations, Don! He and **Gail** have acquired a new 28' International Airstream to help celebrate and they are planning a trip to the northwest and Canada this summer, followed by a trip east to visit family and friends. Have a great time! Submitted by Don & Gail Williams: "An Airstream, (not ours) made the cover of the Spring 2012 National Parks Conservation Association magazine! The article about Yosemite National Park also had a small picture. The article is about the park and encourages visitors to venture out beyond the valley to see all the beauty of the park." Here's a link:

<http://www.npca.org/news/magazine/all-issues/2012/spring/>.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

by **Terry Rich**

Welcome New Members!

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

Robert Allen, Kooskia, ID (4CU)

Gerald Clayton & Jim Sanders, Mooresburg, TN (4CU)

Jerry & Kathryn Crowder, Albuquerque, NM (4CU)

Terry & Gretchen Cox, Las Vegas, NV (4CU—Our 100th Member for 2012*)

Marc & Carol Hammond, Prescott, AZ (4CU)

Jack & Mary Hand, Ottawa, Ont, CAN (Affiliates, Ontario Unit)

Harry & Debi Jean Harkey, Anderson, TX (Affiliates, TX Costal Plains Unit)

Anne Pearse-Hocker, Purcellville, VA—but relocating west (4CU)

Carl & Marlene Russell, Colorado Springs, CO (Affiliates, DenCO Unit)

Bob & Beth Walter, Scottsdale, AZ (4CU)

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 often as possible.

Our Numbers:

*As noted above, the 4CU has passed the 100 full members milestone with the addition of Terry & Gretchen Cox! This is a first for the 4CU! Thank you, Terry & Gretchen, and congratulations to each member for helping make the 4CU what it is today!

As of this writing the 4CUnit has 104 Full Members, 78 Affiliate Members (members of other WBCCI units who also want to be part of the 4CU, paying just the \$1 Unit portion of the dues)...and 1 Honorary Member for a grand total of 183 members.

4CU Affiliate Membership Badges Now Available!

Some of our Affiliate Members have asked if it's possible to acquire 4CUnit Affiliate Member Badges. We can now provide Affiliates with 4CU Affiliate Name Badges and lanyards for a \$5 contribution per badge (in addition to the \$1 Unit Dues). That's \$10 for a couple and \$5 for a single badge. Of course, this is optional. If new Affiliates would like to have a 4CU Affiliate Name Badge, they should check the box on the membership form on the last page of this Newsletter... and include the Affiliate Badge Fee with the Unit Dues. If you're already an Affiliate and want name badge(s) just send a note with your check to Howard and we'll take care of you.

The 2013 Annual Membership Drive Begins 1 July!

It's almost that time of year when we will begin sending reminders to all members to renew WBCCI membership for the 2013 calendar year. We will send monthly reminders out beginning in mid-July. We are required to have all of the 4CU members' information to International by 1 November 2012 in order to be included in the 2013 International Membership Directory which will be distributed in January 2013.

The 2013 4CU Membership Application is included here as the last page of the Newsletter. All new members joining at this time will be entered as 2013 members, but will have full membership benefits for the remainder of 2012. This is the absolute best time of year for new members to join, if you know anyone who's on the fence about joining WBCCI ... because they will get their 2013 membership plus the balance of 2012! It's a good deal!

You Can Help the 4CU Membership Grow!

When we camp there are often opportunities to relate our good times in the 4CU with other Airstreamers we meet along the way. Why not print out some 4CU applications and take them along with you when you go camping ... or keep a copy on your laptop to send to folks you meet while camping! You just never know when someone will want information about the 4CU!

Questions?

If you have any questions about membership please contact Terry Rich, Membership Chair, at Terry@TBRich.com.

Happy trails!

- Terry
Membership Chair

Ponderosa Shadows

A Private Membership Airstream Park for those 55 or Older

There is an Airstream community in a rustic campground setting in the White Mountains of Arizona! Ponderosa Shadows is located in Lakeside (near Show Low) and is generally open from May 15th to October 15th, weather permitting. The Park is owned by Ponderosa Shadows, Inc., a Not-For-Profit Arizona Corporation, which in turn is owned by its 40 individual members.



Each of the 40 memberships is assigned a spacious lot (not less than 8,000 square feet), which includes a storage shed (about 8'x10') for personal use. Most sites have dual hook-ups (one for the owner and one for a guest), most have concrete patios, and many have gazebo (screen house) slabs. In addition to the campsites, the park also has common areas such as roads, and a ramada-type building with a large fireplace and complete modern

kitchen and rest rooms, which serves as a meeting/activity hall. There are also about 10 acres of undeveloped ground.

We are open during the spring, summer, and fall months only. You must remove your Airstream from the Park when it is closed over the winter months.

We do not rent or lease campground spaces; we DO advertise membership lots that from time to time become available for sale. These lots - there are only 40 of them - offer a private, spacious, full-hookup site in a gorgeous wooded setting with a beautiful lake nearby!

Membership Requirements:

- age 55
- own an Airstream
- belong to WBCCI
- purchase a lot (from a member who is selling theirs)

Visit Our Web Site to check out our Classifieds at

<http://sites.google.com/site/ponderosashadowsinc>

Send queries to Steve Kopp at QSK@aol.com

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JEMEZ FALLS CAMPGROUND, NEW MEXICO

Travel Log & Photos by Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker



On the way up into the Jemez Mts near
Bandelier National Monument



Our camp site at Jemez Falls Campground

On Wednesday, 22 September, we woke to cloudy skies at Heron Lake State Park in Northern New Mexico, with a light rain and the scratching of crows dancing on our Airstream's roof. A camper we had chatted with the day before said we were going to have some rain Wednesday ... and it was so. Just how so we didn't know yet.

The rain stopped long enough for us to get hitched up and to the dump station. But just as soon as that chore was completed - about 12:30 PM - it started to rain again, and it rained the most of the remainder of the day. The skies were grey, cold and threatening. A good day to travel if you don't mind driving in the rain ... which we don't generally, but don't much enjoy packing up or setting up camp in it. Rain while we drive is welcome because it washes the Bambi and cleans the air. However, this day was a bit more rain than we bargained for. Later we learned that the entire northern half of New Mexico was under a broad-based heavy rain storm.

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Once on the main road, we retraced the route we had taken to get to Heron Lake... going north on Highway 84 toward Español to the junction with NM 30, and headed west to pick up 502 west toward Los Alamos, which would take us to the Jemez Mountains.

But there was an attraction we wanted to see just southwest of the 30/84 junction — the Santa Clara Pueblo. Greg collects Native American miniature pottery and other art, and looked forward to actually going to a few pueblos and meeting some artisans. So our first stop that day was the Santa Clara Pueblo. Santa Clara potters are famous for their distinctive black pottery that is highly polished ... The black color is the result of firing the pottery in kilns with horse dung. Apparently the dung turns the pottery black. It's beautiful when it's all said and done! There is also a red clay variation of Santa Clara Pottery that is equally beautiful. Once you are familiar with Santa Clara pottery, you can spot it a block away!

We entered the pueblo with light sprinkles still coming down. We passed the community center and then saw a sign that said "pottery" on a small building. We parked the truck and trailer along the street and went in. It was the Corn Moquino studio. Happily, Corn was at the studio when we stopped by. He was pleased that we had stopped and was equally pleased to be gaining new followers. Greg picked out a few of his pots to purchase, and asked if we could take a picture with him. We knew we had to ask permission to take pictures in the Pueblo. In fact, in most of the pueblos you need a permit to do so, issued at the tribal headquarters. But Corn said it was fine, so Terry went back to the truck and got the camera and took a few pictures of the front of the studio and a few shots inside of Corn and Greg together. Greg was so tickled to get to meet him and to have a few pieces of his art. That makes them even more special.

From Corn's studio in the newer part of the pueblo, we drove a little further and stopped at the community center to inquire but we didn't find any more pottery being sold out of homes or studios in the "newer" part of the pueblo. But when we got to the older section of the pueblo our luck changed. The older part of the pueblo has dirt roads that seem to meander without much rhyme or reason, but we managed to get the Bambi into a larger area where we could turn around and where there were several homes with pottery signs on them. So we parked and began a quest for more Santa Clara pottery. It was still raining off and on, but nothing that kept us from going house to house. Everywhere we stopped folks were very friendly, welcoming and gracious. Most had a selection of pottery for sale set up in their living rooms so passers-by could look over the wares and chat with them. There was a lot of beautiful pottery, but Greg was looking for "mudheads," a specific character in Native American lore ... and small animal figurines ... and "storytellers" ... another figural.

We didn't find any mudheads or storytellers, but we found Mary Scarborough's home. She's a Santa Clara potter who specializes in traditional deep carved pottery. Greg chose a small red-clay pot with three incised bears. It's quite handsome. Again, half the thrill is getting to meet the artist and buying directly from them. It's great. By the way, they all have fabulous pottery collections in their homes. Their personal collections were amazing. We stopped at a few more homes and met a few more artists, but we didn't buy anything more there. We shall return, however, be sure of that!

Read the rest of this adventure, which started with our trip to Heron Lake for the 4CU Rally at [http://www.tbrich.com/azbambi/heron-jemez-balloon\\_sep10\\_intro.html](http://www.tbrich.com/azbambi/heron-jemez-balloon_sep10_intro.html) Have fun!

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Voted Most Likely to Become An Airstreamer



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Tradewind



Bubble

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Tell Who
They
Are?

check the 4CU
Web site for
answers!

The Early Years of the 4CU

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

UPCOMING RALLIES: Restoration Rally - June 7-11, 2012

Four Corners Unit - WBCCI Rally
5th Annual Vintage Restoration Rally
 Albuquerque, New Mexico
 June 7-11, 2012
 Host: Ken Johansen/Four Corners Unit



Schedule

Thursday, June 7

Arrive Enchanted Trails RV Resort

Friday, June 8

Classroom and hands-on instruction

Saturday, June 9

Breakfast provided

Classroom and hands-on instruction

Catered dinner provided

Sunday, June 10

Breakfast provided

Classroom and hands-on instruction

Monday, June 11

Depart for home

Information

Feeling vintage? Airstream vintage, that is! We're happy to announce the 5th Annual Vintage Restoration Rally at Enchanted Trails RV Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This is a serious, seminar-style rally taught by professionals for anyone interested in the restoration process. Whether you are considering a project, in the middle of one, or are curious to see how Airstreams are put together, this part-classroom/part-hands-on rally is for you!

Instruction includes: Rivet and skin skills taught by aircraft experts; Cabinet building skills; Electrical wiring; Axles; Brakes; Door and window rebuilding/repair; Solar, and more!

Enchanted Trails RV Park, an old Route 66 Trading Post, has been gracious to provide us full hook up sites at \$16/night. Please make your reservations directly with the park by calling: (505) 831 6317. www.EnchantedTrails.com

5th Annual Vintage Restoration Rally Coupon

Name _____

Email address **(used for all communications!)** _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Cell _____

Costs:	Single	\$ 50.00	_____
	Couple	\$ 85.00	_____
	Family	\$100.00	_____
	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$	=====

Please mail coupon and check for rally (payable to Four Corners Unit/WBCCI) by **MAY 15, 2012** to:

Ken Johansen, P. O. Box 1554, Tijeras, NM 87059

Questions? Contact Ken at: Johansen@frontier.net

Call Enchanted Trails RV Park directly to make your campsite reservations (505) 831 6317

UPCOMING RALLIES: Summer in Santa Fe - June 22-25, 2012

Come join the Four Corners Unit for a celebration of summer in Santa Fe, NM!

Nearest Town: Santa Fe

State: New Mexico

Club: Four Corners Unit of WBCCI

Campground Name: [Santa Fe Skies RV Park](#)

Starts: June 22, 2012

Ends: June 25, 2012

Rally Fee: See Below

Hosts: Howard & Carolyn Efner (hfefner@cybermesa.com)

Janis White & Barbara Johnston (drjaniswhite@comcast.net).

Camping fees are \$38.00 per night with full hookups, payable to Santa Fe Skies RV Park. Make your camping reservations with [Santa Fe Skies RV Park](#) directly (877.565.0451). When you call to make reservations, be sure to mention that you are with the Four Corners Unit Airstream group.

The rally fee is \$10 per person.

Sign up for the rally on [Airforums](#)

(at <http://www.airforums.com/forums/calendar.php?do=getinfo&day=2012-6-22;&e=964&c=1>)

and send your check, payable to Howard Efner, and registration form, to:

Howard Efner, 30 Camino Caballos Spur, Lamy, NM 87540

Thursday, June 21, 2012 – Early Arrivals

Friday, June 22, 2012 – Rally Begins

Monday, June 25, 2012 – Rally Ends. Happy Trails.

Rally activities: The famous 4CU Happy Hour each evening, a potluck, and a BBQ. On your own: Friday night gallery openings Downtown and Canyon Road (4–7 PM), a morning trip to Tent Rocks, a trip to the Pecos National Monument (have lunch at Frankie's Casanova Restaurant in Pecos), shopping on the Plaza, a trip to Los Alamos and the Bradbury Science Museum and/or the Bandelier National Monument, El Rancho de los Golondrinas living history museum (NM Fiber Arts Festival 6/23–24), a trip to Chimayo and brunch at Rancho de Chimayo and/or tour the High Road to Taos.

Sign-up deadline is June 10, 2012. No refunds after June 15, 2012.

This is a Four Corners Unit WBCCI Rally so all WBCCI members are welcome. If you are a non-WBCCI Airstream owner and wish to attend as a guest, please contact the hosts listed above.

Summer in Santa Fe Rally Registration Form

Name(s) _____ WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Rally Fee: # adults in party _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Send your check, payable to Howard Efner, and this registration form, to:

Howard Efner, 30 Camino Caballos Spur, Lamy, NM 87540

UPCOMING RALLIES: Balloon Fiesta Rally - Oct 5-9, 2012

The Balloon Fiesta is officially on a waiting list at this time - HOWEVER - it looks like we have worked out something with the fiesta folks and they are giving us 20 more spaces for a total of 125 - with what we have on the list, looks like we have about 10 spaces left which we will be able to fill easily - so if anyone still wants to join us, I'll see what I can do to get them in (Johansen@frontier.net).

BTW - this has become one of the largest rallies in the county - we are already being asked to reserve about 75 spaces for next year (2013) and we haven't even opened that one up yet! - KenJ

Four Corners Unit - WBCCI Rally
Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta!
 Albuquerque, New Mexico
 October 5-9, 2012
 Host: Ken Johansen/Four Corners Unit



Schedule

Friday, October 5

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Gather at a to-be-determined Albuquerque location and caravan to the Balloon Fiesta Field

Saturday, October 6

5:30 am Dawn Patrol
 7-9:00 am Mass Ascension

Sunday, October 7

5:30 am Dawn Patrol
 7-9:00 am Mass Ascension
 5:00 pm Happy Hour & Potluck
 to thank the Parking Staff

Monday, October 8

Visit the International Balloon Museum
 Tour Old Town Albuquerque

Tuesday, October 9

Depart for home

Information

THIS INTERNATIONAL FIESTA SHOULD BE ON EVERYONE'S BUCKET LIST! We are happy to host the 41st Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The site, just steps from the field, is a dry camping experience. Water and Honey Trucks are available. Bring your generators! Join Airstreamers from across the country at this colorful event as hundreds of balloons take to the sky! At this rally you are not sitting on the sidelines but rather you are part of the festivities beginning with the early morning Dawn Patrol through the evening Balloon Glow.

- You will have in/out access in your car after arriving
- Vendors are on the field serving tasty treats and coffee

This always popular event is sure to fill up quickly! Send your down payment today to reserve your spot!

Note: The Balloon Fiesta organizers have a strict policy of no refunds after September 1st and a 50% charge for cancellations between July 15-August 31st.

41st Annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Rally Coupon

Name _____

Email address (*used for all communications!*) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Cell _____

Cost per coach (includes two tickets to all the action!) \$ 341.00

One half (\$170.50) due April 2, 2012 One half (\$170.50) due September 1, 2012

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please mail coupon and check for rally (payable to Four Corners Unit) by **APRIL 2, 2012** to:

Ken Johansen, P. O. Box 1554, Tijeras, NM 87059
 Questions? Contact Ken at: Johansen@frontier.net

UPCOMING RALLIES: Region 11 Rally - Oct 10-14, 2012

Region 11 Rally

Montezuma County Fairgrounds

How the West was Fun!



Cortez, Colorado
October 10 – 14
2012

Parking Information

Water and Electric (30amp & 20amp) are available at the fairgrounds. Please bring an extra hose and "Y" fitting for daisy chaining water or just fill your water tank when you arrive. There is a mixture of 20amp and 30amp power connections at the site. Please bring the necessary adapters and cords. There are no sewer connections, but there are bathrooms and showers (pay) in the main building. Dumping is available at the KOA (fee) located one mile from the fairground.

Cortez Lodging

If you are attending without an Airstream, there are numerous hotels and motels to choose from in the area. You can find more information here

www.mesaverdecountry.com/tourism/lodging.html

Pets

Pets are welcome, but are not allowed inside any of the buildings (service dogs excluded). The City of Cortez has a dog park located a mile from the fairgrounds and dogs can be off leash in the park.



Cortez, Colorado

Located in the Southwest corner of Colorado (only about 25 miles from the Four Corners), Cortez is placed between glorious deserts and majestic mountains.

Cortez serves as your base for visiting the incomparable cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park and its neighbor, the Ute Tribal Park. Here, in the archaeological heartland of the United States, vast cultural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities await your discovery: Mesa Verde, Hovenweep, Canyon of the Ancients, Crow Canyon, the Anasazi Heritage Center to name a few. Within a few minutes drive, you can be hiking or fishing or enjoying incredible fall colors in the nearby mountains.

****We will have a speaker on Thursday that will give a presentation on all of the things to see and do in this magnificent area.****



Directions to the Fairground

Montezuma County Fairgrounds
30100 HWY 160
Cortez, CO 81321
(970) 565-1000

The fairground is located on the South side of HWY 160 just East of Cortez and West of Mancos, Colorado.

Mileage to Cortez:
Albuquerque - 257 miles
Salt Lake City - 349 miles
Denver - 379 miles
Phoenix - 411 miles
Cheyenne - 467 miles

Daily Activities

Wednesday

Arrive and setup
Rally opening
Dinner

Thursday

Breakfast
Seminars

Dinner (Pot Luck)

Entertainment - David Nighteagle

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

Friday

Breakfast

Free day to enjoy the area

Bingo Night

Ice Cream Social

Saturday

Breakfast

Region 11 Business Meeting

Roundtable Discussion

Unit President's Appreciation Dinner (Dress Western)

Entertainment-Donny Johnson (Country Western Singer)

Sunday

Breakfast

Rally closing

Travel safe!

Door prizes and more....

Region 11 Rally

Montezuma County Fairgrounds

Cortez, Colorado

October 10-14, 2012

Name _____
Mate _____
Others _____
WBCCI # _____ Unit _____
Address _____
City _____ St _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Rally Fee

\$60 per Adult x _____ = _____
Children (under 16) Free

Parking Fee

\$20 per night x _____ = _____
(Max of 4)

Total = _____

Please attach any special needs.

Make Checks Payable to:
Region 11 WBCCI

Mail to:
WBCCI - Richard Girard
18223 N 1st Dr
Phoenix, AZ 85023

For more information:
rgirard5@cox.net
(602)376-1105

2012 Upcoming 4CU Rally Schedule



When	What	Where	Host(s)	Contact
June 7-11 2012	Restoration Rally	<u>Enchanted Trails</u> <u>RV Park & Trading</u> <u>Post</u> Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen	fourcornersunit@hotmail.com
June 22-25 2012	Santa Fe Rally	<u>Santa Fe Skies</u> <u>RV Park</u> Santa Fe, New Mexico	Howard & Carolyn Efner & Janis White & Barbara Johnston	hfefner@cybermesa.com and/or drjaniswhite@comcast.net
October 5-9 2012	Balloon Fiesta Rally	<u>Balloon Fiesta Park</u> Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen	fourcornersunit@hotmail.com
October 10-14 2012	Region 11 Rally	<u>Montezuma County</u> <u>Fairgrounds</u> Cortez, Colorado	Richard & Jan Girard	rgirard5@cox.net
October 19- 21, 2012	4th Annual Estancia Pumpkin Chunkin Rally (joint w/ New Mexico Unit)	<u>Torrance County</u> <u>Fairgrounds,</u> Estancia, New Mexico	Marshall & Flordemayo Hall	marshall.hall50@gmail.com
December 28 2012 - January 2 2013	New Year's Rally	<u>Picacho Peak SP</u> Eloy, Arizona	Sergio Quiros & Louis Hall	1hall15690@aol.com

RALLY CANCELLATION

The Summer Solstice On The Rocks Rally has been canceled for this year due to unforeseen circumstances. It had been planned for June 19-22 in the old mining town of Eureka, near Silverton, Colorado. Stay tuned for next year's solstice!



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2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME(S) _____

TODAY'S DATE _____

CHILDREN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

COUNTRY _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

YOUR NAME ON THE AIRFORUMS.COM (IF YOU ARE A MEMBER) _____DO YOU OFFER COURTESY PARKING? ☐ YES ☐ NO

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

☐ **NEW 4CU MEMBER** · \$66 ANNUAL DUES (\$65 WBCCI DUES + \$1 4CU DUES)☐ **RENEWING 4CU MEMBER** · \$66 ANNUAL DUES (\$65 WBCCI DUES + \$1 4CU DUES) · **WBCCI NUMBER** _____☐ **TRANSFERRING MEMBER** · \$66 ANNUAL DUES · **FROM (UNIT NAME)** _____**REGION** _____ **UNIT NUMBER** _____ **WBCCI NUMBER** _____☐ **AFFILIATE MEMBER** · \$1 ANNUAL DUES · **HOME UNIT NAME** _____ **UNIT NUMBER** _____**REGION** _____ **WBCCI NUMBER** _____ ☐ **I/WE WOULD LIKE 4CU AFFILIATE BADGE(S) (OPTIONAL)** · \$5 PER BADGE

AIRSTREAM INFORMATION

YEAR _____

MODEL _____

LENGTH IN FEET (BUMPER TO BALL) _____

SERIAL NUMBER _____

MAIL APPLICATION

SEND YOUR **COMPLETED APPLICATION** ALONG WITH **YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO FOUR CORNERS UNIT TO:**

HOWARD EFNER, TREASURER
 30 CAMINO CABALLOS SPUR
 LAMY, NEW MEXICO 87540

☐ **RECEIPT Requested**
 I have enclosed a SASE.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT TERRY RICH, 4CU MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
 PHONE 520.748.0696 · EMAIL TERRY@TBRICH.COM

**FOUR CORNERS UNIT USE ONLY:** _____

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