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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Janis White

Hello, all you wonderful 4CU members. This is my inaugural President's Message to you, and I must begin by thanking our Immediate Past President, **Louis Hall**, for his dedication and service to the Club. Louis leaves us with a unit growing in membership and in its rally calendar dates. He also leaves me with some pretty big shoes to fill. I'll do my best, and ask that you help me by letting me know how you think the 4CU is doing.



photo by Jim Bloom

Welcome to all our new members and affiliates. Membership Chair **Terry Rich** informs me that we now have 205 rigs and counting in the 4CU. Please take full advantage of the rallies we have scheduled. I promise you will have fun

meeting interesting people, eating lots of very good food, and camping at some of the prettiest places in the Southwest.

Spring is headed our way, and I hope you each get on the road soon and enjoy some Airstreaming! Pack one or two of our 4CU T-Shirts - they are perfect for Spring. (Sales of these popular items are up - kudos go out to **Terry & Greg** - they took the initiative to fulfill orders and sell more shirts at the Jammer Jam Rally. They sold 30 of them!) If you don't have one yet, or need another, ordering is easy, as shown later in this Newsletter.

Be Safe and Happy Camping to you!

~Janis

**Many thanks to the following contributors;
they made this issue of the 4CU Newsletter possible!**

**Janis White & Barbara Johnston, Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker,
Louis Hall & Sergio Quiros, Leon Hauck, Howard & Carolyn Efner,
Paul & Ronnie Ward, Ken Johansen, Jim Bloom, Chris Navoa,
Diane & Dennis Moore, Art & Maggie Flynn,
Bonnie & Alan Bobman, & all those who contributed their 'early years' photos!**



4CU T-Shirts - Do You Have Yours?

These outstanding Four Corners Unit T-Shirts are still available! The price is **\$17.00** for each short sleeve shirt, and **\$22.00** for each long sleeve shirt. The proceeds go to the Four Corners Unit Treasury. You may order these directly from the 4CU Web site and pay using Paypal, or you may use the **T-Shirt Order Form (see last page of this Newsletter)** and send it in with your check for payment. You may opt to have your shirt shipped to you (extra shipping price applies), or you may pick it up in person at one of our rallies!

The T-Shirts have been very popular - so much so that we sold out of some sizes of the long sleeve versions. But never fear! We have re-ordered more long sleeves, so the T-Shirts are once again available in all sizes and both sleeve lengths!

NOTE: If you'd like to pick up your T-Shirts at the upcoming St Pat's or Summer in Santa Fe Rallies, please order in advance online, indicating that you will pick them up at the rally (and save shipping).

See the **Web site or Order Form** for further details!

<http://4cu.boondocking.net/shirts.php>

We hope to see you sporting one of these fine creations (design by **Terry Rich**) the next time we meet around the campfire! ~Janis

RALLY REPORT: 6TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S RALLY - PICACHO PEAK SP, AZ by Louis Hall



photo by Diane & Dennis Moore

This year's New Year's Eve Rally at Picacho Peak State Park was very well attended, and the weather was not too bad. We had cool sunny days and cold starry nights. We had a total of 73 people in attendance and 37 trailers this year. This was our largest turnout yet for this event, and we filled up the Quail Group area quite nicely. We also had a total of 10 Guests attend, and I think we added 4 new members from among them. Overall, we could not be more pleased with the participation!

We kicked off the rally with a Happy Hour Mixer and had events for everyone each evening. We had a fireside showing of the "Long Long Trailer" with a large group braving the cold to enjoy the bonfire and movie.

Our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange certainly lived up to it's reputation with plenty of interesting gifts and gadgets for everyone. This year we had everything from the AK-47 Assault Plunger, to the coveted cowboy dinnerware, with many flamingo items mixed in throughout the evening. The weather did not quite cooperate, as it rained for most of the Exchange, but we were huddled into a Ramada, and a good time was had by all!

A special thanks goes out to **Ruth and Harry Vollmer** for conducting the "CPR for Friends and Family Class" which proved to be very informative and was well attended in the 3 sessions they conducted during the rally.



photo by Rich & Schmuker



photo by Diane & Dennis Moore



photo by Rich & Schmuker



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New Year's Eve was spent with everyone enjoying the huge bonfire while passing around the champagne. We had our largest fire to date at this rally! New Year's Day was for relaxing and getting ready for departure the next day; we had a nice final evening together around the fire, swapping stories and just enjoying the camaraderie.

Sergio and I thank each and every one who attended, and the many folks who pitched in and helped make the rally a success! ~ *Louis*



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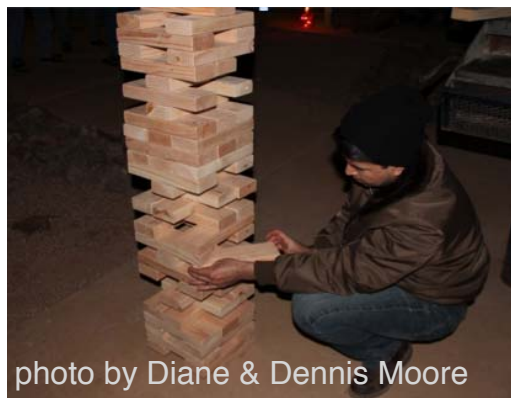


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RALLY REPORT: JAMMER JAM RALLY - COTTONWOOD, AZ**by Reg Bittner**

photo by Rich & Schmuker

What a jammin' good time we all had! We had 76 folks arrive in 36 rigs. From far and wide, British Columbia all the way to Virginia, a-bearing-and-a-wearing pajamas, they came!

Everyone was delighted by the digs. Upon approach, the clubhouse could be seen, its laundry lines all around the deck had colorful pajamas hanging in the breeze. One of many golf carts was ready at the office with staff aboard to give each arrival an overview of the large park and their choice of site; near the creek, near the duck pond, near the spring, near the clubhouse, or near the group fire pit. The sites were all roomy; folks weren't expecting that from a private campground. We heard people say that it felt like more of a National or State Park/Forest. All were under large trees, albeit their great, green canopies were missing this time of year - but the bright blue winter sky above their mighty branches was there the entire time. Perfect temperatures, sunny and in the high 60's during the day, chilly and

in the 30's at night with little to no wind . . . a camper's dream!

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photo by Chris Navoa



photo by Chris Navoa

Since people were still arriving on Friday, we presented a simple finger-food Happy Hour buffet in the clubhouse. It was all very lively, seeing friends we hadn't seen for months, meeting others with whom our paths hadn't crossed yet, and introducing ourselves to the new members. We all then moved down to the group campfire with Hot Mulled Wine and Cider set up there, along with a S'Mores Bar.

Saturday, in keeping with the 4CU spirit, folks went out in all directions on their own to explore until evening. We all came together in the clubhouse at dinner time for Sloppy Joe's with everyone bringing a side. What a feed! It was Ed Poll's birthday, so cake and ice cream were in order. This was the night we all donned our jammers and fuzzy feet. 4CU definitely has to be on the top rung of WBCCI in creativity! From satin smoking jackets, satin "Lucy" era pajamas complete with headscarf and cigarette holder prop, to all things flannel . . . and curlers! (Some of the ones I saw looked absolutely barbaric - glad those days are over, ladies). The slippers ran the gamut, too . . . sleekly elegant with the smoking jacket to funny I-didn't-know-they-made-them-in-that-size with the flannels.

Our co-hosts, **Anthony and Tamara Rodriguez**, brought a projector and old B-rated spook-movies for the pajama party theme, but the weather was so nice, everyone either went to the campfire and ate the popcorn treats there with the leaded/unleaded Hot Cocoa, or just went back to the Aluminum to relax after a full day of hiking and outdoor activity. (We'll keep the movies in our back pocket again for next year).



photo by Chris Navoa



photo by Chris Navoa



photo by Chris Navoa



photo by Rich & Schmuker



photo by Leon Hauck

Sunday, we woke up to Smoked Ham, Blueberry Pancakes and **Anthony and Tamara's** TO-DIE-FOR warm Chokecherry Syrup. A lot of hiking up Bell Rock in Sedona went on after this one! We came together at the end of the day, some of us at the Grasshopper Grill for dinner, some of us grilling with friends at Lo Lo Mai. Afterward, we had our final fire with another communal beverage, Hot Buttered Rum or just "Yum" (the homemade mixture is yummy enough to stand alone).



photo by Rich & Schmuker

This was the first time rallying at this resort campground and the first time for Steve and me hosting. We learned a few things for some "streamlining" next year. Thanks to our co-hosts, **Anthony and Tamara**, we missed a lot of hurdles! They were SO much help in advising us beforehand, and planning through it all with us, along with diving right in after their 400+ mile journey to get here from New Mexico! Of their 5 Airstreams, they even brought their largest one - the MEGAstream, a behemoth at 34' - in order to haul a 22 quart electric roaster and half their kitchen (and they are SERIOUS cooks, so that's saying a lot - hey, these are the folks who bring homemade tamales to our potlucks!!!)

Although this first Jammer Jam was a bit of a testing of the waters, the waters were found to be quite warm, and welcoming enough to do it again next year! Before we left, we put first dibs in with the office for President's Day weekend 2014.

See ya'll "down the road . . ." ~ **Reg & Steve**



photo by Chris Navoa

2012 4CU FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIALS – OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER

by Howard Efner

Fourth Quarter Financial – 10/01/12 to 12/31/12

Starting Balance 3,279.24

Income

Dues - cash	958.00
Dues – PayPal*	1,192.32
T-shirt sales cash	161.00
T-shirt sales PayPal	326.27
Affiliate Badges	35.00
Cookbook Sales**	<u>20.00</u>
Total	2,692.59

Expenditures

50% Down on T-shirts	522.61
T-shirt Remainder	545.63
T-shirt postage	24.20
e-Check Refund – test	21.70
Dues Refund	1.00
Jan Girard – Cookbooks	5.00
Check Printing	63.74
Postage – Membership	94.28
Postage – Treasurer	16.06
International Dues	<u>2,015.00</u>
Total	3,309.22

Ending Balance 2,662.61

* Less PayPal Fees

** Overpayment, \$5.00 due Jan G.

4CU WEB SITE NEWS
by Leon Hauck

<http://fourcorners.wbccf.net>

Check out the upcoming rally schedule, the archive of previous 4CU Newsletters, and the answers to the newsletter photo puzzle - all found on the 4CU Web site! The 4CU T-Shirts online order form can be found at

<http://4cu.boondocking.net/shirts.php>

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see on the Web site please feel free to email me at leon@boondocking.net. ~ Leon

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For Sale: 5 OEM wheels from a 2007 International 25 foot. 15x6 6 bolt on 5.5 circle. 4 Machined aluminum, 1 steel. Located in Santa Fe, NM. Can arrange shipping or delivery.	Price: \$260.00 Contact: Howard Efner hfefner@cybermesa.com 505-466-3870
For Sale: 1998 Airstream Land Yacht 35' Cutter Motorhome, 300 HP CAT Diesel Pusher, Excellent Condition, 56 K Miles, Serviced & Travel Ready Details at: https://sites.google.com/site/ponderosashadowsinc/classifieds	Price: \$42,000 Or Best Offer Contact: William Mark williamh.mark@gmail.com 928-566-3046
For Sale: Membership Lot #115 at Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park for Age 55 & over Airstreamers. Lot includes storage shed (with refrigerator), 12ft. diameter screen house (casita) (with brand new extra top), concrete RV patio, outdoor furniture, golf cart (stores in shed) View photos at: https://sites.google.com/site/ponderosashadowsinc/classifieds	Price: \$29,500 Contact: Cliff DeWolf marclif@hotmail.com 623-935-0555
For Sale: Membership Lot #140 at Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park for Age 55 & over Airstreamers. Premium Site with ponderosa trees, located on quiet south side of park View details & photos at: https://sites.google.com/site/ponderosashadowsinc/classifieds	Price: \$33,500 Contact: H. M. (Sandy) Sanders HMSandySanders@gmail.com (719) 355-3146
Free Classifieds (Personal) for Airstreams & Airstream-related items. Contact the editor at lawson@xwinds.com	

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MEMBER NEWS

Milo & Karen Brown (Juniper Hills, CA), were looking forward to seeing the 4CU members at the New Year's Rally after having freeze damage to their Airstream repaired. They were all packed & ready to roll & then there was another, unpredicted cold snap causing a frozen pipe in their home . . . "which resulted in mayhem & ruined vacation." We hope they have recovered & that we'll see them soon around the 4CU campfire!

Louis Hall & Sergio Quiros (Phoenix, AZ), were involved in an auto accident on I-10 as they returned home from the New Year's Rally. They were not hurt, nor was their Airstream, but "Dolly" their tow vehicle was not so lucky. She was badly smashed in the front & had to be towed to Phoenix for repairs. She's all shiny & new now, & lookin' good!

Carroll & Paula Shores (Elgin, TX), lost their special traveling companion of nearly 10 years - **Peabody**, an English cocker - early in January after a long battle with an aggressive nerve sheath tumor. We'll all miss Peabody hanging out with Carroll & Paula & his sidekick, **Phoenix**.

Paul & Linda Ridgway (Lake Havasu, AZ), lost their beloved mini bull terrier & travel buddy, **Archie**, in late January. Many of us remember him from past New Year's Rallies . . . we are all so sorry to hear this sad news, & share your loss.

Jim & Mary Wherrett (Omaha, NE), have had a rough year of health issues. First Jim suffered an aortic aneurysm on their way home after the St. Pat's Rally last year, & was airlifted for surgery to Albuquerque. He's recovering nicely, thank goodness. Then in late November, Mary had her gall bladder removed & a hiatal hernia repaired at the same time. She is also well on the mend. While they are avid 4CU Affiliates, they decided to winter in Florida this year . . . but will be back in our neck of the woods as soon as possible.

Mike & Betty Gardiner (Grayling, MI), also decided to winter in Florida this year. Mike's cast is off (from breaking the lower fibula bone in his leg), so they are back on their bikes & running into 4CU folk there: Jim & Mary Wherrett & Ed & Jeanne Stroetz. It's a VERY small world! We look forward to Mike & Betty heading our way again next winter!

Howard Efner (Lamy, NM), is in recovery & doing well after a first cataract surgery. The 2nd eye will have been done by the time this Newsletter hits the streets. THEN he's scheduled to have a procedure done on one of his knees. At first he & Carolyn thought a knee replacement was in Howard's future, but he's avoided that & will have a less invasive procedure done to get him in shape for the next 100,000 miles. We missed the Efners at the Jammer Jam Rally, & they will also miss the St. Pat's Rally . . . but they are co-hosting the Summer in Santa Fe Rally in June, so we'll see them there!

Mike & Tracy Bertch (Silverton, CO), are still in Texas attempting to deal with Tracy's father's estate. Come home, you two! We miss seeing you at the rallies! Mike . . . you would be proud of **Sergio** who you no doubt mentored in the art of campfire-tending.

Joseph Webb & Victoria Summy (Livingston, TX), spent December 2012 as volunteers at Sabino Canyon in Tucson, AZ . . . & are currently volunteering at Pinnacle National Monument in CA. What great volunteer gigs & a great way to enjoy some beautiful country!

If you have a bit of news that you'd like to share with the rest of the 4CU members, send an email to the editor at lawson@xwinds.com, or to our membership chair at Terry@TBRich.com

4CU MEMBERSHIP NOTES

by Terry Rich

Welcome New Members!

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

Margot Bugby, Tucson, AZ (4CU)

Greg Cody & Sara Samuels, Glenwood Springs, CO (4CU)

Marcel Chouiniere, Apache Junction, AZ (4CU)

James & Kathryn Bloom, Decatur, AL (4CU)

Pete Feldman & Barb Wagenseller, Cornville, AZ (4CU)

Arthur & Margaret Flynn, Placitas, NM (4CU, Transfer from NM Unit)

David & Deborah Hagen, Bremerton, WA (Affiliate, North Cascade WA Unit)

Michael Luta & Nikki Holt, Mesa, AZ (4CU)

Greg & Gail McDaniel, Denver, CO (4CU, Transfer from Denver CO Unit)

Chris Navoa, Phoenix, AZ (4CU)

Stuart & Pamela Lindsay, Ventura, CA (Affiliate, Central Coast CA Unit)

Louis & Pamela Schwitzer III, Apache Junction, AZ (4CU, Transfer from AZ Unit)

Michael & Jill Shrauner, Glendale, AZ (4CU)

James & Barbara Stelzig, Golden, CO (Affiliate, Denver CO Unit)

Glenn & Teresa Taylor, Seaside, OR (Affiliate, OR Unit)

Ernest & Sandra Wade, El Paso, TX (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 soon and as often as possible.

Analysis of Membership at the Close of the 2013 Renewal Period:

When we closed the books for 2013 renewals on 31 Dec 12, we had a grand total of 22 members who did not renew for 2013. 13 of the 22 were Full Members . . . and of those 13, 6 had sold their Airstreams.

9 of the non-renewing 22 were Affiliate Members, 1 of which had sold their Airstream.

That left us with 195 members comprised of 116 Full Members, 78 Affiliates, and 1 Honorary to begin 2013.

Our high membership count for 2012 through the 2013 renewal season was 217 with a composition of 129 Full Members (30 new for 2013), 87 Affiliates (22 new for 2013), and 1 Honorary.

Our percentage of attrition was not bad: for Full Members, only 10.1% - including those who sold their Airstreams did not renew. That's normal minimal attrition. And my guess is that if these members still had Airstreams most would have renewed. The attrition of affiliate Members was only 10.3% including those who sold their Airstreams. For Honorary Members the attrition was 0%. :-)

So there you have it. 2012 was not a bad year - and not a bad footing to begin 2013.

Some Observations:

Participation. It's clear to me that we lose members mostly because they either don't chose


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to (sometimes for unknown reasons) or can't participate enough in rallies, etc, to justify the dues. Very few "active" members drop out. To me that means it's important to get new members to a rally and involved ASAP after joining . . . to assure that they have a good experience and really become part of the Unit's life.

Communication is key. When I talk to new members who come to their 1st rally, I hear some say they were hesitant to come to an event where they didn't know anyone. They are understandably nervous and don't know what to expect. So it behooves us all to reach out to new members as much as we can to welcome them . . . in person, via email, etc - so that they know they are welcome and that they have someone to ask for when they arrive, to talk to and to lean on for info and introductions, etc. It helps tremendously. That having been said, I have never heard anyone complain about the 4CU being difficult to be around. It's actually been very much the opposite . . . it's very much a positive, upbeat reaction. And that's our strongest asset. People enjoy themselves at our rallies, and that's what really matters.

### **Our Current Membership Numbers, 2 Months into the New Year:**

As of this writing, the 4CUnit has 123 Full Members, 81 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 205 members. So we have already started to regain the attrition losses we experienced at the end of the renewal period. This is a good indication that we will continue to grow throughout the year.

A fun sign of our growth: We now have two "Andersons", three "Halls", two Joneses, two "Martins", two "Millers", two "Moores", two "Sandbergs", two "Taylors", and four "Thomases", among our membership!

### **You Can Help the 4CU Membership Grow!**

When we camp there are often opportunities to relate our good times in the 4CU to other Airstreamers we meet along the way. Why not print out some 4CU applications (see the second to last page of the Newsletter) and keep a supply in your rig . . . 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!

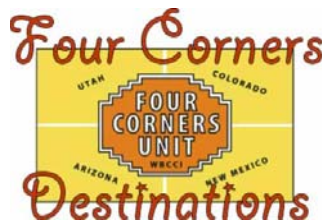
### **A Note About Member Privacy:**

Member contact information published in the 4CU Membership Directory is intended to accommodate personal communication between members and for the distribution of Unit materials. Email and snail mail addresses are not to be shared with other entities or to be used for commercial purposes.

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about 4CU or WBCCI membership please contact Terry Rich, Membership Chair, at [Terry@TBRich.com](mailto:Terry@TBRich.com).

Happy trails! ~Terry Membership Chair



## Touring Campgrounds in the White Mountains of Arizona June 2010

Travel Log & Photos by Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker



For our June 2010 getaway we decided to go to the eastern part of the Mogollon Rim to the Alpine, Big Lake and Greer areas. We had been through the Eager/Springerville area several times traveling Highway 60 and 260, and through Alpine once on a car trip years ago as we returned from a road trip to New Mexico, but we had never been to the Big Lake or Greer areas. They sounded inviting and we'd heard from friends about how nice and cool the area is in the summer, so we were looking forward to new places and new adventures.

We decided to go to the Alpine, AZ area first . . . near the AZ/NM border south of Eager/Springerville . . . and work our way back west. It was an adventure right off the bat . . . our first route consideration was to go the normal way we travel to the Show Low area . . . up to Globe, AZ and then north on Route 60 through the [Salt River Canyon](#) and on to Show Low . . . then east to Alpine. We've made the trip through the Salt River Canyon and Globe so many times

that we decided to look at alternatives. A friend owns a summer cabin in Alpine, so we asked how she and her husband go to Alpine and which route is the fastest. She said that they usually take I-10 east to Highway 191, then north to Safford (which is how we go to [Roper Lake State Park](#) near Safford) . . . and from Safford, east on Route 70/191 until 191 heads north. If you stay on Route 191, it winds through mining country on that side of the state and eventually meanders through the mountains to Alpine. It is a very high, winding course with dramatic views and equally dramatic sheer drop-offs, at the edge of the road . . . We had driven that route from Alpine to Safford, and we were not sure we were ready to pull the Bambi through its 10 mph white-knuckle hairpin curves . . . maybe at a later time . . . maybe. We were relieved to hear that our friend doesn't take Route 191 all the way up to Alpine . . . instead they take Route 191 to Guthrie, AZ and head east on Route 78 toward Mule Creek, NM to catch Highway 180 north to Alpine . . . So that's the way we decided to go. It would be completely new territory for us once we passed Safford!



We got out the driveway about 10:45 AM on Friday and headed to I-10 and Safford. We'd never taken this southerly route to the White Mountains before, and frankly, unless you're headed to the eastern-most part of the White Mountains, the route through Globe is probably better in terms of travel time. Interestingly, however, the actual mileage from Tucson to Alpine through Globe is within a few miles of the mileage from Tucson to Alpine going through Mule Creek, NM and up to Alpine! We were kinda surprised when we learned this (thank you, Google Maps!). We were happy to go a different way for a change.

When we reached Guthrie, AZ and took Route 78 northeast toward Mule Creek, we were officially on new turf . . . and before long we found ourselves on one of those roads that keeps getting narrower and narrower . . . and windier as you proceed . . . with little traffic. This is always a little unsettling when you have a trailer in tow . . . but we saw a couple of larger RVs coming from the other direction, so we figured it would be OK. (Either that or they had turned around and come back! Yikes!) But wait . . . our friend wouldn't send us on a bad road . . . would she?? Not only was it twisting, but it climbed at a very steep grade. We persisted, though, and were rewarded with some fabulous views along the way. We did OK with the Bambi . . . it was an adventure, for sure, but it was fine! Certainly no worse than the Salt River Canyon, and we've done that dozens of times. Besides, new adventures is what Airstreaming is all about, right?



As we approached the AZ/NM border we entered the very southern tip of the [Apache National Forest](#). Once we were over the summit of the [Big Lue Mountains](#) (highest point 7000'), we entered New Mexico and the [Gila National Forest](#) . . . then arrived at Mule Creek, NM, which is a small burg that definitely qualifies as a wide place in the road. We proceeded east on 78 and picked up Highway 180. We had descended from the mountains to a high desert area terrain. At the junction of 78 and 180, if you turn south on Highway 180 it's about 50 miles to Silver City, NM. If you turn north, you travel along the AZ/NM border in a wide valley between mountain ranges, passing through Glenwood and Alma, NM, and finally Luna, NM. We turned north, of course. Just before Luna, NM you can turn east on Route 12 to head toward Reserve, NM and on to Daytil, NM. We had seen a sign for Reserve, NM when we were headed home to Arizona on Highway 60 in New Mexico on our way from the Balloon Fiesta last October. It's funny how, when you travel the same area from different points, you make the connections between towns and geographic features . . . in this

case our trip home from Albuquerque and an even earlier trip to Silver City in 2008. It all sort of falls into place and you gain a sense of a mental "lay of the land." Heaven knows

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we've traveled a good share of the roads in Arizona and parts of New Mexico. It's nice to make those connections.

At Luna, Route 180 continues west to the Arizona border and you begin to climb from the high desert terrain with scrub oak and piñon pine into the ponderosa pine of the White Mountains. At some point around Luna, Terry told Greg that we needed to make some serious elevation climbs in the last 30 miles to be at 7900 feet of Alpine! Sure enough . . . by the time we got to the Arizona border we were in the mountains and ponderosa pine forests. It's a pretty drive and a dramatic change in elevation and vegetation heading west from Luna. Along the way, we had to slow suddenly to a near stop as two deer ran across the road in front of us . . . we were glad we saw them in time to slow down and let them pass! They were so pretty. That's the first time we've encountered deer in the road in our travels, and it's something we'd rather not experience in the extreme . . . there are road signs all along the way warning motorists to be on the lookout for deer and elk, and we've heard horror stories of hitting deer and elk in the White Mountains. No thank you!



Just inside the AZ border is Luna Lake and [Luna Lake Campground](#), our first destination for the trip. Alpine is about 5 miles further west on 180. As mentioned earlier, we had never been to Luna Lake Campground before. You can see Luna Lake from 180 but you can't see any signs of a campground . . . all we knew was what we'd read online. We turned off Highway 180 into the Luna Lake Recreation Area, not sure that was where we were supposed to go, then we saw a sign for the campground and followed the gravel road to the campground. We thought we'd never get there. It's not that far, really, but because we didn't know where we were going exactly, it seemed further. The road took us around the east end of the lake through a wide valley and up a hill . . . the lake sits away from the woods and a grassy high prairie setting. You can see that it has been at different levels off and on . . . it looked at its fullest at the moment. The campground sits in the woods on the hill . . . on the opposite side of the lake from the highway. That's why we didn't see any signs of the campground from the highway . . . You can continue the story of this adventure at



http://www.tbrich.com/azbambi/whitemts_jun10_intro.html

NOTE: We should point out that some of the areas we visited during this trip were affected by the big forest fire there in 2011. We haven't been back to that area since, but when we speak to those who have, they say, yes there is evidence of the fire, but it's still a beautiful area. - *Terry & Greg*

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UPCOMING RALLIES: St Patrick's Rally II**March 14 - 18, 2013****ALMOST FULL!
St. Patrick's Day Rally II****Four Corners Unit & Arizona Unit of the WBCCI****Dates: March 14 – 18, 2013**

Location: McDowell Mountain Regional Park, Fountain Hills, AZ

www.maricopa.gov/parks/mcdowellHosts: Paul & Ronnie Ward - toocubed@yahoo.com phone 630-235-9644Pat & Babs Cahalan – pcahalan55@hotmail.com phone 480-221-8447

This will be the 2nd 4CU St. Patrick's Day Rally. The dates are Thursday March 14 – Monday March 18 at McDowell Mountain Regional Park which is just North of Fountains Hills, AZ. We have the group camp area, **limit 30 rigs**, reserved adjacent to the North Campground entrance. The campground has a ramada, flush toilets with showers, and a big campfire pit.

The camping fee is \$15 per day; you can pay at the park entrance or the visitor center.

The rally fee is \$20.00; please send a check with your registration form (below) to Paul Ward.

This is dry camping so bring your generator or solar panels. There is water available for filling up your tanks and a dump station. The ramada does have limited electrical outlets. Bring firewood for the evening campfires and wood is available for sale at the park. The adjacent North campground has hook ups if anyone needs them.

McDowell Mountain Regional Park is a jewel in the Maricopa County parks system. It covers over 21,000 acres of wonderful desert with spectacular views. There are over 40 miles of moderate hiking and biking trails. There is a competitive track for hard core mountain bikers. We will be close to [Ft. McDowell Casino](#), [Fountain Hills](#) shopping, [Saguaro Lake](#), and the [Verde River](#).

The Rally schedule is coming together. We're planning a potluck for Friday night so please bring your favorite food and Irish libations. Saturday Irish Feast will be provided.

For questions contact your hosts Paul & Ronnie at toocubed@yahoo.com or Pat & Babs Cahalan pcahalan55@hotmail.com

St. Patrick's Rally II Registration complete & send to **Paul Ward, 300 Mission Rd Sedona, AZ 86336**

Name(s)_____Number in party_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Email_____WBCCI#_____Trailer length_____ft.

Special Food Request_____

UPCOMING EVENTS: Vintage Trailer Academy

May 2 - 5, 2013

What you may have once known as the Vintage Restoration Rally has evolved over the past 6 years! Originally a Four Corners Unit Airstream Rally, it has grown and perfected its offerings under the vision of its creator and host, Ken Johansen. Ken has been developing this event (that is actually a series of hands-on classes) into something bigger and better each year.

For 2013 Ken has partnered with several sponsors and volunteers and is now going big time with the Vintage Trailer Academy! This has always been a very informative and interesting rally, and we are certain it will continue to be a valuable and exciting resource and learning platform for all Airstream (as well as other vintage model travel trailer) owners. Congratulations Ken!

To find complete class descriptions, price, registration, and further information, visit the Vintage Trailer Academy Web site at

[http://
www.vintagetrailer
academy.com](http://www.vintagetraileracademy.com)



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Dates and Times
 May 02, Thurs. 5:00 PM
 May 05, Sun. 8:00 PM

Enchanted Trails RV Park
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Contact Information

Phone: 505-281-9303
info@vintagetraileracademy.com

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Payment Instructions

Tuition and camping fees (if desired) must be paid before your Academy registration is confirmed and your space reserved.

Fast Online Payment The most convenient way to cover tuition and camping? Use our secure online system! We accept MasterCard, VISA, Discover and American Express. Your credit card will be charged on the day you register.

Payment by Check Prefer check? You must still complete the online registration process first. During checkout, choose payment option "check." After you complete checkout, print a copy of your invoice from a link on the confirmation page. Mail the registration invoice and check, payable to **Four Corners Unit** and send to:

Ken Johansen
 Vintage Trailer Academy
 PO Box 1554
 Tijeras, NM 87059

Vintage Trailer Academy - May 2013

Dear Restoration Rally Alumni,

You know from my earlier email the Airstream Restoration Rally has a new name: ***Vintage Trailer Academy***. I'm really excited about the growth of the event, but I noticed you haven't registered yet. To help us plan better, I'd like to know what you are thinking.

We'd love for you to [register today](#), but if you can't make it, aren't sure yet, or are planning to do it in the future, please click this link to let us know what you are thinking today. Do you plan to attend this year? [RSVP NOW](#)

The Academy is taking place the first weekend in May. As in the past, it will be held at Enchanted Trails RV Park in Albuquerque, but this year it is bigger and better than ever! We're planning more speakers, more great sponsors and even more 'hands-on' and classroom seminars. You won't want to miss the exciting growth of the nation's only school for vintage Airstream restorers. There is no better place to learn these skills.

As an added bonus, this year we will kick off the event with an Academy alum who will share his five-year restoration project with us. Both his story and his Airstream are incredible!

With more than 60 registrants from 22 states already signed up (wow!), space is filling up quickly. Unable to bring your Airstream this year? There are hotels located nearby and listed on the [event website](#). All of us would enjoy seeing you again at ***Vintage Trailer Academy*** and hearing about your latest projects!

To lock in your spot, go to the website to begin your registration today! But if you aren't quite ready to register, just let us know your plans now by clicking here: [RSVP NOW](#)

On behalf of the VTA organizing team, thanks!
Ken Johansen

And don't forget to ['Like' us on Facebook!](#)

UPCOMING RALLIES: Summer in Santa Fe II

June 7 - 10, 2013

Rally Name: Summer in Santa Fe II

Nearest Town: Santa Fe

State: New Mexico

Club or Group:

Four Corners Unit of WBCCI

Campground Name:

Santa Fe Skies RV Park

Starts: June 7, 2013

Ends: June 10, 2013

Rally Fee: See Below

Hosts:

Howard & Carolyn Efner hfefner@cybermesa.com

Janis White & Barbara Johnston

drjaniswhite@comcast.net

barbara4rb@comcast.net

Come join the Four Corners Unit for a Celebration of Summer in Santa Fe, NM !

1. Make your camping reservations with Santa Fe Skies RV Park directly (877.565.0451).

Camping fees are \$38.00 per night with full hookups, payable directly to Santa Fe Skies RV Park.

When you call to make reservations, be sure to mention that you are with the Four Corners Unit Airstream group.

2. Sign up for the rally on Airforums

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/calendar.php?do=getinfo&day=2013-6-7;&e=1069&c=1>

3. The rally fee is \$10 per person (under 16 free). Send your check, payable to Howard Efner, and the Rally Registration Form (below), to:

Howard Efner

30 Camino Caballos Spur,

Lamy, NM 87540

The sign-up deadline is **May 27, 2013**. No refunds after **May 31, 2013**.

Thursday, June 6, 2013 - Early Arrivals

Friday, June 7, 2013 - Rally Begins

Monday, June 10, 2013 - Rally Ends. Happy Trails.

Rally activities: The famous 4CU Happy Hour each evening, coffee & goodies each morning, a soft taco bar on Friday, Saturday potluck, & BBQ on Sunday. 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, or a trip to Chimayo and brunch at [Rancho de Chimayo](#) and/or tour the [High Road to Taos](#).

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.

2013 Summer in Santa Fe Rally Registration Form

Name(s) _____ WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

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

UPCOMING RALLIES: Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally

October 4 - 8, 2013 - You Should Be Registered By Now If Attending!

The Four Corners Unit & Central Coast California Unit
proudly present the
42nd Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
Albuquerque, New Mexico
October 4-8, 2013



Schedule

Friday, October 4

9:00 am - 11:00 pm Gather at Camping
World and caravan to the Balloon Fiesta
Field

Saturday, October 5

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

Sunday, October 6

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

Monday, October 7

Balloons Fly
Free Day!
Visit the International Balloon Museum
Tour Old Town Albuquerque
And more!

Tuesday, October 8

Depart for home

Information

We are pleased to announce the 42nd Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The site, just steps from the field, is a dry camping experience. Water and Honey Trucks are available. Bring your (quiet) generator. 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 and fireworks!

- You will have in/out access in your car after arriving
- Vendors are on the field serving tasty treats and coffee
- 2 tickets to the Field provided per Airstream, additional tickets may be purchased at the event

This always-popular event is expected to fill up quickly! Send your down payment today to reserve your spot! Once filled, a wait list will begin. **Due to the popularity of this event, Airstreams only, please!**

Note: Balloon Fiesta refund policy: 10% charge through July 14; 50% charge July 15-August 31; no refund after September 1.

42nd Annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Rally Coupon

Name(s) _____

Email address (only means of communication!) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Airstream model & length _____

Cost per coach (includes two tickets to all the action!) \$340.00

Rally Fee \$10.00

One half (\$175.00) due Feb 15, 2013 One half (\$175.00) due August 1, 2013

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please mail coupon and check for rally (payable to Four Corners Unit) by **FEB 15, 2013** to:

Rally Chairman: Ken Johansen, P. O. Box 1554, Tijeras, NM 87059

Questions? Please contact us at: BalloonFiestaRally@hotmail.com

2013 Upcoming 4CU Rally Schedule



When	What	Where	Host(s)	Contact
March 14 - 18 2013	St Patrick's Rally (joint w/AZ Unit)	<u>McDowell Mountains Regional Park,</u> Fountain Hills, Arizona	Paul & Ronnie Ward & Pat & Babs Cahalan	toocubed @yahoo.com or pcahalan55 @hotmail.com
May 2 - 5 2013	Vintage Trailer Academy	<u>Enchanted Trails RV Park,</u> Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen & committee	info @vintagetrailerac ademy.com
June 7 - 10 2013	Summer in Santa Fe II Rally	<u>Santa Fe Skies RV Park,</u> Santa Fe, New Mexico	Howard & Carolyn Efner & Barbara Johnston & Janis White	hfefner @cybermesa.com or barbara4rb @comcast.net or drjaniswhite @comcast.net
October 4 - 8 2013	Balloon Fiesta Rally (joint w/ Central Coast California Unit)	<u>Balloon Fiesta Park,</u> Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen & committee	fourcornersunit @hotmail.com



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2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

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REGION # _____ UNIT # _____ YOUR WBCCI # _____

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UNIT # _____ REGION # _____ ☐ **PLEASE SEND** _____ **4CU AFFILIATE BADGE(S)** @ \$5 PER BADGE (Optional)

AIRSTREAM INFORMATION

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ LENGTH IN FEET (BUMPER TO BALL) _____

SERIAL NUMBER _____

SUBMIT APPLICATION

Option A: PRINT & SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO FOUR CORNERS UNIT TO:
HOWARD EFNER, TREASURER · 30 CAMINO CABALLOS SPUR · LAMY, NEW MEXICO 87540

Option B: SAVE APPLICATION AS A WORD DOCUMENT OR PDF AND EMAIL TO: FCU-TREAS@CYBERMESA.COM, AND FOLLOW APPLICATION WITH YOUR CHECK FOR DUES TO HOWARD EFNER (Address Above) OR USE PAYPAY (See Below)

Option C: COMPLETE APPLICATION ON LINE AND PAY DUES (AND PROCESSING FEE) USING PAYPAL AT:
[HTTP://FOURCORNERS.WBCCI.NET/ABOUT/MEMBERSHIP-INFO/](http://FOURCORNERS.WBCCI.NET/ABOUT/MEMBERSHIP-INFO/)

☐ **RECEIPT REQUESTED** (Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your receipt.)

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



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Email: _____ Phone: _____

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☐ OPTION 1: I/we will pick up this order (with no shipping) at the _____ Rally.

☐ OPTION 2: Please ship this order to the address above.
Add the appropriate shipping charge to your order total below

PAYMENT

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Shipping (if applicable)\$ _____

1 Shirt add \$5.35 | 2-6 Shirts add \$11.35 | 7-12 Shirts add \$15.45

GRAND TOTAL =\$ _____

Please make checks and money orders payable to Four Corners Unit.

Send the completed order form and payment (check, money order) to:

Howard Efner, *Treasurer*
FOUR CORNERS UNIT/WBCCI
30 Camino Caballos Spur
Lamy, New Mexico 87540

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