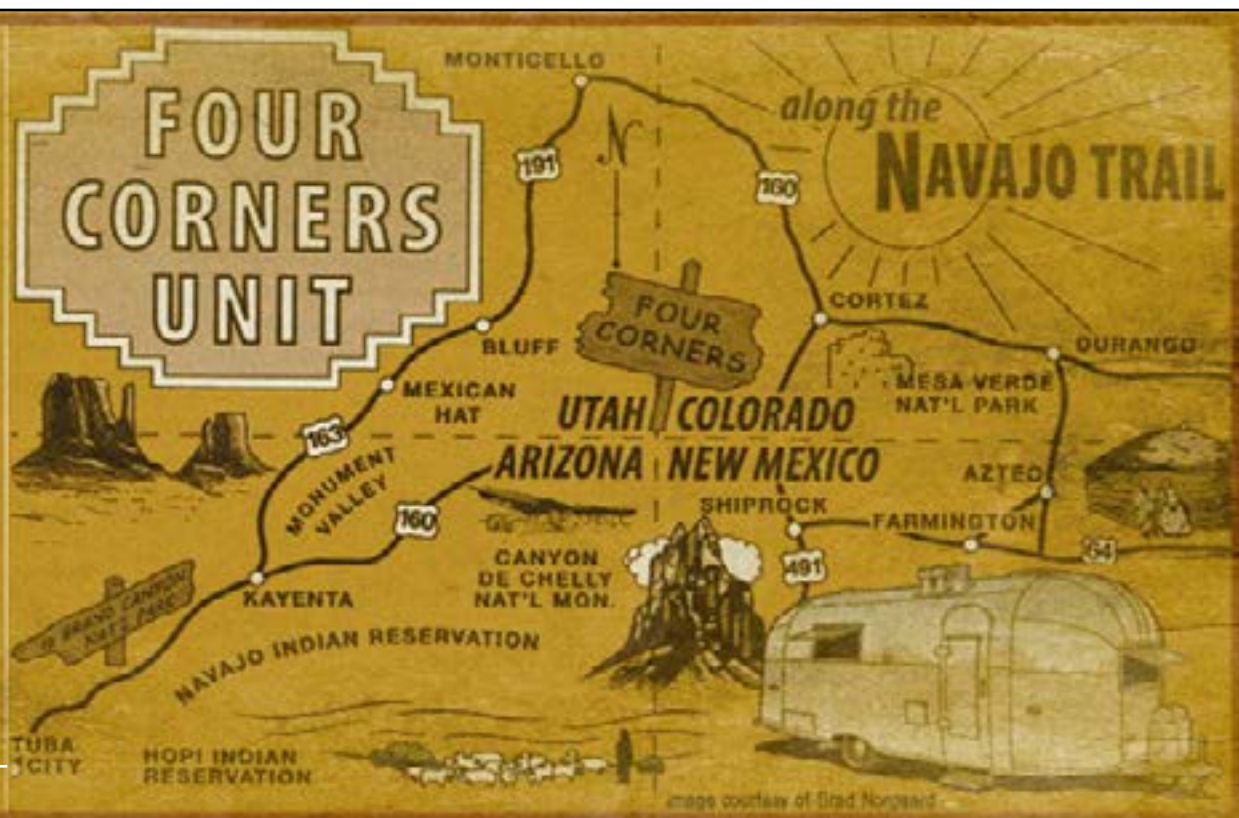


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President's Message by Janis White

Hello again, all you wonderful 4CUers. Many, many things are going on for the unit over the summer and into the fall. You will find details on all the upcoming rallies as well as news about members and summer events herein.

As Charles Dickens said, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." That seems a fair description of this summer for 4CU. The best of times included a really fun Summer in Santa Fe Rally with over 30 rigs. Carolyn and Howard Efner outdid themselves with excellent tacos and barbecue. Barbara Johnston put together both the raffle and an evening of card games. Carolyn spent a great deal of time making her beautiful signature pottery for every single rig! (I cooked breakfast one morning and helped where I could.) Thanks to everyone who attended.

Julianne Campbell is hosting a NEW Thanksgiving rally this fall. I know this rally isn't full yet, so check out the details and join her for a feast at Lost Dutchman.



photo by Rich & Schmuker

Terry Rich, our outstanding membership chair, continues to report new members. Welcome to all of you! You are going to enjoy your time with the 4CU.

Richard Girard, a charter 4CU member, has been elected to the International Board, our parent organization. Congratulations, Richard.

The worst of times for the entire 4CU community would be the unexpected death of Steve Kopp. The unit has made a charitable donation in his memory, and I ask once again that you keep Faith Kopp in your thoughts and prayers.

While the summer has been hot and dry, July rains over most of our home territory have dampened the wildfire danger. It's not gone, but conditions this fall should be much safer for you as you head out on the road. We are grateful for that.

Be Safe and Happy Camping to you! ~ Janis

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 cost applies), or you may pick it up in person at one of our rallies!

The T-Shirts have been very popular - so much that we sold out of some sizes of the long sleeve versions early on. But we have re-ordered more long sleeves, so the T-shirts are available in all sizes and both sleeve lengths!

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: 2013 International Rally in Huron, SD

by Richard Girard

Jan and I just returned from our 100+ day road trip which included a couple of weeks at the International Rally in Huron, SD. During our travels this summer we had the opportunity to spend some time with **Mike and Betty Gardiner** in Grayling MI, **Mike and Sheri Dean** in Port Townsend, WA, and **Ray and RoseMary Mazza**, who are spending some time in Brookings, OR. It is so much fun to spend time with friends while on the road and we appreciate the hospitality that they all showed us.

There were 386 Airstreams at the International and with the exception of one near miss by a tornado, the weather was wonderful. Huron is a small rural town and the local residents were extremely friendly and welcoming. There were many donations to local charities while we were there and the town held a concert in the city park to thank the club for the support they received.

I was honored to represent the 4CU at the Annual Delegates Meeting this year. The slate of International officers was elected without any objection, and I am now the International 3rd Vice President of the WBCCI. This means Jan and I will be on the road more than we've ever been, and we are looking forward to meeting members from all over North America. The other item for the delegates was the motion to amend the Constitution to allow Thor Motorhomes into the club. Immediately after the motion was read, several members rose and called for the question. Calling for the question, if approved, means that there will be no debate and a vote on the motion will proceed. The delegates overwhelmingly approved calling for the motion and the vote was taken. The motion was defeated by a vote of 30% for and 70% against. There will be no change in the qualifications for membership in the WBCCI.

At the IBT meeting on July 5th, a motion to remove the requirement to have the name of a state in a unit's name was approved. Because of this, a new unit is being formed in the Georgia area called the SECamping Unit. *This would also allow the "of New Mexico" to be removed from the Four Corners Unit name if requested by the unit.* Another item at the IBT meeting was the chartering of a new unit, Down Under of Australia. This is the first unit of the club from outside of North America. Once the vote was taken and passed for the new unit, the flag of Australia was placed next to the flags of the United States and Canada.



Betty & Mike Gardiner with Jan

WBCCI membership was up in 2013 for the first time since the 1970s, and Region 11 had the largest increase of the 12 regions of the club for the second year in a row. The Four Corners Unit had a large part in that record, and my thanks goes to all the 4CU members!



Sheri & Mike Dean with Jan



Jan with Ray & RoseMary Mazza

Rally Report: Summer in Santa Fe II - Santa Fe Skies RV Park, NM by Howard & Carolyn Efner



photo by Bob & Mary Lou Doster

The second Summer in Santa Fe Rally was held at the Santa Fe Skies RV Park on June 6th through June 10th, 2013. The Rally was co-hosted by **Howard & Carolyn Efner** and **Janis White & Barbara Johnston**. There were a total of 27 Airstreams and one guest in attendance. It should be noted that our guest joined the 4CU after her first evening at the rally!

On Thursday, June 6th, early arrivals had a Meet and Greet Happy Hour followed by an optional dinner at the Pecos Trail Café.

Friday was the official start of the Rally, so the coffee pot was on that morning. Barbara and Janis greeted the arriving Airstreams with the goodie bags that they had assembled. Happy Hour started the evening off, followed by dinner – a soft taco bar. Later, a Left-Right-Center game broke out.

On Saturday, **Jim and Rod** provided biscuits and green chili sausage gravy for breakfast. Most of the day was free time, so the folks could explore the area on their own or just hang out with other Airstreamers. Saturday evening activities included another famous 4CU Happy Hour, a potluck dinner, and a raffle drawing for Airstream goodies and pottery made by **Carolyn Efner** for the rally.

It was bacon and eggs for Sunday breakfast, cooked by **Janis and Barbara**. That evening, Carolyn and I provided smoked brisket, beans, and German potato salad for a BBQ theme potluck dinner.

All too soon it was Monday morning and time for happy trails as the rally ended.

Reservations have already been made with Santa Fe Skies for Summer in Santa Fe III, to be held the weekend before Father's Day next year. The rally dates are June 5 through June 9, 2014. Due to Santa Fe Fire Department occupancy limits on the clubhouse building, we will probably have to keep the number of registrations to about 35 trailers next year. ~ Howard



photo by Diane & Dennis Moore



photo by Rich & Schmuker



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2013 4CU Second Quarter Financials – April through June by Howard Efner

Second Quarter Financial – 04/01/13 to 06/30/13		
Starting Balance		3,445.66
Income		
	Dues - cash	204.00
	Dues – PayPal*	133.03
	T-shirt sales cash	56.35
	T-shirt sales PayPal*	21.40
	Donation	8.00
	Rally Fund Transfer	20.00
	Total	605.78
Expenditures		
	Rally Fund Transfer	20.00
	T-shirt postage	27.75
	Steve Kopp Memorial	200.00
	Total	247.75
Ending Balance		3,803.69
* Less PayPal Fees		

Member Spotlight: Ruby Mason**Batemans Bay, NSW Australia**
WBCCI Down Under Unit

[Ruby signed up as an affiliate member of the 4CU shortly before her departure for Australia. - editor]

Hello Four Corners Unit of WBCCI! It seems that the world really is a small place and paths cross in a very interesting manner. I have had the very good fortune to live in Durango, Colorado and Scottsdale, Arizona. You can't get more Four Corners than that – except for owning a mortgage company named Four Corners Mortgage, with offices in CO, NM, UT, & AZ! With the world economy melting down, I had the opportunity in 2011 to move back to Australia with my Australian husband after being in the USA for 17 years.

My involvement with Airstream came about when a long time friend who produces and imports the Aquarius Motorhome, acquired the Airstream dealership for Australia and New Zealand in September 2012. (See www.AandA.com.au) I then volunteered to help organise the WBCCI Down Under Unit.

Vintage Airstreams that individuals have brought over from the States can be found in Australia. With all the movies and history that Airstreams are in, they are known in Australia. There are many vintage caravan and car enthusiasts and they are aware of Airstream because of its “retro” appeal.

In case you are not familiar with Australia, we drive on the wrong side of the road! Actually, the driver's side is on the right side of the car and we drive on the left side of the street. It does take some getting used to, especially when turning or going through a roundabout.

Because of this difference, the rules say you must have a door on the curb side to be legal. UNLESS your travel trailer (known here as a caravan) is older than 1988; then you can bring in Airstreams that only have to comply with the maximum width of 8 feet. In case you are not aware, the max width in the USA is 8.5 feet. We have worked with the factory to modify the 23 and 27FB International to have the 8 foot width and a curb side door in the bedroom. Having 2 doors is a surprising benefit and may catch on in the USA too!



Through various contacts and searching on Airforums, we think there may be up to 200 vintage Airstreams in Australia, with new Airstreams arriving and becoming part of the travellers across the country known as “Gray Nomads”. Caravanning is a way of life here, with most people taking a year to make the big circuit, 10,000 miles– going around all of Australia. (Perspective – Australia is about the same size as the continental US, but with only 23 million people) It gives me great pleasure to tell people when you own an Airstream, you are an Airstreamer and you don’t go camping, you go “Glamping!”

We have our first WBCCI Down Under Unit rally at Tathra NSW scheduled for the weekend of 18-20 October at a Tourist/Caravan park that is owned by an Australian celebrity named Frankie J Holden. (See www.tathrabeachfamilypark.com.au) Tathra is halfway between Sydney and Melbourne on the Sapphire coast. The plan is to have a meet and greet on Friday night over pizza making. Saturday will be the Show and Shine – Airstreams are so new to the country we expect there will be plenty who want to have “a Sticky Beak” (a look). Saturday night is the entertainment party with Frankie J performing. Sunday will be the de-brief and planning for the next rally. (See <http://www.airforums.com/forums/f289/australia-down-under-unit-first-wbcci-rally-107839.html>)

We have several Airstreamers in West Australia and Adelaide that are asking for a rally – we should be able to inspire them to organise one in the west soon, and it won’t surprise me if we have another Australian Unit started soon.

We have nascent plans for a WBCCI Down Under tour of the eastern half of Australia in 2015. The details of planning are huge. Starting in Sydney and going down the coast to Melbourne, on to Adelaide, and up the centre of the country to Alice Springs and Darwin, across to the Great Barrier Reef, Brisbane, and on down the coast to end in Sydney. To do this, the tour will be at least 3 if not 6 months! We are making inroads to take Airstreamers to places we couldn’t do alone! We look forward to the North Americans who are planning to join us in an epic journey worthy of Wally’s trip from Capetown to Cairo is 1959!!!!

We have all the WBCCI units supporting us, making the Down Under Unit a success and we welcome any ideas anyone wants to send. I thank you for taking interest and look forward to meeting some of the Four Corners Unit members in person in the USA or in Australia. I welcome any inquiries about travelling to Australia with or without your Airstream!

~ Ruby

Ruby@AandA.com.au

BTW there is a rumour that during WWII there were 40 Airstreams brought to Australia (possibly around Darwin in the Northern Territories), and after the war, the Airstreams were left behind. Does anyone know details about where they went???



Classifieds

For Sale 1958 Airstream 22ft Needs rehabilitation to make it usable. Information and photos are available upon request.	Price: \$10,000 Contact: Dan Neumarkel 928-380-6750 daneumarkel@juno.com
For Sale: 1981 Airstream Excella 280 Motorhome Located in Phoenix, AZ. Visit Web site for details & photos. https://sites.google.com/site/airstreamvintage1981motorhome	Price: \$19,500 Contact: Ken Lawson kenzclassicmoho@gmail.com 602-616-1366
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	

Business Card Ads

**Small Business Owners - Promote Your Product or Service
Advertise in the 4CU Newsletter!**

Here is an opportunity to help support the club while also supporting one another!

\$5 for one Newsletter issue + 4CU Web site for 3 months

or \$20 for one year (4 issues)

All proceeds go to the 4CU Treasury

(Cost to non-member business owners that are Airstream-related is \$15 an issue)

Newsletter is published quarterly - March, June, September, & December

Deadline is last week of month before issue month

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Send your business card, along with your check payable to 'The Four Corners Unit' to:

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Phoenix, AZ 85048

Member News Notes

by Terry Rich

Richard & Jan Girard (4CU Past President, Region 11 Past President) attended the WBCCI International Convention in Huron, SD, in July, where Richard was elected 3rd Vice President of International! Congratulations, Richard! We know you will serve us well and carry on the 4CU ideals in your new position! After the Convention, Richard & Jan embarked on an extended tour, meandering about the country in their Airstream. We look forward to hearing more about their adventures at the next rally! See Richard's International Convention article on page 3.

Mike & Betty Gardiner (4CU 2nd VP) have been busy entertaining 4CU guests at their home in Grayling, MI, off and on this summer. **Richard & Jan Girard** were there for a few days, and shortly afterwards **Ed & Jeanne Stroetz** came to visit as well. Of course, Mike & Betty were perfect hosts, ... kayaking, BBQ-ing and local tours, including a well-known watering hole, "Spike's". They were also able to visit with 4CU members **Larry & Jeanne Gifford** in Chelsea, MI — all this after wintering in Florida where they ran into **Jon & Deb Kaslove** who relocated to Florida last year, and Affiliate Members **Jim & Mary Wherrett** from Omaha, NE. It's a small world where the Gardiners are concerned ... and they plan to be back out to our neck o' the woods again this winter!

Larry & Kathy Young (4CU Trustee) from Trinidad, CO, hope to have their relocation to Tavares, FL, accomplished by the end of this year. They are selling their property in Colorado and building a new home in Florida where they will be closer to their family and medical facilities. We wish them the best, despite the fact that we will not see them as often as we'd like ... but they assure us that they will remain faithful 4CUers!

[Editor's Note: If you'd like to submit a note to let members know what you've been up to, please contact Linda Lawson, Newsletter Editor, or Terry Rich, Membership Chair.]

IN MEMORIAM

Steve Kopp (31 July 1940 – 6 June 2013)

We were very saddened to learn that 4CU member Steve Kopp passed away on 6 June 2013 in Show Low, AZ. Steve served as First Vice President of the 4CU in 2012 and was the current president of Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park. Steve will be remembered for his love of Airstreaming, his dedication to the Unit and its members, and his level-headed approach to life. We were all enriched by his friendship, his sense of humor, and his willingness to assist fellow travelers in any way he was

able. We share in his wife, Faith's loss, and we are keeping her and her family in our thoughts during this time of sorrow. The 4CU has made a memorial donation of \$200 in Steve's honor to his favorite charitable organization, **The Little Sisters of the Poor** in Gallup, NM.



"My Dear 4CU Friends,
Thank you ever so much for all your kind words. Thank you also for your generous donation to Steve's favorite charity, The Little Sisters of the Poor in Gallup, NM.

Lovingly,
Faith Kopp"

photo by L Lawson

4CU Membership Notes**by Terry Rich****Welcome New Members!**

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

Joe & Nancy Conrad, Olympia, WA (Affiliate, WA Unit)

Norma Diala, San Francisco, CA (4CU)

Robert & Mary Kay Haig, Phoenix, AZ (4CU)

James Herhusky & Candy Spadola, Las Vegas, NV (4CU)

Jerry & Valerie File, Ocate, NM (4CU)

Alan McDonald & Ruby Mason, Batehaven, NSW, AS (Affiliate, Down Under Australia Unit)*

Vicki Mellott & Ann Morrow, Boulder, CO (4CU)

John & Lois Munger, Tucson, AZ (4CU)

Ted & Georgia Pearson, Corrales, NM (4CU)

Sam & Jane Silverman, Tesuque, NM (4CU)

Richard & Marilyn Sullivan, Ft. Collins, CO (Affiliate, DenCO Unit)

Virgil & Sheila Turner, Montrose, CO (Affiliate (DenCO Unit)

***Ruby tells us** that she used to live and work in the four corners area and has been aware of the Four Corners Unit for some time. Because her new unit being formed in Australia wasn't "official" when they joined WBCCI, they chose the 4CU as a temporary "home" unit. Then, when the new Down Under Australia Unit was approved at the 2013 International Convention, their membership was transferred to the new fledgling unit. We are pleased that the 4CU could provide Ruby & Alan a temporary home and glad to have them as Affiliates. Read more about Ruby & Alan and the new Australia Unit on page 10, Member Spotlight.

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.

Our Current Membership Numbers:

As of this writing, the 4CUnit has 136 Full Members, 89 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 226 members. Any new members will be recorded as members for 2014 but they will enjoy membership benefits for the balance of 2013 as a "bonus." This practice makes this time of year the absolute best time to join the 4CU/ WBCCI! Tell your non-WBCCI friends that NOW is the time to join!

The 2014 Membership Renewal Season Is Underway:

We began our 2014 membership renewal efforts in July. We've had a great response to the renewal reminders. "Thank you" to those who have already renewed for 2014! Renewal reminder emails are being sent monthly to members who have not yet renewed their memberships. **If you want your membership information to appear in the 2014 International Member Directory, please renew early!** We must submit International Directory info by 1 November.

To Renew by Snail Mail:

(1) The 2014 Membership Application on the next-to-last page of the Newsletter has "live" fields that can be completed on your computer...Just complete and print it out. (Or print it out blank and complete it.) You can also download the Application form in a number of file types at <http://fourcorners.wbcci.net/about/membership-info/> ... or you can contact Terry Rich and he will email you a form.

(2) Send the completed form along with your check to Howard Efner (address on form) via snail mail. Checks should be made payable to the Four Corners Unit.

(3) NOTE: If you wish to receive a receipt for your 2014 dues, you MUST provide a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE). Because our unit dues are only \$1, requests for receipts without a SASE will not be honored.

To Renew Online: The secure online renewal option is becoming more and more widely used — it's easy and instant. Online renewal is set up to use PayPal, but you may use a credit or debit card if you prefer.

(1) Go to the Online Renewal page of the 4CU website at <http://4cu.boondocking.net/application.php>.

(2) Select your type of membership renewal — Renewing (Full Member), Transfer or Affiliate.

(3) Complete the interactive form. Note that there is a \$2.30 convenience/processing fee for using the online form (\$.33 for Affiliate Members).

You Can Help the 4CU Continue to 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 2014 Member Applications (see the next-to-last page of this 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!

Questions?

If you have any questions about 4CU or WBCCI membership, your current membership status, or the membership renewal process, please do not hesitate to contact Terry Rich, Membership Chair, at Terry@TBRich.com.

Happy Trails! ~ Terry

4CU Web Site News

by Leon Hauck

Check out the upcoming rally schedule and the archive of previous 4CU Newsletters - all found on the 4CU Web site!

The 4CU T-Shirts online order form can be found at

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

As always, 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

<http://fourcorners.wbcci.net>



**Many thanks to the following contributors;
they made this issue of the 4CU Newsletter possible!**
**Janis White & Barbara Johnston, Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker,
Leon Hauck, Howard & Carolyn Efner, Roger Pruter,
Ruby Mason, Julianne Campbell, Richard Girard, & Louis Hall**



Tucson's Gilbert Ray Campground

30 Jan – 3 Feb 2012

Travel Log & Photos by Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker



We hadn't been to **Gilbert Ray Campground** in the Tucson Mountain Park since our stay there over **Easter Weekend, 2010** with 4CU friends Michele & Carol from Clarkdale, AZ. And that's really a shame, because it's a wonderful place that's less than an hour from our home. As they say at **Old Tucson Studios**, just down the road from Gilbert Ray ... "It's 10 miles and 100 years from Tucson!" And it really is. You feel like you're really away from town even though Tucson lies just on the other side of the Tucson Mountains. The **Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**, a world-class desert nature museum and a "must see" for visitors is also nearby ... as is **Saguaro National Park – West** ... so there's lots to do and see ... if just enjoying this particularly beautiful area of desert is not enough ... with its sweeping panoramic views of the Avra Valley to the west and the rugged Tucson Mountains to the east.

We had been home all of January since the **4CU New Year's Rally**. So we decided to get out of Dodge for a bit ... but not too far out of Dodge. On Monday, 30 January, we headed to Gilbert Ray ... and planned to stay until Friday, 3 February. Much of our time was spent just relaxing, regrouping and recharging our batteries after a particularly long January. We had no agenda other than to lay low and relax.

Gilbert Ray, which is operated by Pima County, is a great place to do this because the desert there is very serene. One of the things we like about the campground is that one feels "in" nature there. Most of the campsites are nestled into the native vegetation and one feels "cloistered" in a sense. The area is thick with saguaros, palo verde trees, creosote bushes, and prickly pear and cholla cacti. There are no ground fires allowed, presumably because of the proximity to the vegetation. There are



permanent picnic tables and grills at each site, and the RV sites have electricity. Water is available at spigots scattered throughout the campground. There are bathrooms, but no showers, and there is a dump station. The campground is laid out in three main loop areas with one of the larger loops having the capability to be partially closed, depending on how busy the campground is. They do not accept reservations, and though it does get busy with winter visitors during the high season and over holiday weekends, it's a good-size campground and we have never been turned away. Currently the cost is \$20/night for an electric site. There are also tent sites available.

The campground is close to many hiking opportunities in the area ... Tucson Mountain Park, Saguaro National Park, and other public areas. A day at the Museum is quite a hike in itself. In the early spring when the desert is "waking up" from the winter — though the weather is spectacular, campers and hikers need to be on the lookout for rattlesnakes and other desert critters that you don't want to pick a fight with. It's not uncommon to hear packs of coyotes that seem to be very close, howling during the night. And there can be skunks. Packs of javelina (wild pigs) are not unheard of. (Yes, baby javelina are very cute but you do not want to get between a baby and its mother ... adults are interesting, but not so "cute" and not known for a gentle demeanor ... and you'll remember their scent.) Then there are the insect critters. There's no need to be afraid of all this, just be aware ... and don't stick your hand into places you can't see into!

The continuation of the travel log of this stay at Gilbert Ray is found at

http://www.tbrich.com/azbambi/gilbertray_Jan-Feb12.html

From there you can also look back at earlier visits for additional information and lots of pictures!

Enjoy and we hope to see you down the road! ~ Terry & Greg





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

**UPCOMING RALLIES: Region 11 Rally, Camp Verde, AZ
October 10 - 13, 2013**

2013 Region 11 Rally

The 2013 Region Rally will be held at the Distant Drums RV Resort in Camp Verde, Arizona from October 10th to the 13th.

Distant Drums is an upscale resort with many amenities and is located just off of I-17 between Flagstaff and Phoenix.

See 3rd to last page of this Newsletter for printable rregistration form!



Region 11 Units

Arizona – 003

Denver Colorado – 024

Four Corners Unit of New Mexico – 004

New Mexico – 069

Wyoming – 119

UPCOMING RALLIES:

4CU Thanksgiving Rally, Lost Dutchman SP, Apache Junction AZ
November 27 - December 1, 2013

4CU Thanksgiving Rally
Lost Dutchman State Park
Apache Junction, AZ
November 27 ~ December 1, 2013

Sites 76-104

\$15.00 a night per trailer payable upon arrival at Ranger Station

Hosted by: Julianne juliannejillc@msn.com

It's been a while since we have gathered to give thanks for being Airstreamers. Time to get our turkey on!

I have reserved a loop at Lost Dutchman State park that is normally closed this time of year but Ranger Tom was happy to make it available to our group. There are 30 non electric spots with tables and fire pits at each site. Ranger Tom has agreed to build us a group fire ring for those evenings under the stars. Restrooms and showers available in another loop. Since there is not a ramada at this location it would be nice if you have a table to bring it, we will be dining alfresco. We will have our usual happy hours and pot lucks as well as Thanksgiving dinner.

Hope to see you there!

URL to Rally Discussion:

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/f289/4-corners-unit-thanksgiving-rally-2013-a-108776.html>

URL to Campground's Website:

<http://azstateparks.com/parks/LODW/index.html>

Rally sign-up page:

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/calendar.php?do=getinfo&e=1119&day=2013-11-28&c=1>



UPCOMING RALLIES:

**7th Annual 4CU New Year's Rally, Picacho Peak SP, Eloy AZ
December 27, 2013 - January 1, 2014**

**7TH ANNUAL 4CU NEW YEAR'S RALLY
PICACHO PEAK SP, ELOY AZ
SATURDAY TO WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 28, 2013 - JANUARY 1, 2014
(LATE DEPARTURES ON JANUARY 2 OK)**

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!

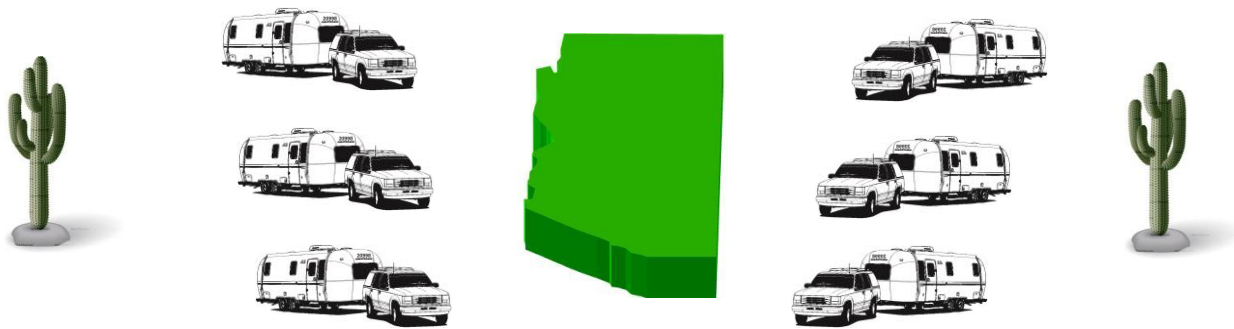


2013 - 2014 Upcoming 4CU Rally Schedule



When	What	Where	Host(s)	Contact
October 4 - 8 2013	Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally (joint w/Central Coast California Unit)	Balloon Fiesta Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ken Johansen & committee	fourcornersunit @hotmail.com
October 10 - 13 2013	Region 11 Rally	Distant Drums RV Resort, Camp Verde, Arizona	Roger Pruter	pruter7 @msn.com 719-475-8899 719-332-9051
November 27 to December 1 2013	4CU Thanksgiving Rally	Lost Dutchman SP, Apache Junction, Arizona	Julianne Campbell	juliannejillc @msn.com
December 28 2013 to January 1 2014	7th Annual 4CU New Year's Rally	Picacho Peak SP, Eloy, Arizona	Louis Hall & Sergio Quiros	lhall15690 @aol.com
June 5 - 9 2014	Summer In Santa Fe III	Santa Fe Skies RV Park, Santa Fe, New Mexico	Howard & Caorlyn Efner Janis White & Barbara Johnston	hfefner @cybermesa.com

EXPLORE ARIZONA



WBCCI REGION 11 RALLY

October 10 – 13, 2013

DISTANT DRUMS RV PARK, CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA

(www.distantdrumsrvresort.com)

Rally Fee: \$5.00 per person (18 and under free) Please send rally fee to Roger Pruter (Rally fee includes 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 1 potluck meal (meat will be furnished), entertainment on Thursday evening. There will be team games, tournaments, seminars, optional self-guided tours and door prizes. Please plan to join us for 4 days of fun.

Campground \$30.00 plus tax - We will make your camping reservation for you and you will pay Distant Drums RV Park for your camping fees when you arrive. Distant Drums RV Park has 3 point hookup, immaculate private shower house, pool, spa, cable TV, Wi-Fi, fitness room, laundry, country store, propane. *Distant Drums RV Park, 583 W Middle Verde Rd, Camp Verde, AZ 86322 (877)577-5507*

While in the area, other optional things to see and do which are nearby (self-guided tours): Jerome Ghost Town, Indian ruins, Sedona, Red Rock area, Oak Creek Canyon, casino across the street, Grand Canyon (150 miles from Camp Verde), Sycamore Canyon Train Ride, Out of Africa Wild Animal Park

WBCCI REGION 11 RALLY October 10-13, 2013 DISTANT DRUMS RV PARK, CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA

Send coupon with your **rally fee** to: Roger Pruter, 2630 Tomah Place, Colorado Springs, CO 80918
(Make check payable to WBCCI Region 11) **Please make your reservation no later than September 26, 2013.**

Contact Roger at (home) 719-475-8899, (cell) 719-332-9051 or (email) pruter7@msn.com if you have any questions or need more information.

Name _____ WBCCI# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

People _____ x \$5.00 per person =total amount enclosed \$ _____

Trailer/Motorhome Length _____ Arrival Day _____ Departure Day _____



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2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME(S) DATE

CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP COUNTRY

HOME PHONE CELL PHONE 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) · **YOUR WBCCI #**

☐ **TRANSFERRING MEMBER** · \$66 ANNUAL DUES · **FROM (UNIT NAME)**

REGION # **UNIT #** **YOUR WBCCI #**

☐ **AFFILIATE MEMBER** · \$1 ANNUAL DUES · **WBCCI #** **HOME UNIT NAME**

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



FOUR CORNERS UNIT USE ONLY: AMT REC'D DATE REC'D DATE RECORDED BY

4CU T-Shirt Order Form

4CU T-Shirts are Light Grey Unisex in either Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve

Short Sleeve: \$17 each + Applicable Shipping

Long Sleeve: \$22 each + Applicable Shipping

Sizes Available: S · M · L · XL · XXL



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

ORDER INFORMATION

I/We would like to order _____ 4CU T-Shirts!

Shirt #1: Sleeve Length: ☐ Short ☐ Long | Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

Shirt #2: Sleeve Length: ☐ Short ☐ Long | Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

Shirt #3: Sleeve Length: ☐ Short ☐ Long | Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

Shirt #4: Sleeve Length: ☐ Short ☐ Long | Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

To order additional shirts please use other side or another sheet of paper to provide shirt information.

DELIVERY OPTIONS

☐ 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

ORDER TOTAL: _____ Short Sleeve Shirts @ \$17 each =\$ _____

_____ Long Sleeve Shirts @ \$22 each =\$ _____

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

For 4CU Use Only: Amt Recv'd: _____ Date: _____ Processed: _____ By: _____

You may also order 4CU T-Shirts online at <http://4cu.boondocking.net/shirts.php>