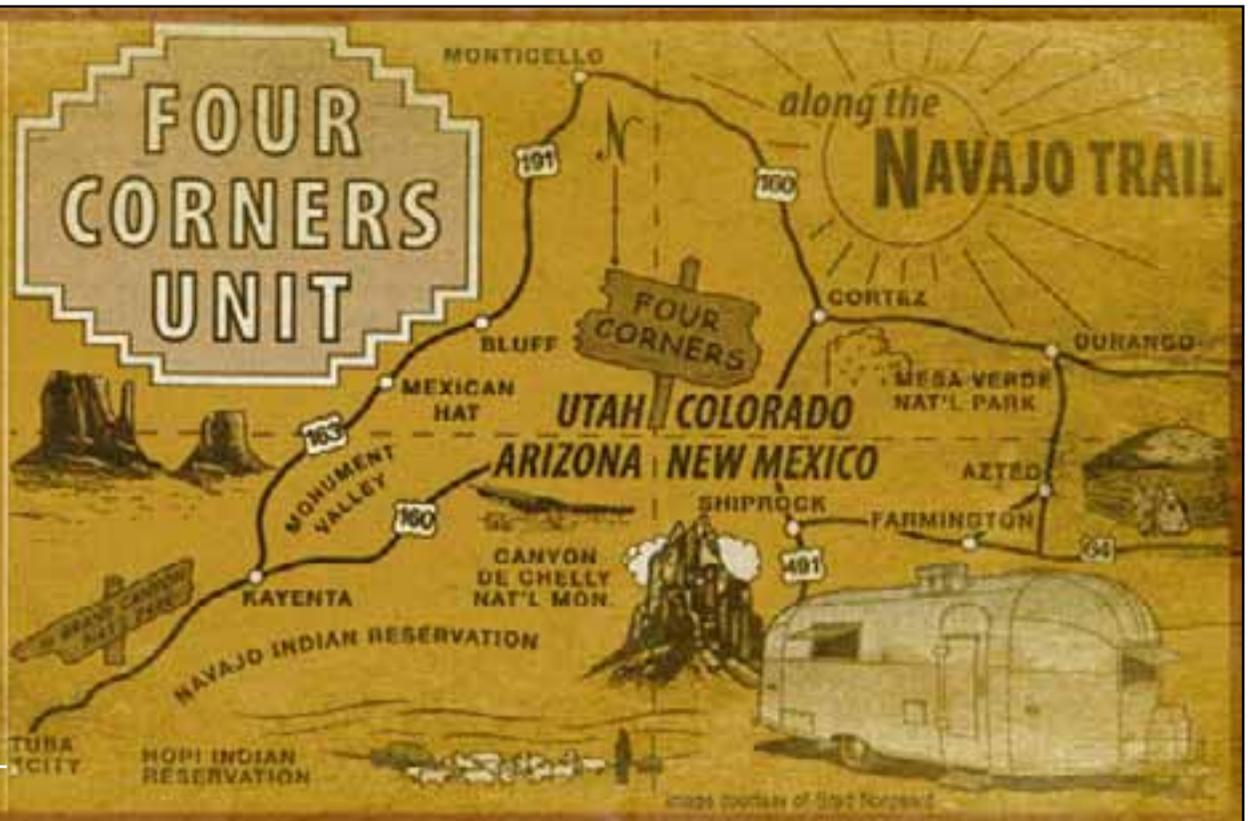


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President's Message by Janis White

Hello 4CU members. Spring isn't even officially here yet, and we've already had two great rallies - New Year's and the Jammer Jam. One of the best things about the Four Corners area is weather suitable to camping in every season. We're making the most of this in 2014 with several new rallies on the calendar so far. The Ides of March Rally is the next new gathering, and we also have two new rallies in July. Please join us for the camaraderie, food, and all sorts of activities at a rally or two! (Did I mention the food?)

4CU belongs to Region 11 of the WBCCI, and this year's Region 11 Rally will be held from September 10 to 14 at the Santa Fe Skies RV Park, the same lovely place where we have our June 'Summer in Santa Fe Rally'. Early fall in Santa Fe is beautiful, and I hope to see some of you there. This is a chance to meet other folks in the WBCCI and learn something about the larger organization.

Be Safe and Happy Camping! ~ Janis



Photo by Dennis & Diane Moore

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*

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

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4CU Flags Update

In the December 2013 4CU Newsletter, I asked members who are interested in purchasing a Unit Flag to let me know so that we could determine whether there is enough interest to place another order. (The more flags we order, the lower the cost will be.)

As of mid-February 2014, we've only had 5 people email me expressing an interest in purchasing a 4CU flag. All of these emails came in around the December time frame and nothing since then. Conclusion: a new order for another batch of 4CU flags is 'on hold' for now!



If you do have an interest in purchasing a flag, you can still add your name to the tally by emailing me at:

flags_4cu@yahoo.com

Thanks! ~ Barbara

2013 4CU Fourth Quarter Financials – October through December
by Howard Efner

Fourth Quarter Financial – 10/01/13 to 12/31/13	
Starting Balance	3,839.65
Income	
Dues - cash	1,208.33
Dues – PayPal*	1,330.31
Affiliate Badges	30.00
T-shirt sales PayPal*	37.57
Total	2,606.21
Expenditures	
International Dues	2,600.00
4 July Rally Reservation	699.00
TBR - postage, ink, labels	203.48
HFE - postage	18.30
Total	3,520.78
Ending Balance	2,925.08
Books closed as of 12/21/13.	
* Less PayPal Fees	

Rally Report: 2013 4CU Thanksgiving Rally, Lost Dutchman SP, AZ
by Julianne Campbell



Photo by J Campbell

I was very pleased with the Thanksgiving Rally. Great turnout! Great weather! A great time! I believe there were around 20 trailers or so. The new loop where we camped at Lost Dutchman State Park is gorgeous. Right now it is dry camping, but they hope to put in water and electric this summer.

The Rangers and park volunteers were wonderful to work with. I was very grateful that most everyone pitched in and helped me out, as our 4CU members tend to do. Thanksgiving dinner was fantastic - we put 4 picnic tables together to make one long dining table so we could all sit together. The food, as usual, was an amazing 4CU feast! We had fried turkey, smoked turkey, smoked ham, and all the fixin's. It was all very relaxed, and I was delighted to be spending the day and weekend with good friends.

I will most likely host another Thanksgiving Rally next year, but probably not at the same place; I don't want to host the same rally at the same place every year! I like to shake things up, see new places; for me that is part of the Airstream adventure!

~ Julianne



Photo by J Campbell



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Photo by Rich & Schmuker



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Photo by Rich & Schmuker



Photo by Rich & Schmuker

Rally Report: 7th Annual New Year's Rally, Picacho Peak SP, AZ

by Louis Hall



Photo by Terry Rich

This year proved to be our best turnout yet for this rally. The weather cooperated and we had warm days in the 70s and cool evenings perfect for the group bonfires.

All total we had 42 rigs attend the rally; most stayed for the entire event.

We had a special guest who entertained and informed us. Denny Donaldson from Desert Autoplex paid us a visit and brought several promotional items to hand out. He showed us an Anderson Hitch and impressed us with a demonstration of the new technology in weight distribution and anti-sway hitches.

The White Elephant Gift Exchange proved to be fun, as always, with many interesting new items and a couple of embellished items we have seen before. The wiener dog carrier made a comeback complete with fur and eyes this time!

Anthony and Tamara Rodriguez hosted a tamale-making class. Everyone was elbow deep in lard and masa, and we feasted on red and green chile tamales with plenty to go around.

We extend our thanks to everyone who attended; we could not have such a great event without support from everyone!

Stay posted - we have reserved the site for next year and hope to have another great turnout!

~ Louis & Sergio



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**Rally Report: Jammer Jam II Rally, Lo Lo Mai Springs Resort, Camp Verde, AZ
by Steve & Reg Bittner**

Photo by Leon Hauck

We gathered for another jammin' good time over President's Day weekend. Lo Lo Mai Springs graciously accommodated our group again this year. Not every resort campground would let you decorate their clubhouse by hanging pajamas like laundry around the deck. Everyone just loves the grounds to this place, so relaxing. It is an oasis in the surrounding desert.

Wearing pajamas to a rally really shows what a laid-back Unit the Four Corners group is. We like to think we do camping the way it was meant to be done, just friends and fun. We were 34 trailers strong, with friends coming from British Columbia to California, Texas to Virginia. We also had several guests visit us, and they will be joining the 4CU!

Friday night we did an easy finger-food Happy Hour followed by a Valentine's Day pie contest. What a success that was - all very different varieties of pies! Saturday we donned our pajamas. Anthony and Tamara showed us what Frito Pies are and how to do them right. Did we ever take to them! Sides were brought by all, and there was so much food that Carolyn Efner put together a leftovers feed the next day while others went to a local restaurant.

Dale (Pee Wee) and Susan Schwamborn dropped by Saturday afternoon and then shared dinner with us. The highlight of their visit had to be when Helen Brown, the owner of Lo Lo Mai, stopped by. It just happened to be that she was an entertainer for Airstream rallies 40-some years ago. They had a very special conversation, as you can imagine, and she gave Dale some programs of her acts from the rallies.

A homemade breakfast of Steve's Smoked Ham, blueberry pancakes, and Anthony and Tamara's Chokecherry Syrup was a great start to another great day. Did I say that the weather was perfect the entire weekend? Nothing better than to be out exploring the Verde Valley, it holds so much!

We've already told Lo Lo Mai that we'll be back President's Day weekend next year. We'll be retiring the Jammer Jam theme and honoring our most endearing symbol, the flamingo. So, be on the lookout for 'Flamingos Flock the Verde!' ~Steve & Reg



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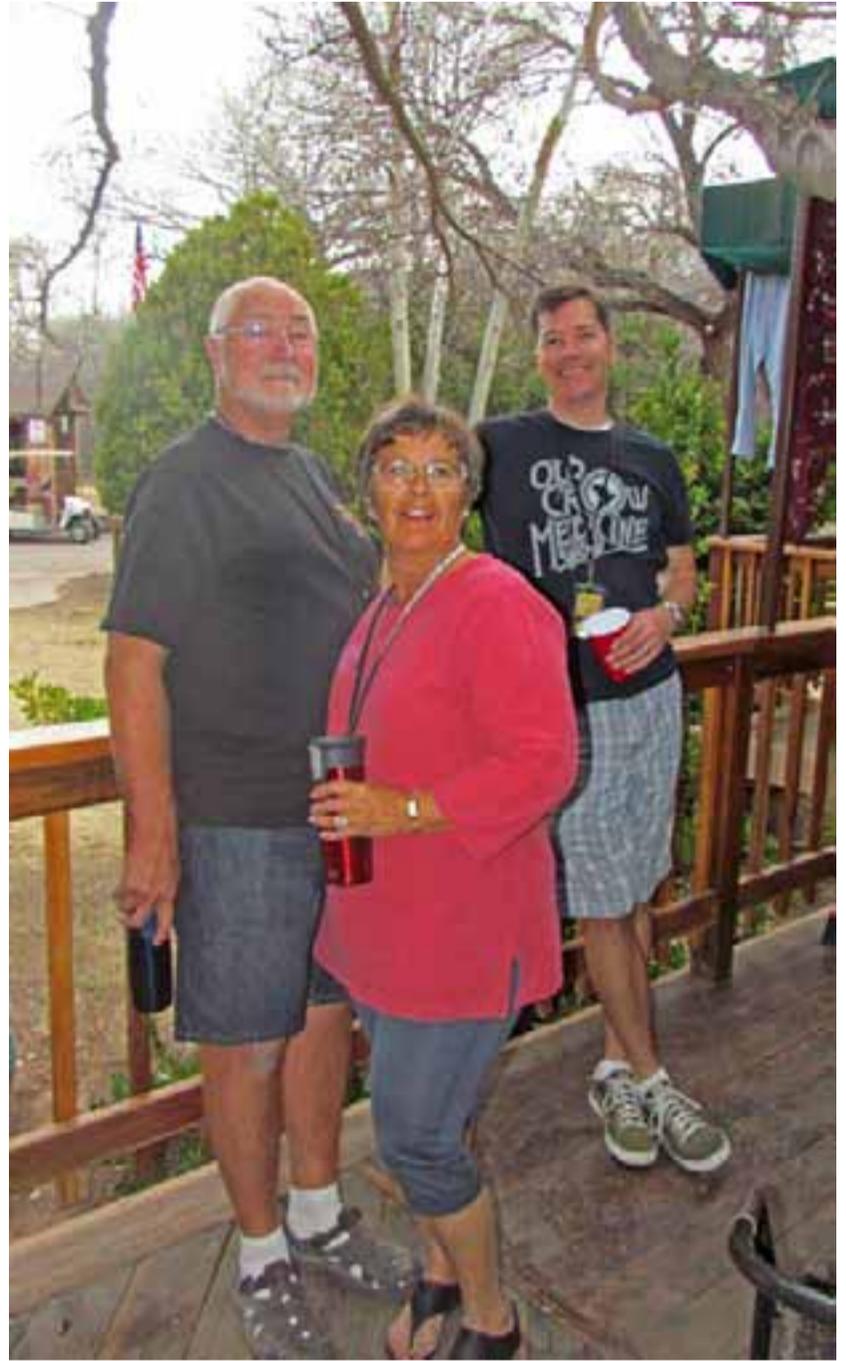


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Are You a Member of www.airforums.com?

by Terry Rich

Many 4CU members are also members of the largest online Airstream community available, [Airforums.com](http://www.airforums.com). For those of us who are not familiar with the Airforums, consider joining it to take advantage of the wealth of information, the fun of being part of a large online Airstream community, and the potential friendships to be made.

It is not necessary to become a registered member of the Airforums in order to research and find available information, but one must be a registered member in order to post questions and fully participate in discussions and the exchange of ideas and information. **Membership in the Airforums is easy ... and it is free. You simply create a profile sharing as much or as little information about yourself as you wish, and create a name that will appear with your posts.** The name you create for yourself is how other members of the Airforums will know you.

Why is the Airforums Useful for 4CU Members?

One of the features of the Airforums is the ability to create private areas for groups and clubs. **The 4CU has established a private area of the Airforums where members of the 4CU (Full Members and Affiliates) can communicate and post items of interest to fellow 4CU unit members, such as upcoming rallies, etc.** Membership in the 4CU private area is available only to members of the 4CU. Discussion threads created within the 4CU section are visible only to those who have gained access to the 4CU private area. Interested parties must request access to the 4CU private area.



Follow These Steps to Gain Access to the Private 4CU Area:

- (1) First, you must be a **registered member of the Airforums** and a **Full or Affiliate Member of the 4CU unit**.
- (2) Click on **“User CP”** (User Control Panel) in the blue navigation banner near the top of each page of the Airforums. This is where you determine settings for your account. On the left side of your User Control Panel, find the **“Networking”** section and click on **“Group Memberships”**.
- (3) You will be sent to a page that shows clubs available to join. **“WBCCI #004 Four Corners Unit”** will appear in that list. (If you are already a member of the 4CU private area your membership is shown in the list at the bottom of the page.)
- (4) Check the **“Join Group”** circle on the right of the 4CU listing... Then scroll down and click the **“Join Group”** button at the bottom of the section.
- (5) You will then see a **dialogue box** where you type your request for access to the 4CU private section. Be sure to include your **real name** in case we don't recognize your Airforums name. Then click **“Send Request.”**

This generates a Personal Message to Terry Rich (TBRich on the Airforums) requesting access. You'll soon be notified that you that you have been admitted. It's that simple! You will then automatically “see” threads created in the 4CU private area or new posts made to existing threads, just as you see new threads and posts in any of the public areas. You may “unjoin” any group you have membership in at any time by returning to the “Group Memberships” page, selecting the group you want to leave at the bottom, and clicking “Leave Group”.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need a clarification of anything, and we hope to see you joining the Airforums 4CU private area. You may also contact an Airforums Moderator for help navigating the site.

~Terry

4CU Membership Chair - “TBRich” on the Airforums

Member Spotlight: Pets of the 4CU!

Do you have a favorite photo of your pet enjoying themselves inside or outside of your Airstream that you'd like to share? Send it to the editor at lawson@xwinds.com, and it will be featured in the next issue of the 4CU Newsletter!



Bart, Nina, & Rufus Lawson, Photo by L Lawson



Carly Johnston-White, Photo by Johnston & White



TJ Johnston-White, Photo by Johnston & White



Cassidy & Lola Efner, Photo by Janis White



Abbey Rich-Schmucker, Photo by Rich & Schmucker



Sadie Rich-Schmuker, Photo by Rich & Schmuker



Perl Lawson, Photo by L Lawson



The Hauck Girls, Photo by Leon Hauck

"Here are a few shots of our critters. They don't come along in the Airstream with us, but some of you may have eaten their deviled eggs during one of the Happy Hours. We haven't individually named them, but they are collectively referred to as 'the girls'."

~ Leon & Janet

Classifieds

<p>For Sale: Share/lot at Minnesota Airstream Park, Clear Lake, MN Come enjoy relaxation in an all ages/dogs/diverse welcoming Airstream Community near Minneapolis, Minnesota. Enjoy the cool breezes, numerous amenities such as swimming pool, birding, & free golf & social get-togethers. Site B27- Beautifully maintained lot with six-sided cedar gazebo with windows/screens, vinyl storage shed, new electrical pedestal, landscaped w/flowering shrubs & trees, rock driveway w/headers, patio, fire ring + firewood. See Web site www.airstreampark.com</p>	<p>Price: \$13,500 Contact: Victoria 512-635-5782 or Joseph 512-630-7053 jbwvsshome@yahoo.com</p>
<p>For Sale: Share/lot at Minnesota Airstream Park, Clear Lake, MN Come enjoy relaxation in an all ages/dogs/diverse welcoming Airstream Community near Minneapolis, Minnesota. Enjoy the cool breezes, numerous amenities such as swimming pool, birding, & free golf & social get-togethers. Site E116 - Attractive share recently updated to include new landscaping with flowering shrubs & trees, new electrical pedestal, brick lined gravel driveway w/full size wheel pad, storage shed & large patio area. See Web site www.airstreampark.com</p>	<p>Price: \$4,900 Contact: Victoria 512-635-5782 or Joseph 512-630-7053 jbwvsshome@yahoo.com</p>
<p>For Sale: Membership Lot #115 at Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park, Lakeside, AZ 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</p>	<p>Price: \$29,500 Contact: Cliff DeWolf marclif@hotmail.com 623-935-0555</p>
<p>For Sale: Membership Lot #140 at Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park, Lakeside, AZ 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</p>	<p>Price: \$29,900 Contact: H. M. (Sandy) Sanders HMSandySanders@gmail.com (520) 399-0829</p>
<p>For Sale: Membership Lot #146 at Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park, Lakeside, AZ For Age 55 & over Airstreamers. Large Premium site with Ponderosa trees View details & photos at: https://sites.google.com/site/ponderosashadowsinc/classifieds</p>	<p>Price: \$30,000 Contact: Cheryl 480-262-1350</p>
<p>For Sale: Membership Lot #110 at Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park, Lakeside, AZ For Age 55 & over Airstreamers. Middle site with many extras View details & photos at: https://sites.google.com/site/ponderosashadowsinc/classifieds</p>	<p>Price: \$28,500 Contact: 480-369-6542 or 480-695-2194</p>

Free Classifieds (Personal) for Airstreams & Airstream-related items. Contact the editor at lawson@xwinds.com

Member News Notes

by Terry Rich

Larry & Kathy Young have completed their move to Tavares, FL. Although they ended up living in their Airstream longer than originally planned while waiting for their new home to be completed (it's construction, right??), they were finally moved in as of the end of January, and are enjoying their new space. They are pleased to report that they are able to park their Airstream, "Cloud Dancing", next to the house. Good luck, Larry & Kathy ... and congrats on the new digs!

We missed **Paul & Ronnie Ward** at the 4CU New Year's Rally at Picacho Peak. It didn't seem right without them. But Paul tore a ligament in his right arm in December while doing volunteer trail work for the National Forest Service, so they were not able to make the trip while they waited for pending surgery to pin the damaged tendon to the bone near his elbow. The surgery has been done, and while they were still not able to travel with their rig, we are pleased that they came to Lo Lo Mai Springs a couple of days to visit the gang at Jammer Jam ... and that Paul is well on the road to recovery. The surgery is done and he is sporting an interesting "bionic man" brace on his arm that restricts movement and can be adjusted to allow a wider range of movement as healing progresses. Heal fast, Paul! We look forward to seeing you at the Ides of March!

When **Jack & Barb Kilroy** from Independence, OH joined the 4CU in December 2013, we thought, "Wow! New members from Ohio! That's great!" Curiosity was soon satisfied when we learned that Barb is Reg Bittner's sister, and that Barb had received an early Christmas present—a new 4CU/WBCCI membership! Nice gift! Jack & Barb's rig, a 1960 24' Tradewind, is parked at Steve & Reg's place while Steve works on it. Reg says, "We're starting to look like an Airstream dealer with a 3rd one here now! Good thing it's Camp Verde and no one cares." We are looking forward to seeing both the Kilroys and their "new" rig ASAP!

Craig Bowman & Kathy Wilson have been 4CU members for some time ... even before they finalized their relocation from Decatur, GA, to Scottsdale, AZ. Since their move, they have signed up for a number of 4CU rallies in AZ, but have never quite made it to them for one reason or another. Finally, Craig was able to make at least a solo day visit to the Thanksgiving Rally ... and promised they would see us at the New Year's Rally. But Kathy had a medical issue come up that kept them away from New Year's. We then learned that Kathy was doing well and they were signed up for Jammer Jam. Finally! But, alas, they didn't show up! What? Checking in, we learned that while they were in the final stages of packing the truck to hit the road to Lo Lo Mai, Craig was suddenly struck with pain in his leg ... long story short, he had developed a clot in his leg that required a trip to the ER and surgery that same day. Fortunately, we are happy to report that the surgery was successful. Craig is now out of the hospital recovering at home. So take it easy, you two! Continue to heal ... and we look forward to seeing you down the road!

"**Holy canned hams, Batman!**" As some 4CU members know, **Howard Efner** is an amateur radio operator, or "ham". Howard passed both the Technician and General class exams in 2012 and got the call sign KF5RGU. A third class of licensing issued by the FCC called "Extra". **Carolyn Efner** just earned her Technician license at Quartzfest, a gathering of ham operators in Quartzsite in January, and was assigned the call sign of KF5ZXL. **But wait, there's more!** While gathering information for this news note, it was discovered that there are quite a few other "hams" in the 4CU! **Art Flynn** (call sign W0ABX) from Placitas, NM and **John Munger** (N7WB), an Extra class from Tucson, AZ, both hams, were also at Quartzfest. Art has been



involved in promoting interest and membership in ARC (Amateur Radio Club), WBCCI's intra-club for Airstreaming. John says he's made many good friends through the hobby both on the air and through a local club, and enjoys collecting countries worked on air and the QSL cards (specially designed postcards that hams exchange with each other to confirm contact). So far John has over 300 countries on various ham radio bands! As information continued to surface, even more familiar names came up! **Don Williams** (KD6UVT), a 4CU Affiliate from Riverside, CA, currently holds an Extra Class ham license, has been interested in amateur radio since his teens and has been very involved in ham circles since gaining his initial Technician license in 1993! And there are more! Both **Ken & Linda Lawson** from Phoenix, AZ are hams (call signs KE7DUI and KE7DUH respectively), as are **Terry & Ann Taylor** (N7BDL and N7EDC respectively) in Apache Junction, AZ! Chances are, there are more hams among us! Several mentioned here are members of WBCCI's intra-club ARC (Amateur Radio Club), and all share not only the hobby but an enthusiasm that seems equal to that of Airstreaming! Who knew?? If you are interested in learning more about ham operation, any of these good folks would make an excellent source to further educate yourself about ham operation, how one becomes licensed, and what roles ham radios play in a wide range of meaningful and worthwhile community services. You can also find more history, definitions, and detailed information at <http://www.quartzfest.org/> and <http://rvsvcnet.wbcci.net/> . "73" to you all! (Ham talk for "best wishes!")

~ Terry



Photo by Rich & Schmuker

4CU Membership Notes

by Terry Rich

Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to **WELCOME** the following **New Members** who have joined the 4CU since the December 2013 Newsletter:

Chris Hildenbrand & Jim Lane, Wheat Ridge, CO (4CU, upgrading from Affiliate 4CU Member to Full 4CU Member, & holding a dual Full Membership in the DenCo Unit)

William Hoover & Candace Cowan, Livingston, TX (Affiliate, TXGulfCoast Unit)

Gene & Marilyn Hostetler, Mound, MN (Affiliate, MN Unit)

Jack & Barb Kilroy, (Independence, OH (4CU)

John & Kim Kolon, Santa Clara, UT (4CU)

Bob & Shannon Kunkel, Durango, CO (4CU)

Scott & Karen Leinen, Spokane, WA (4CU, transferring from the WA Unit)

John Lopez & Shirley Bollinger, Sutter, CA (Affiliate NorCal Unit)

Kenneth Maggard, Paradise Valley, AZ (Affiliate, AZ Unit)

Robert & Susan Martin, Sun City West, AZ (4CU)

Wade & Diane McDaniel, Phoenix, AZ (4CU)

Steve & Cindy MacKenzie, San Jose, CA (4CU)

Brad Mitchell & Zell Woodworth, Olathe, KS (4CU)

Stephen Porter, Gilbert, AZ (4CU)

Roger & Roxie Smith, Visalia, CA (4CU)

Robin Vaughn & Peggy Rittmann, Flagstaff, AZ (4CU)

Joe & Martha Wackley, Durango, CO (4CU)

Mike Zielinski, Paradise Valley, 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 4CU campfire as soon and as often as possible.

Our Current Membership Numbers:

For those of you who like statistics, we began 2014 with 128 Full Members and 92 Affiliate Members for a grand total of 220 Members. That's 23 members more than we had at the beginning of 2013. Our highest membership count (when we were counting both 2013 members and new 2014 members) was 242 Members (145 Full + 97 Affiliates). So we started the new year on the right foot ... and have continued adding new members since! **To date in 2014 we have 232 Members — 138 Full Members + 94 Affiliates, just 10 members shy of our all-time high.**

What Happened to the Members We Lost?

Our modest attrition was due to a combination of factors. Of those who provided a reason: we lost one member as a result of a death in the family; one member sold their Airstream; one member transferred to the NM Unit, but remains involved as an Affiliate; and two former members renewed as a couple under a single membership. The handful of remaining non-renewing members consisted of those who had never attended a 4CU rally. This supports my belief that the avenue to member retention is involvement. Once someone experiences the fun and friendship possible in the 4CU first-hand, it's difficult to not remain a part of that.

"Still the Best Deal in Town!"

In January, the 4CU Board voted unanimously to increase the Unit portion of our dues from \$1 to \$2 per year as of 1 July 2014. The increase was adopted in order to stay ahead of rising operational costs. Postage rates, for instance, increased again in January, which impacts membership correspondence and communication with International (sent by snail mail when necessary). As one of our Board members pointed out during discussions, "It's still the best deal in town!" **The unit dues increase will not take effect until we begin our 2015 membership renewal**

efforts in July. Members will be contacted by email when it's time to submit renewals for 2015.

Thank You, Desert Autoplex Airstream in Mesa, AZ!

4CU members at the New Year's Rally enjoyed a visit from Denny Donaldson of Desert Autoplex ... while towing a brand new Airstream and testing a new type of hitch. And that's not all! Denny is an enthusiastic 4CU supporter ... so much so that he is providing new Autoplex Airstream buyers with their first year's membership in the 4CU! Thank you so much for your support, Denny! <http://www.desertautoplex.com>

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. All members are part of the membership effort ... print some 4CU 2014 Member Applications (see the 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!

Questions?

If you have any questions about 4CU or WBCCI membership, or your current membership status, 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!

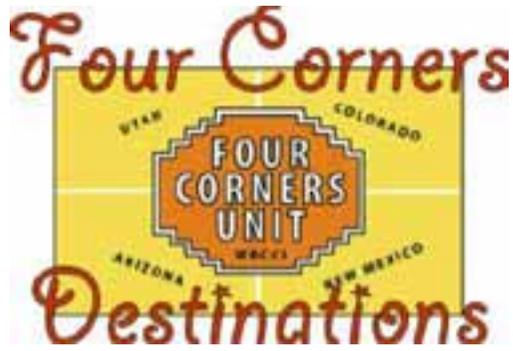
The 4CU T-Shirts online order form can be found at

<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>





3 Favorite National Forest Campgrounds in Northern & Central Arizona: Pinegrove, Rock Crossing, & Sink Hole Travel Log & Photos by Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker



Photo by Rich & Schmuker Pinegrove_01.jpg

Back in 2010 we made a trip in June, then July was too hot to go anywhere around Tucson and so we ended up spending July at home, too. Ugh! And suddenly it was August! Yikes! That's a long time when we're used to going out every couple of weeks. Terry has since vowed that is not going to happen again. (So far it's worked out.)

So we were really ready to hit the road for a well-deserved August trip. We even decided that we'd break our own "rule" of not camping over a major holiday weekend because of the insanity of the crowds and the traffic ... and worked Labor Day weekend into our itinerary. We figured if we got to our Labor Day destination early enough we could avoid the usual hassles.

So Monday, August 23 we finished packing the Bambi, loaded the cooler with ice and extra soda, fed the Girls, got them into the truck ... and hit the road by 10:30 AM. Our first destination was **Pinegrove Campground** in the **Coconino National Forest** about 15 miles SE of Flagstaff on Lake Mary Road. We've camped there before, the last time being in **August of 2009**, the first stop

of a National Forest campground-hopping trip in northern Arizona. It was a great place to start an adventure. And we were starting this adventure here, too!

Leaving Tucson, we took our normal route when headed to the northern part of the state ... north out of Tucson on route 77, to highway 79 and through Florence by the State Penitentiary (we have since stopped at the inmate outlet store in Florence to look at what they have created for sale ... interesting stuff...especially the license plate purses ... even convicts have a sense of humor!)... We got to Apache Junction about 12:30 PM, gassed up and took Highway 60 west to the 101 Loop north to skirt the eastern side of Metro Phoenix to I-17 on the north side ... and on north toward Flagstaff.

Before we reached Flagstaff we decided to stop briefly at Mund's Park just south of Flagstaff to let the Girls stretch their legs and water a lily or two. We were struck by how green it was. We'd had a lot of rain in Arizona this summer and it was the down side of the monsoon season, so it really showed. Green, green, green! And the wild sunflowers (or maybe they were black-eyed-Susans) ... were everywhere, making the scenery bright and colorful.



Photo by Rich & Schmucker Stopped at Mund's Park.jpg

When we arrived at the southern edge of Flagstaff we took Lake Mary Road SE from I-17... more green, and more sunflowers everywhere. We passed Lower Lake Mary, which was not full of water, but it was noticeably “wetter” than it had been on our last trip to the area. Then we passed Upper Lake Mary, which was very full. It was good to see all that water where there had not been so much last year. About 4:15 PM we arrived at Pinegrove Campground, which is all dry camping. The roads and pads are paved and the clean, manicured sites (both pull-throughs and back-ins) are level, with picnic tables and grills. About half the sites are reserveable and the balance are first come, first served. There are toilets, there is a dump station and water, and pay showers are available. Since it



Photo by Rich & Schmuker Upper Lake Mary.jpg

was a Monday, we had not made any reservations thinking we would have little trouble getting a first come, first served site this early in the week. We are going without reservations more often these days ... and so far, so good. Of course we are taking a chance, but for the most part it works out.

When we arrived we were pleased to find that there was no “Campground Full” sign up at the entrance ... that was good. So we pulled up to the host’s site. The host was chatting with another camper and came over to the truck ... he checked out our rig, asked how long it was and said. “There’s just one site left — #3. It’s a pretty small site, but you should be able to get into it. Go on in and set up and I’ll be by in a while.” That was close. Guess we’re not the only ones who think this is a great campground! This is the second time we’ve arrived at Pinegrove very early in the week and had barely gotten in, so we agreed that the next time we camp there we really need to make reservations if we can plan that far ahead ... or we might find ourselves looking for another place to stay.

We continued to site #3, which was just a few sites into the loop past the host’s site ... and it was small. We could get Bambi in fine, but in order to keep the truck out of the roadway, we had to park it at an angle to the trailer. This is the third or fourth time we have squeezed ourselves into one of a few remaining small sites in campgrounds ... only open because they were not big enough for larger rigs. There is something to be said for a small trailer! So bigger is not always better!

The site was actually very nice, despite its small pad. The curbside patio area looked out into a meadow, and the nearest site on our side of the road was around the bend of the loop ... so privacy was good even though we were only a few sites from the entrance and the host. Our “backs” were to them, so to speak, so the curb side was very private ... especially with the truck parked across the entrance. We were pleased with how it all turned out.



Photo by Rich & Schmuker Greg @ Pinegrove.jpg

By 5:00 PM we were pretty much set up and it was time to have a snack and get to the business of relaxing. We walked the Girls and began to settle in. The weather was pleasant ... in the low 70s. We chatted with a couple of neighboring campers and learned that it had rained the day before, but the skies were clear for the time being. We could get a few TV stations from Flagstaff, so we watched the news. By bedtime the temps had dropped into the 60s ... a nice change from Tucson's too-warm nights and impossibly hot days.

Tuesday morning we were up late after a great first sleep ... we walked the Girls, got them fed, and made coffee and began the first full day of relaxation and not much more. By late afternoon it was in the high 70s and there was a light breeze. We decided to have grilled burgers for dinner so out came the grill; Terry made Bloody Marys and started a campfire. Greg made a great salad and we enjoyed an early dinner. We bought some firewood from the host and built a fire to enjoy ... not

that it was needed for warmth, as it had reached 83 degrees that day ... it was more for “camping atmosphere.” Later that evening we checked email and watched the primary election returns (we had voted early by mail) and then an episode of “Heroes” on DVD and hit the hay as the temps cooled down for the night. It was a wonderful relaxing day. Just the kind we like.

Please go to [“Camping Our Way to Labor Day in the Arizona Mountains”](#) on our travel log to continue on with this adventure ... with lots of pictures, of course. The three dry camping campgrounds we visited on this trip have become some of our favorite places to escape to, and we always look forward to going to them. Maybe they will become favorites of yours, too! ~ Terry & Greg

HAIL, 4CU MEMBERS!
ANNOUNCING
THE FOUR CORNERS UNIT OF THE WBCCI
IDES OF MARCH RALLY
MARCH 13-17, 2014

(THURSDAY - MONDAY, \$15 PER NIGHT)

MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK
FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA
WATCH YOUR BACK!
YOUR HOSTS: PAUL & RONNIE WARD

TOOCUBED@YAHOO.COM

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE;

THURSDAY-3/13	ARRIVAL - HAPPY HOUR - DINNER ON YOUR OWN
FRIDAY-3/14	HAPPY HOUR & POTLUCK DINNER
SATURDAY-3/15	GRILL NIGHT: HOT COALS FOR YOUR MEAT, & BAKED POTATO ROMAN TOGA PARTY
SUNDAY, 3/16	HAPPY HOUR - LEFT OVERS POTLUCK - ST. PATRICK'S EVE
MONDAY 3/17	DEPART

WE HAVE A LIMIT OF 22 TRAILERS DUE TO SPACE & **WE ARE FULL!**
THIS IS DRY CAMPING.

**TO BE ADDED TO THE WAITING LIST, OR TO RESERVE AN ELECTRIC
& WATER SITE IN ADJACENT CAMPGROUND, CONTACT PAUL AT
TOOCUBED@YAHOO.COM OR 630-235-9644**

WE WILL HAVE CAMPFIRE EACH EVENING... FIREWOOD WELCOME



SEE ALL ABOUT TOGAS: [HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/TOGA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toga)

**Four Corners Unit of WBCCI
presents**

Summer in Santa Fe III

at the Santa Fe Skies RV Park in Santa Fe, New Mexico

Friday June 6 to Monday June 9, 2014

Hosted by Howard & Carolyn Efner hfefner@cybermesa.com and
Janis White & Barbara Johnston drjaniswhite@gmail.com barbara4rb@comcast.net

Come join the Four Corners Unit for a celebration of summer in Santa Fe, NM. Camping fees are estimated to be \$39.00 per night with full hookups, payable to Santa Fe Skies RV Park. Make your camping reservations directly with Santa Fe Skies RV Park (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 (under 16 free). Sign up for the rally on Airforums and send your check, payable to Howard Efner, along with the rally Registration Form - found on the last pages of this Newsletter - to: Howard Efner, 30 Camino Caballos Spur, Lamy, NM 87540. The sign-up and payment deadline is May 23, 2014. No refunds after May 29, 2014.

Due to local fire code restrictions on the club building occupancy, it is necessary to limit the rally to 30 units. Paid registrations will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Any registrations, over the limit, will be placed on a waiting list. Wait list registrations, unable to attend, will be refunded in full after the rally ends.

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Early Arrivals

Friday, June 6, 2014

Rally Begins

Monday, June 9, 2014

Rally Ends. Happy Trails.

Rally Activities

- the famous 4CU Happy Hour each evening
- coffee & goodies each morning
- a soft taco bar on Friday
- Saturday BBQ
- Sunday Potluck

On your own - Friday night gallery openings Downtown & 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 & the Bradbury Science Museum &/or the Bandelier National Monument, El Rancho de los Golondrinas living history museum, a trip to Chimayo & brunch at Rancho de Chimayo, 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 & wish to attend as a guest, please contact one of the hosts listed above.

4CU Fourth of July in the Pines Rally

Thursday July 3 to Sunday July 6, 2014

Woods Canyon Lake in Arizona

Crook Group Campground - Group A Loop

Hosted by Louis Hall & Sergio Quiros



Crook Campground is dry camping only, with designated spaces. There is water & a dump station nearby. The CG is situated within a mile of Woods Canyon Lake, so be sure to bring your Kayak, Canoe, Floaties, or whatever your preferred watercraft (non motorized).

Crook Campground is just off of AZ 260 East of Payson & West of Forest Lakes on FR 300, about 2 miles north of AZ 260.

There are 13 sites available for this event & the rally fee is \$55.00 per trailer (includes 3 nights of camping). Once we have reached 13 total units we will keep a standby list in the event of any cancellations.



Enjoy the spectacular views and hiking along Arizona's Mogollon Rim. We will be nestled in the tall pines with warm daytime temps in the 80s & cool nights in the 50-60s. This area is some of the best of Arizona's High Country. Wildlife viewing includes birds, squirrels, deer, & elk. Hikers who venture onto nearby trails are afforded expansive views of the land beneath the Mogollon Rim.

We need to receive payment by June 01, 2014.

Please use the Registration Coupon on last pages of this Newsletter!

Contact Louis lhall15690@aol.com to use PayPal

Fees are non refundable for cancellations made after June 15, 2014.

More details about the area:

http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Crook_Campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?parkId=73901&contractCode=NRSO&ch-kAg=y&clCr=y

Airforums Sign Up Page:

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/calendar.php?do=getinfo&day=2014-7-3;&e=1154&c=1>

PLUNGE IN PAGOSA RALLY

Join the Four Corners Unit
for a Celebration of
Summer Fun in the Best of the Rockies!
in Pagosa Springs, Colorado
at the Pagosa Springs Town Athletic Field

Starts: Thursday, July 17
Ends: Monday, July 21
Rally Fee: \$75.00 per rig

Hosts: Guisepppe & Maureen
Margiotta
(gnmostream@yahoo.com)
and Lou & Pat Santoro



You will be able to walk or bike to all activities! Enjoy:

- 3 separate Hot Springs
- restaurants, breweries, curio shops
- fish & cool off in the San Juan River (adjacent to the Rally site)
- hiking
- Reservoir Hill (site of the 4 Corners Folk Festival)
- free unlimited Disc Golf
- America's newest National Monument at Chimney Rock (25 miles West of Pagosa)

The Rally will be dry camping at the Town Athletic Field in Pagosa Springs. The Rally Fee is \$75.00 per rig, which includes 4 nights camping, water & limited power, Open Grill, 1 Breakfast, 1 BBQ Dinner

Rally activities include: daily hikes up Reservoir Hill, bike rides, an inner tube float down the San Juan River, Happy Hour each evening, Pot Luck dinner on Friday & Sunday evenings, & evening camp fires (weather & fire restrictions permitting)

Due to the size of the Town Park Field, the Rally is limited to 25 units. (There is a KOA Park with full hook ups located 3 miles east of town. This is a very popular park & advanced reservations are strongly advised.)

Generator use is limited to 9:00pm. There is a fresh water hydrant on site & limited power. There is a Giant Gas Station on Hwy160 that has a free R.V.dump. The KOA east of town has an R.V. Dump for \$5.00.

Due to this rally being issued a Special Use Permit to park RVs on the Town Field, we will not be able to drive vehicles on & off the field except to set up & later to hook up to leave the rally. You will need to leave your vehicle after you park your unit, or park your vehicle in the parking area adjacent to the field.

CAUTIONARY NOTES: *The rally site is at an elevation of about 7,200 ft. Altitude acclimation and altitude sickness can be a problem. The elevation can also cause problems with high BP, respiratory problems, dehydration & other health issues. The nearest definitive medical care is 5 miles west of the rally site, at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center - open 24/7.*

Cell phone coverage in the town area is excellent! There is limited cell phone coverage in mountain areas.

Since weather conditions can rapidly change in the mountains, be prepared for rapid temperature changes & precipitation. Warm layered clothing, good hiking shoes, & rain gear are highly recommended. Daytime temperatures should be in the 80s to low 90s, while overnight lows will be around 60.

Sign-up deadline is June 15, 2014. No refunds after June 30, 2014.
See Registration Coupon on last pages of this newsletter!

This is a Four Corners Unit WBCCI Rally, so all WBCCI members are welcome!

Thursday, July 17 -
Rally Set Up & Early Arrivals

Friday, July 18 -
Renaissance & Pirate Festival
<http://pagosasprings.com/scenes-from-the-renaissance-and-pirate-festival-2/>

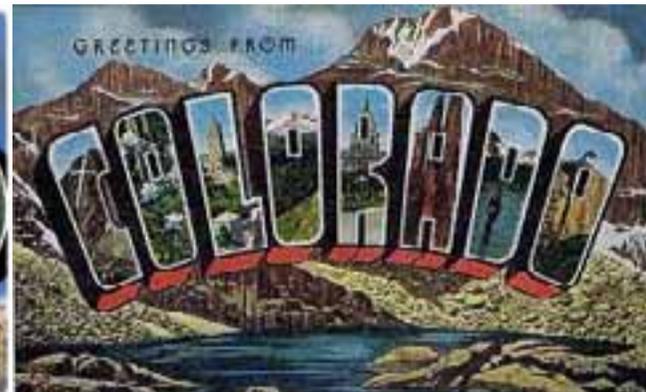
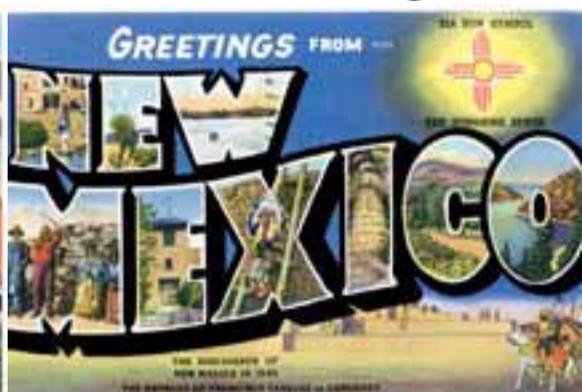
Saturday, July 19 -
Renaissance & Pirate Festival
Cruise-A-Thong
<http://www.cruiseathong.com/pagosa-springs-cruise-a-thong/>

Sunday, July 20 -
Renaissance & Pirate Festival
Disc Golf Tourney on Reservoir Hill
<http://www.dgcoursereview.com/course.php?id=3574>,
Tour of Chimney Rock Archeological Site (reservations encouraged)

Monday, July 21 -
Vacate & clean Town Park by 12:00 noon

Further details will be forthcoming as rally plans continue to develop!

2014 4CU Rally Schedule



When	What	Where	Host(s)	Contact
March 13 to 17 2014	Ides of March Rally	McDowell Mountains Regional Park, Fountain Hills, Arizona	Paul & Ronnie Ward	toocubed@yahoo.com
June 6 to 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
July 3 to 6 2014	Fourth of July in the Pines	Crook Campground, Woods Canyon Lake, Arizona	Louis Hall & Sergio Quiros	lhall15690@aol.com
July 17 to 21 2014	Plunge in Pagosa Rally	Pagosa Springs Town Athletic Field, Pagosa Springs, Colorado	Guiseppe & Maureen Margiotta & Lou & Pat Santoro	gnmostream@yahoo.com
September 10 to 14 2014	Region 11 Rally	Santa Fe Skies RV Park, Santa Fe, New Mexico	Region 11 Officers – President Roger Pruter; 1st VP Barbara Vaughn; 2nd VP Nancy Fisher	pruter7@msn.com
December 31 2014 to January 4 2015	8th Annual New Year's Rally	Picacho Peak SP, Eloy, Arizona	Louis Hall & Sergio Quiros	lhall15690@aol.com

Summer in Santa Fe III Registration Form

June 6 - 9, 2014
(Early Arrivals June 5)

Name(s) _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

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

Please make checks payable to: **Howard Efner**

Please mail this form along with check to:

Howard Efner
30 Camino Caballos Spur
Lamy, NM 87540

Payment deadline is May 23, 2014. No refunds after May 29, 2014.

Questions? Contact Howard at hfefner@cybermesa.com

Fourth of July in the Pines Rally

Registration Form

July 3 - 6, 2014

Name(s) _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Rally Fee = \$55 per trailer (includes 3 nights campground fee).

Payment deadline is June 1, 2014!

Please make checks payable to: Louis Hall

Please mail this form and check to:

Louis Hall

2421 E. Windsong Drive

Phoenix, AZ 85048

Any questions? Using PayPal? Contact Louis at lhall15690@aol.com

Plunge in Pagosa Rally Registration Form

July 17 - 21, 2014

WBCCI # _____ UNIT _____

IN PARTY _____ EMAIL (only means of communication) _____

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

*Cost Per Coach = \$75.00 (Includes 4 Nights Camping)

*Will You Bring An Easy Up? YES _____ NO _____

*Can You Help With Activities? YES _____ NO _____

RALLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 15, 2014

Please Make Check Payable To: **FOUR CORNERS UNIT**

Please Mail Check & This Form To:

G. MARGIOTTA

P.O. BOX 1561

PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO. 81147

SEND QUESTIONS TO: GNMOSTREAM@YAHOO.COM

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>



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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 _____