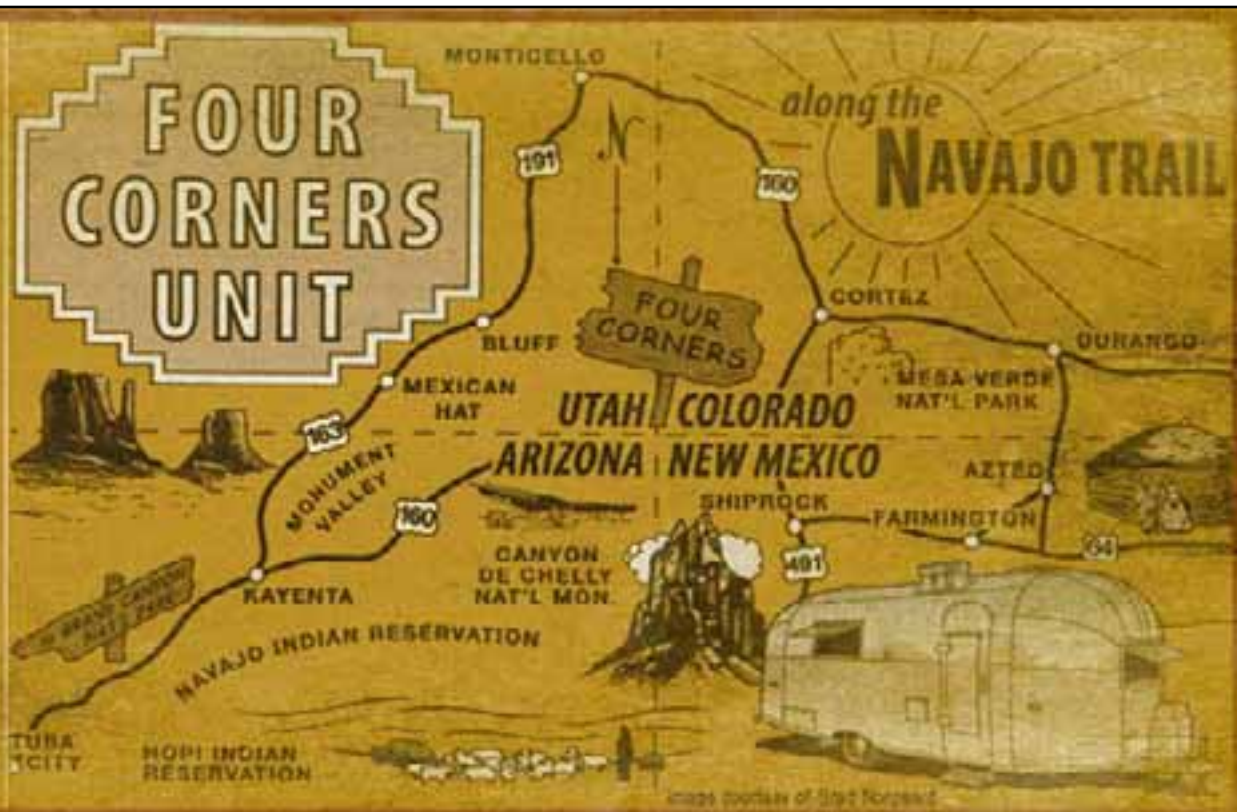


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President's Message by Janis White

Hello everyone in 4CU! Summer camping starts now for our unit. We've got a great selection of rallies - both old and new - this year. I hope you will join us in Santa Fe, or on the Mogollon Rim, or in Pagosa Springs.

In 2015 the really Big One, the International Rally, will be held in Farmington, New Mexico. That's 4CU territory! A group from the New England Unit will attend, *and* they are working on a joint rally with the 4CU around that time frame. Check out the thread in the 4CU area of the Airforums Web site and join in the discussion on 'East Meeting West':

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/f407/neu-4cu-joint-rally-in-2015-a-118795.html>

Be safe and Happy Camping!

~ Janis



Photo by Rich & Schmuker

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 and everything is back in stock now, ready for immediate shipment.

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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2014 4CU First Quarter Financials – January through March

by Howard Efner

First Quarter Financial – 1/01/14 to 3/31/14		
Starting Balance		2,925.08
Income		
	Dues - cash	554.00
	Dues – PayPal*	464.68
	Affiliate Badges	15.00
	NYE Rally Kitty Surplus	50.00
	NYE Rally Donation	120.00
	SF Rally Fee Transfer	20.00
	T-shirt sales cash	123.35
	T-shirt sales PayPal*	27.35
	Total	1,374.38
Expenditures		
	International Dues	585.00
	T-Shirt Reorder	266.17
	T-shirt Postage	16.55
	SF Rally Fee Transfer	20.00
	Total	887.72
Ending Balance		3,411.74
* Less PayPal Fees		

4CU Web Site News
by Leon Hauck
<http://fourcorners.wbcci.net>

Something new we are going to try on the Web site is collecting information on campsites for sharing with everyone. If you have a favorite place to camp, please email leon@boondocking.net with the following information:

- the name of the campground along with the general location
- list any fees and amenities (showers, pumpouts, etc)
- I will add a Google Maps link and other web links that are applicable
- include a few paragraphs describing why you like this campground, along with any attractions in the area
- **attach up to five photos**



We will post your name but not your email address in order to reduce spam. If members want to contact you they will have access to your email address via the member directory.

I will be adding an area to the web site called 'Campgrounds' and group them by state. If you have any other suggestions for this type of info let me know and I'll see what we can do to incorporate it.

~ Leon

Rally Report: Ides of March Rally, McDowell Mountain Regional Park, AZ by Paul Ward

*Photo by Rich & Schmuker*

We filled up the group area at **McDowell Mountain Regional Park** once again this year from March 13th to 17th. We had 23 rigs and a few in the hook-up sites nearby.

After two years hosting the St Pat's Rally, we decided to change it up this year - since March 15 is the Ides of March, we took a chance. Besides, we wanted to see who would be crazy enough to wear a toga!

We had great weather and many people were hiking, biking, and touring the beautiful park. It was great to see some new folks this year, as well as the old familiar faces. We welcome you to the Four Corners Unit!

As expected, the 4CU folks came out Saturday for the grill night with a *most* impressive Toga Happy Hour. We had everything from the college Sheet Toga to the exquisite Roman Guard Togas, hand made by some folks!

I'll let the pictures do the talking! Thanks to all the fine folks who made it another great 4CU Rally! ~ Paul

*Photo by Rich & Schmuker*



Photo by Collie Ward



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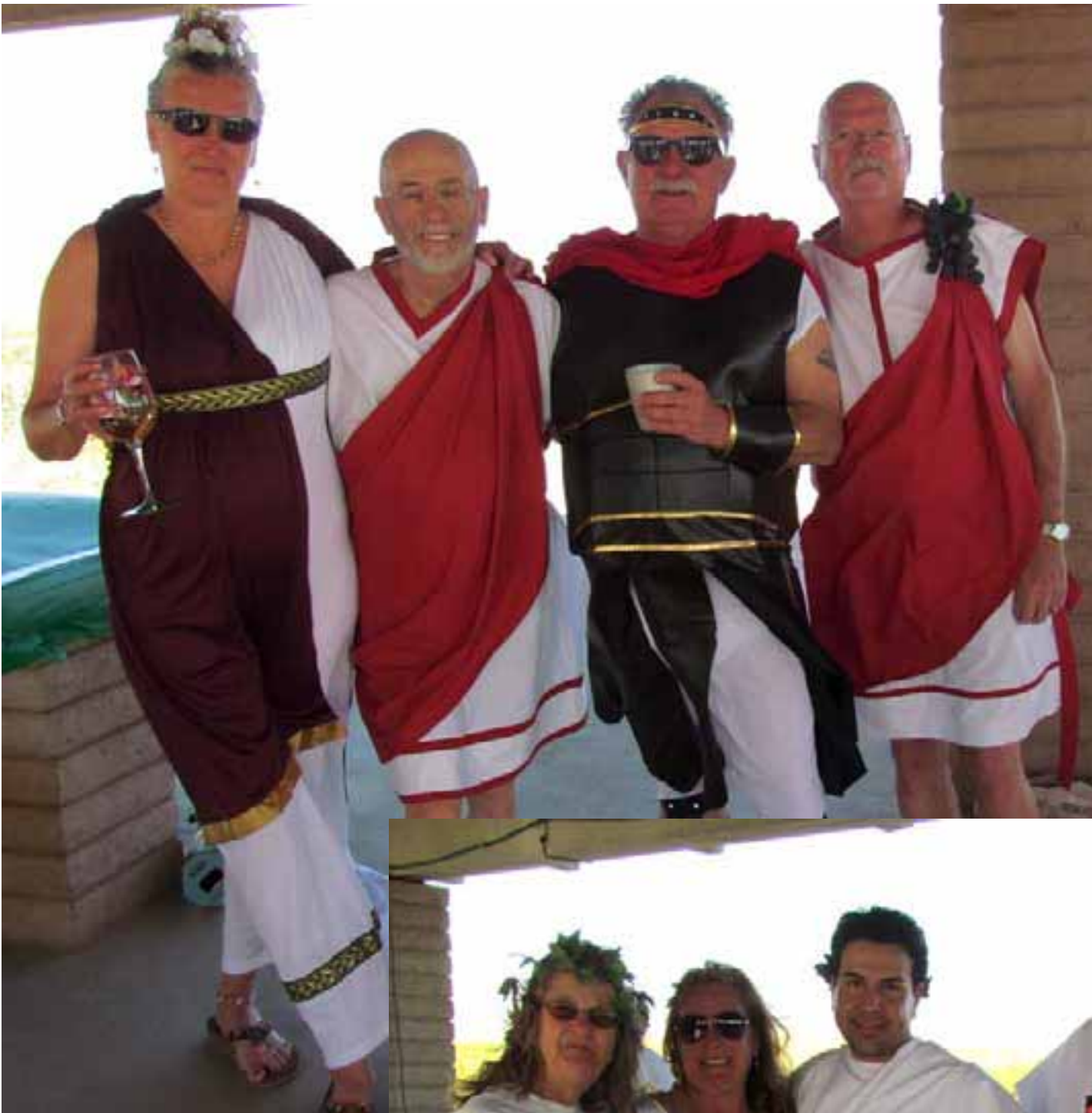


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Member Spotlight: "Oh Give Me A Home..."

by Terry Rich (all photos courtesy of Buffalo Exchange)



If you live in Tucson, you are familiar with Buffalo Exchange. It's a special place where one can buy, sell, and/or exchange clothing and accessories, and it's been a Tucson institution for years ... started by Kerstin and Spencer Block back in 1974 ... who happen to be the parents of 4CU member **Rebecca Block** and her husband, **Tim Haskin**. Today, Buffalo Exchange is run by Kerstin and Rebecca, and has stores in 49 locations in 17 states across the country ... and is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year!

This is where the story becomes especially interesting for Airstreamers. Of course, highly successful and publicly visible enterprises often celebrate their important milestones and anniversaries, but what makes the Buffalo Exchange's 40th Anniversary Celebration so much fun is *how* they chose to celebrate it. With an Airstream at center stage, of course!

Being Airstream aficionados (you'll see Tim & Rebecca at rallies with their 2007 27' Flying Cloud FB), Tim & Rebecca and Rebecca's mother, Kerstin, found a 1969 25' Airstream Land Yacht west of Tucson to use as the focal point of a 2 1/2-month 40th Anniversary Promotional Tour of their stores. The tour started in Tucson on 7 March, and ended 22 May at the Boulder, Colorado store.

But I'm ahead of myself. Rebecca says that the Airstream's previous owner had done some renovation and it was generally in good shape. It had been polished (good) and had new axles (excellent) and solar installed (perfect) ... and everything worked. So the basics were in place.



From there the Buffalo maintenance team and an electrician did all the work, better termed a make-over than a renovation ... they gutted it, removed the plumbing, and completely redid the electrical to rewire it for lighting, electronics, and generators. They got a new ZipDee Awning and had that installed by Oasis in Tucson. One of their staff was good with wood, so he did all the woodwork, and another was good with leather, so he trimmed all the interior windows in leather with the end result of making it into not only a very public announcement of the company and its anniversary — complete with graphics and art created by Tucson tattoo artist Allyson Bennett — but a usable showroom on wheels. Imagine seeing this rig going down the road! Can't you just see the heads turning?! It really is a beautiful sight to behold, and obviously a labor of love.

On the tour, when the Airstream reached a store for the anniversary event, the local staff filled it with vintage western clothing and other goodies, which literally transformed it anew each time into an ever-changing mobile store. What fun is that? With the tour over now, Rebecca tells us they plan to continue using the coach at special events to set up shop ... gatherings like music festivals, art festivals, etc ... including the Coachella Festival that was recently held in California.



Founder Kerstin Block





Kerstin & Rebecca Block







There is far more to Buffalo Exchange than selling old clothes and resale items. They have set themselves apart from your run-of-the-mill resale shop. And that is because of the values and hands-on work and commitment of Rebecca and her mother. The values behind the company were largely developed by Rebecca's father, Spencer — an artist in his own right — who passed away in 2009. Rebecca and her mother published *The Way of the Buffalo* after his death ... a collection of previously unpublished essays about how one runs a socially conscious business ... and make it profitable as well. He believed in trust, respect, communication, and leadership as the key elements to any successful endeavor such as Buffalo Exchange has become. Rebecca says her father's legacy lives on.

The pictures here, courtesy of the Buffalo Exchange marketing department, show the care that has been taken with this amazing project. You can learn more about Buffalo Exchange from their website at <http://www.buffaloexchange.com/>. There is link on their website to an excellent article that appeared in *3 Story Magazine* by Joan Calcagno (whom oddly enough, I know from my years in Tucson) http://3storymagazine.com/buffalo-exchange/?doing_wp_cron=1398623829.4655900001525878906250.

The article is a very good read and goes into far more depth about the management style, culture, and admirable good works of Buffalo Exchange than we have room for here. I highly recommend it!

We are pleased that Tim & Rebecca are part of the 4CU ... and we are also thrilled that they chose something so special to us all to celebrate 40 wonderful years of success... "Oh Give Me A Home ... Where the Buffalo Airstream Roams"...



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!



Margiotta Pups with Guiseppe





Gracie Bertch

"The pet pictures led me down memory lane. I don't have one of her in the Airstream, but this is in memory of Gracie. She loved to travel, and would get so excited, when Michael was packing. It was definitely her Airstream, and she just let us use it!"

~Tracy Bertch

Classifieds

For Sale:

Share/lot at **Minnesota Airstream Park, Clear Lake, MN**

Think of cool breezes and shade trees as you sit on your patio at the Minnesota Airstream Park, soaking up the serenity. Minnesota Airstream Park is only 30 minutes from Minneapolis via car or train. The Airstream Park offers: heated swimming pool, golf, new Rainbow Play system, Finnish sauna, free golf, weekly activities with other Airstreamers & relaxation in a park like atmosphere.

Site E116 - This is a low priced lot with many amenities such as: new wheel pad for any size trailer/motorhome, new gravel driveway, extra large patio, newly painted shed, many new trees & flowering shrubs. See pictures of lot E-116 & more info on Park website: www.airstreampark.com

Priced for quick sale:

\$4500/OBO

Contact:

Victoria Sumy **512-635-5782**
or

Joseph Webb **512-630-7053**
jbwvsshome@yahoo.com

For Sale:

The following Membership Lots at **Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park, Lakeside, AZ**

For Age 55 & over Airstreamers. View additional details about each Lot at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/ponderosashadowsinc/classifieds>

- Lot #109 Price: \$22,000 Contact: 520-760-5972
- Lot #115 Price: \$29,500 Contact: Cliff DeWolf marclif@hotmail.com 623-935-0555
- Lot #140 Price: \$29,900 Contact: H.M. (Sandy) Sanders HMSandySanders@gmail.com (520) 399-0829
- Lot #146 Price: \$30,000 Contact: Cheryl 480-262-1350
- Lot #110 Price: \$28,500 Contact: 480-369-6542 or 480-695-2194

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

Member News Notes by Terry Rich

We are sad to report that **Norma Diala** from San Francisco has lost her 87 year-old mother, and is in the remaining throes of putting her final affairs in order. We send you our condolences as you work through this unhappy time. On a happier note, Norma also tells us she is headed for Tel Aviv and Central Asia for a few months of travel ... we look forward to hearing all about your trip! Enjoy!

We are deeply saddened to report that **Ted & Georgia Pearson** (Corrales, NM) lost their son, **Kevin Bouton**, in a hiking accident near Taos, NM on 18 May. He went missing while hiking in the area and fell from a cliff at the Gorge. Kevin was 42 years old and is also survived by his wife Adriana and daughter Molly. We send our sincere condolences to Ted & Georgia and their family, and hope they find peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Ken & Linda Lawson from Phoenix lost their oldest kitty, Nina, to Chronic Renal Failure (CRF) this past April after being diagnosed last October. We are so sorry to hear this sad news. Ken & Linda adopted Nina from the Humane Society in Portland, OR, when she was a young kitten ... and are grateful that they could be her guardians for the last 19 years. Some of us met Nina in her healthier days, as Ken & Linda often share their Airstream travels with their cats.

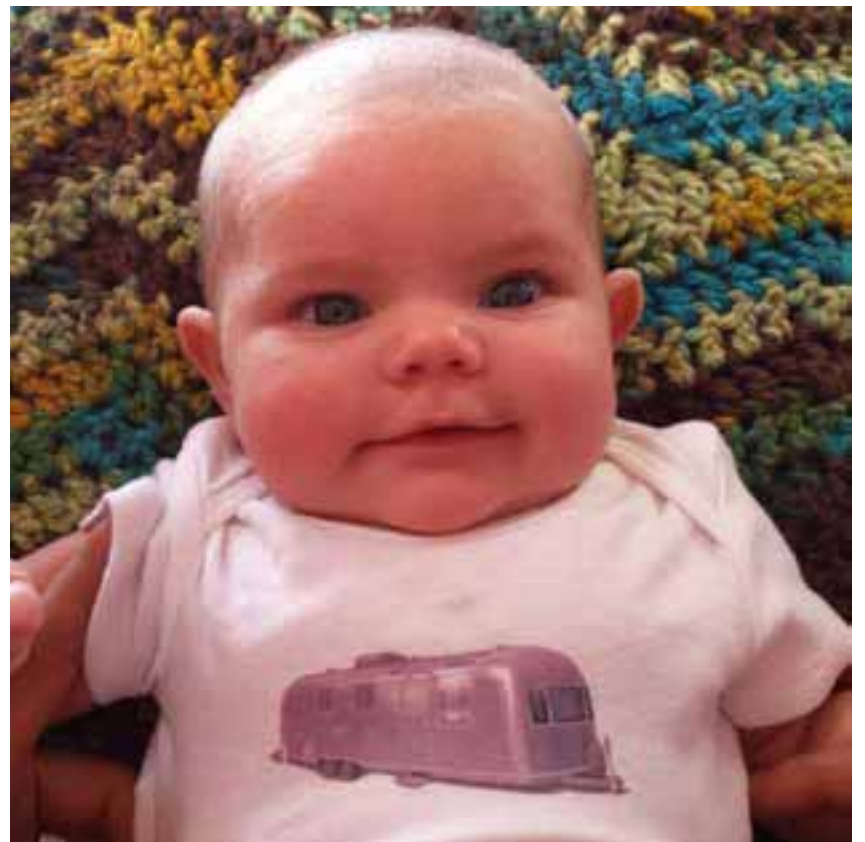
Meet the newest addition to the 4CU family! **Sydney Alexis Luta** was born to **Mike Luta & Nikki Holt** on 12 March 2014, at 6:20 PM, weighing in at 7 lbs, 1 oz, and measuring 19.5" long ... and is she a cutie! Nikki says Sydney is a happy baby, likes road trips and being outside ... and has already gone on her first Airstream trip at just 5 weeks old! Congratulations on your bundle of joy, Mike & Nikki!

Bob & Pat Knollenberg from Montrose, CO, are on the move ... again! They lived in Edgewater, FL, from 1997 to 2006. They vacationed in the west in 2005 and fell in love with Montrose, CO. They returned to Florida, sold their home and moved to Montrose the next year. While in Montrose, they explored other areas, including Arizona, looking at milder locations for the winters, but none seemed to compare to their

good memories
of Edgewater

... so back to

Florida they went this past winter thinking they'd be snowbirds, going back and forth as so many of us Airstreamers do ... but after thinking it through, they decided to buy another home in Edgewater. They returned to Montrose in May to sell their home and head back to Florida permanently. We wish you well in your future travels (they are eyeing North Carolina) and hope you will maintain your ties with the 4CU ... and that we'll get to see you once in a while at least!



Sydney Alexis Luta



If you have any news you'd like to share with your 4CU pals in the newsletter, just drop me a line at terry@tbrich.com !

Happy Trails! ~Terry

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 March 2014 Newsletter:

Carlos & Deanna Carrillo, Colorado Springs, CO (4CU)

John (Don) & Sue Dorchester, Prescott, AZ (4CU)

Philip & Linda Draper, Florence, AZ (4CU)

Keith & Michelle Harrington, Anthem, AZ (4CU)*

Mathew & Elise Hickey, Newport, RI (Affiliate, New England Unit)

Mike & Janice Hilley, Vero Beach, FL (4CU)**

Robert & Margaret Little, Surprise, AZ (4CU)

Angie & Cheryl Plunkett, Apache Junction, AZ (4CU)

Sheridan & Jeanene Prince, Farmington, UT (4CU)

Richard & Kristy Savage, San Tan Valley, AZ (4CU)

Linda Spradling, Litchfield Park, AZ (4CU)

Monty & Glenrose Weymouth, Ft. Collins, CO (Affiliate, DenCO Unit)

* Keith & Michelle were referred to the 4CU by their cousins Mark & Mary Hickman, who are 4CU Affiliate Members from the New England Unit. It's a small Airstream world!

** Mike & Janice are former 4CU members who lost their Airstream and tow vehicle in an accident in 2012. They have since recovered, now have another Airstream and have come back into the 4CU fold. Welcome home!

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:

We currently have 244 Members — 148 Full Members + 96 Affiliates. This tops all previous membership numbers. Congratulations to our members! It's because of you that the 4CU remains one of the best units in growth, with a reputation for great gatherings and welcoming members.

We have closed our rosters for 2014 and all new members are being listed under the 2015 membership year. We do this early cut-off because we will begin our renewal push for 2015 on 1 July ... and it seems unfair to enroll a new member at this time for 2014 and then ask them to renew two months later. Those whose "official" membership is listed under the 2015 calendar year will be members for all of 2015 as well the balance of 2014.

Unit Dues Increase Reminder:

Last January, the 4CU Board of Directors voted unanimously to increase the Unit portion of our annual 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. **The unit dues increase will take effect when we begin our 2015 membership renewal efforts on 1 July. The total dues for 2015 will be \$67 (\$65 International + \$2 Unit).** All members will be contacted by email in July to remind you of your membership status with reference to renewals for 2015. If you have prepaid your unit dues, that will be confirmed and you will not be affected by the increase.

Thank You, Desert Autoplex Airstream in Mesa, AZ!

The 4CU would like to thank **Denny Donaldson of Desert Autoplex in Mesa, AZ**. Denny is an enthusiastic 4CU supporter and is providing new Autoplex Airstream buyers with a complimentary one-year membership in the 4CU! Thank you so much for your support, Denny! **By the way, Desert Autoplex moved to a new location as of 15 May: 2260 E. Main in Mesa ... just west of Camping World. <http://www.desertautoplex.com>**

You Can Help the 4CU continue to Grow!

When we camp there are often opportunities to share our good times in the 4CU with other Airstreamers we meet along the way. All members are part of the membership effort ... why not print some **4CU 2015 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, your current membership status please do not hesitate to contact Terry Rich, Membership Chair, at **Terry@TBRich.com**.

Happy trails! ~ Terry





Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point), Mexico

Travel Log & Photos by Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker



After literally months of gentle coaxing from Louis & Sergio and Ron & Mark — and several missed trips — we finally agreed to venture South of the Border for the first time with them to Puerto Peñasco, MX, in November of 2010. It's also known as Rocky Point and is fondly referred to as Arizona's Beach Town. It's only about 60 miles south of the international border-crossing town of Lukeville, Arizona/Sonoita, MX. We were getting tired of them telling great stories of their times in Mexico together, and it was high time for us to join them. So we sent our reservation check to Playa Bonita, the RV resort where we would be staying. We were then committed! Whew!

We had to begin planning early for this trip because neither of us had current passports. So we had to do that, right away, once we decided to take the plunge. And of course we chose to do it the day before passport fees were to go up ... along with everyone else in Tucson who had procrastinated until the last day. We waited in line for two hours at the post office passport line, and when we finally got there, the guy doing the processing denied Greg's documentation saying that his proof of birth, etc., did not meet the requirements. He let mine go through, but told Greg he would have to obtain a certified birth certificate from Michigan and return to apply. Greg was not amused. Not even his military discharge papers would do the trick.

After paying a hefty fee to the State of Michigan to do a records search to get a certified birth certificate issued, Greg's certified birth certificate arrived in the mail. The same day Terry received a letter from the passport processing people stating that his birth documentation was not adequate either! So then we had to pay another fee to the State of Idaho to do a records search and provide Terry's certified birth certificate.

Long story short, we acquired our passports and were "official" citizens of the USA. What an ordeal it had turned into, though. We were then glad we hadn't waited any longer to get our passports!

Passports out of the way, we faced the next task. We had to get Mexican auto insurance for the time period we would be in Mexico. We called the insurance company that covers our trailer, and discovered that it is covered while in Mexico, so happily, we only had to get insurance for the truck. With a little coaching from Ron & Mark we got our insurance lined up without much trouble.



Then we had to take Annie & Sadie to the vet to get their certificate of health, which is required when you take a pet into Mexico. (Lots of folks ignore this, but we didn't want to risk being caught without proper papers for them. It would be just our luck.) Besides completing the health form (which is only valid for 10 days), our vet took pictures of the Girls and put them in a little Doggie Passport book. Too cute — their own little passports!

So all in all, this first trip south of the border was turning into an expensive little adventure ... passports for us ... Mexican insurance ... pet health certificates for the Girls ... But we were convinced it would be worth it. We were determined to have

a good time and not be too worried about anything. We knew that Ron & Mark and Louis & Sergio would take good care of us knowing that we were a bit nervous about it. We would be the second position in the caravan into Mexico so we were "protected."

We should mention that you are not allowed to take some things into Mexico — firearms, drugs, of course (duh), certain foods, etc. But frankly it is kinda complicated to understand all the restrictions, and what matters and what isn't as important. The only thing they asked us about at the border was if we had more than \$10,000 cash (we wish) and a few questions about food. For the most part, they pretty much waived us through. We suspect that since we were dragging a trailer, they knew we were bringing food, etc, but that we were also coming back relatively soon and not headed further into the country. Rocky Point is such a common destination that it is included in the "Free Zone" for those coming from the US ... and as such, has fewer restrictions and paperwork required.

But we're ahead of ourselves ... with all the preparation done, we were ready to go and have a great time! We were up at 6:00 AM Friday and on the road by 8:00 AM to meet Ron & Mark at Ajo Way (Route 86) and Kinney Road on the west side of Tucson. We got there first. Ron & Mark called when they reached the overpass over I-10, so we kept an eye out for them to come up from behind. Shortly thereafter they appeared behind us! They didn't stop when they got to us ... just kept going, and we pulled out behind them to head west on Route 86 toward Three Points, Sells, and finally, Why, AZ ... all on the Tohono O'odham Nation. We did stop in Sells to let the Girls stretch their legs and water lilies ... and to officially say "good morning" to Ron & Mark.



When we reached Why (just south of Ajo, AZ), we all gassed up and joined Louis & Sergio, who had come south from metro Phoenix on Route 85, which meets 86 at Why and continues on to Lukeville. It's 124 miles from Tucson to Why. And it's another 27.5 miles to Lukeville (then the 60 miles to Rocky Point for a total of 211.5 miles from Tucson to Rocky Point. With stops, gassing up and getting through the border it takes us 4-5 hours to get there from Tucson.

The traffic had been minimal. We noticed that 90% of the other vehicles we saw were US Border Patrol. We also saw them parked at strategic points along the way. Of course this is a "busy" corridor for illegal immigrants, so this is expected and was not a surprise. We had to negotiate a couple of check points as well ... we didn't have to stop going south, but we did when we came north later.

The road for Lukeville passes through the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument which sits on the border and is quite remote. We have never been there so we had come prepared to say our goodbyes to the guys at the border on the way home after Rocky Point and camp for a few days. Since this was all "new" territory for us, we enjoyed the drive through that part of the state, as desolate as it is. The roads were decent, but less-traveled, for sure, and the desert around Organ Pipe is very pretty.

When we got to the border we stopped on the US side and headed for the duty-free liquor store — a regular stop for this trip! There we purchased whatever liquor we thought we might consume while in Mexico. You're only allowed to bring one liter per person back across the border, so if you take it over the border you're supposed to consume enough while there so that you don't bring too much back! It was a fun stop ... talk about kids in a candy shop. What a racket that is! By the way, you can't go there, buy duty free liquor and head back toward the US ... you have to take your liquor purchases into Mexico.



After stocking up on liquor (more than enough) ... we pulled into the border crossing lanes and left the good ol' USA and became international Airstreamers! It felt like a rite of passage in some ways. We had not been to Rocky Point in many years. We used to go there and tent camp on the beach, but we stopped doing that long ago. It was exciting in a way. One thing that struck us immediately as we crossed over into Sonora, and that we suddenly remembered from those earlier trips — aside from the very severe speed barricades they have at the border ... if the trailer wasn't shaken before, it was after those — was that the concept of "zoning" is not a high priority there. Everything seemed a little helter-skelter with all types of buildings, both residential and commercial crammed

against each other in all sorts of odd combinations. And we noticed that many buildings seemed to be unfinished. (We later learned that as long as a building is not “finished” there are no property taxes levied ... so residents purposely leave buildings a little incomplete to avoid taxes. Quite clever, actually.) And it was obvious that the infrastructure is nothing like we are used to in this country. Streets in disrepair, no sidewalks in most places, open gutters, etc., etc. We really don’t realize how lucky we have it in the USA until you leave it. At the same time there is a certain charm and relaxed atmosphere. “Mañana” is more than a time frame in Mexico ... it’s a way of life.



The border town was like any other ... “Farmacias” abound to offer border-crossers inexpensive prescription drugs, as did casual stands selling tacos, shaved ice and other local fare. And of course, there were the street people wanting to wash windshields in exchange for a handout. And dogs. There were a lot of dogs. Probably strays. Some even had obvious health issues. That was a little sad. The Girls don’t know how good they have it either. We don’t think people think of their pets the same way we do in the US.

We were glad we were in between Mark & Ron, leading the parade, and Louis &

Sergio, bringing up the rear. As we made our way through town, it started to be less dense and soon we were on the outskirts of town. The terrain is very dry with dunes in the distance leading to the Sea of Cortez. Struggling Organ Pipe Cactus spot the sides of the roads but there is little that is green along the road. We tried to follow the speed limit, because the last thing we wanted was to be stopped by the “Federales”...but the locals, and some of the US vehicles didn’t seem to pay much attention to speed limits. It’s more like it’s a “suggestion.” Or maybe they thought the speed limits were posted in MPH...but of course, they are not...they are Kilometers Per Hour (bigger numbers than MPH: 60 MPH = 90.5 KPH)! We were trying our best to keep up with Mark & Ron and obeying the speed limit. Mark (who was driving) wanted to get there! It was fun following an Airstream, though...we tried to get some good shots of their rig along the way.



We got to Puerto Peñasco about 2:00 PM. We were grateful that Mark & Ron knew exactly where they were going, because some of the turns and maneuvers were not very obvious — especially when we got to the Playa Bonita Hotel on the north part of town, which sits just south of the RV park part of the property. The entrance to the hotel was all paved and nicely landscaped with palm trees and so on ... then just before the main entrance to the hotel, we made a sharp turn onto a dirt road that ran along a brick wall ... leading to the RV park. It was like the RV Park area is an ugly sister of the hotel! But the entrance to the RV Park was nice. We stopped at the office and went in to claim our



reservations and finish paying for our stay. They were all ready for us and gave us some maps and literature, etc., and welcomed us.

And then off we went to our sites. We had three beachfront sites together. We weren't actually on the beach, but on the beach side of the RV area...the sites back up to a sidewalk and short wall that separates the RV park from the beach of beautiful white sand. Jump the wall (or walk to a ramp to the beach) and you're right there. It wasn't too busy in the park, but there was a section closer to the office buildings where there is a reading room and a couple of other amenities that was filled with rigs that were obviously there for much longer periods. We later learned that many of the RVers were there for two or three months at a time. And their tans proved it. It was a substantial little enclave of A-class bus-type rigs, big trailers and huge fifth-wheels. We had full hookups including sewer connections, so we were all set. We had brought a full fresh water tank and an extra 15 gallons in the truck, and planned not to drink or cook with





the local water, but the more seasoned among us used the water without incident. Apparently the resort has a reverse-osmosis system in place.

Of course the first priority was to get our site set up and get ourselves onto the beach, which we did in record time. Before long we were on the beach with the Girls walking along the ocean and walking barefoot in the sand. Heaven. The Girls were loving it as well. Sadie, the water hound (sometimes she is so not a lady) waded up to her belly while Annie stepped gingerly along the edge being careful not to get her feet too wet. Typical. Both were very interested in the new smells they encountered. So there we were ... in Mexico ... with great friends and our Airstreams! What a great thing! Life is good.

That evening after cocktail hour, of course, we had an easy but great dinner of burgers and brats, potato salad and French fries ... and chocolate chip – mint cookies a lá Mr. Greg. Mmm'mm. The adventure had begun!

Please continue on with this accounting of our very first trip to Mexico with the Bambi on our travel log at http://www.tbrich.com/azbambi/rocky-point_nov10_intro.html. Trailering to Mexico is not for everyone and we prefer to travel in a group, feeling there is truth to the adage that there is safety in numbers. That said, we had a great first experience and have been several times since (see later trips on the travel log) ... we haven't been there in a few years now, but we will no doubt head south of the border again one day. Enjoy the travel log and some of the pictures from this trip! ~ Terry & Greg

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: Guiseppe & 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/pago-sa-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!

4CU THANKSGIVING RALLY

NOVEMBER 26 - 30, 2014

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK, AZ

RACCOON GROUP CAMPGROUND



The weather should be fabulous, lake levels good,
& we 4CU folks know how to do FOOD!

The Raccoon Group Campground is dry camping with a
large ramada that does have electric & water, fire pit, nice
restrooms & the occasional Burro herd wandering through
the campground in the middle of the night!

There is enough room for 30 trailers.

\$15 per night per trailer

\$5 per person Rally Fee

JOIN US!

RSVP on Airforums at

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/calendar.php?do=getinfo&day=2014-11-26;&e=1204&c=1>

Hostess: Julianne Campbell

2014 4CU Rally Schedule



When	What	Where	Host(s)	Contact
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 13 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
November 26 to 30 2014	4CU Thanksgiving Rally	Raccon Group Campground, Lake Pleasant Regional Park, Arizona	Julianne Campbell	juliannejillc@hotmail.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

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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REGION 11 · UNIT 004 · FOURCORNERS.WBCCI.NET

2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME(S)				DATE	
<input type="text"/>					
CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME					
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ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTRY
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HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL			
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YOUR NAME ON THE AIRFORUMS.COM (IF YOU ARE A MEMBER)					
<input type="text"/>					
DO YOU OFFER COURTESY PARKING? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO					

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

☐ **NEW 4CU MEMBER** · \$67 ANNUAL DUES (\$65 WBCCI DUES + \$2 4CU DUES)

☐ **RENEWING 4CU MEMBER** · \$67 ANNUAL DUES (\$65 WBCCI DUES + \$2 4CU DUES) · **YOUR WBCCI #**

☐ **TRANSFERRING MEMBER** · \$67 ANNUAL DUES · **FROM (UNIT NAME)**

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

☐ **AFFILIATE MEMBER** · \$2 ANNUAL DUES · **WBCCI #** **HOME UNIT NAME**

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

AIRSTREAM INFORMATION

YEAR	<input type="text"/>	MODEL	<input type="text"/>	LENGTH IN FEET (BUMPER TO BALL)	<input type="text"/>
SERIAL NUMBER	<input type="text"/>				

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: COMPLETE APPLICATION ON LINE AND PAY DUES (AND PROCESSING FEE) USING PAYPAL OR CCARD AT:

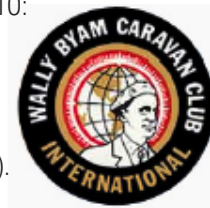
[HTTP://4CU.BOONDOCKING.NET/APPLICATION.PHP](http://4CU.BOONDOCKING.NET/APPLICATION.PHP)

Option C: IF USING INTERACTIVE PDF APPLICATION, COMPLETE & SAVE AS PDF & EMAIL TO:

FCU-TREAS@CYBERMESA.COM. FOLLOW APPLICATION WITH CHECK FOR DUES TO HOWARD EFNER (Address Above).

☐ **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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