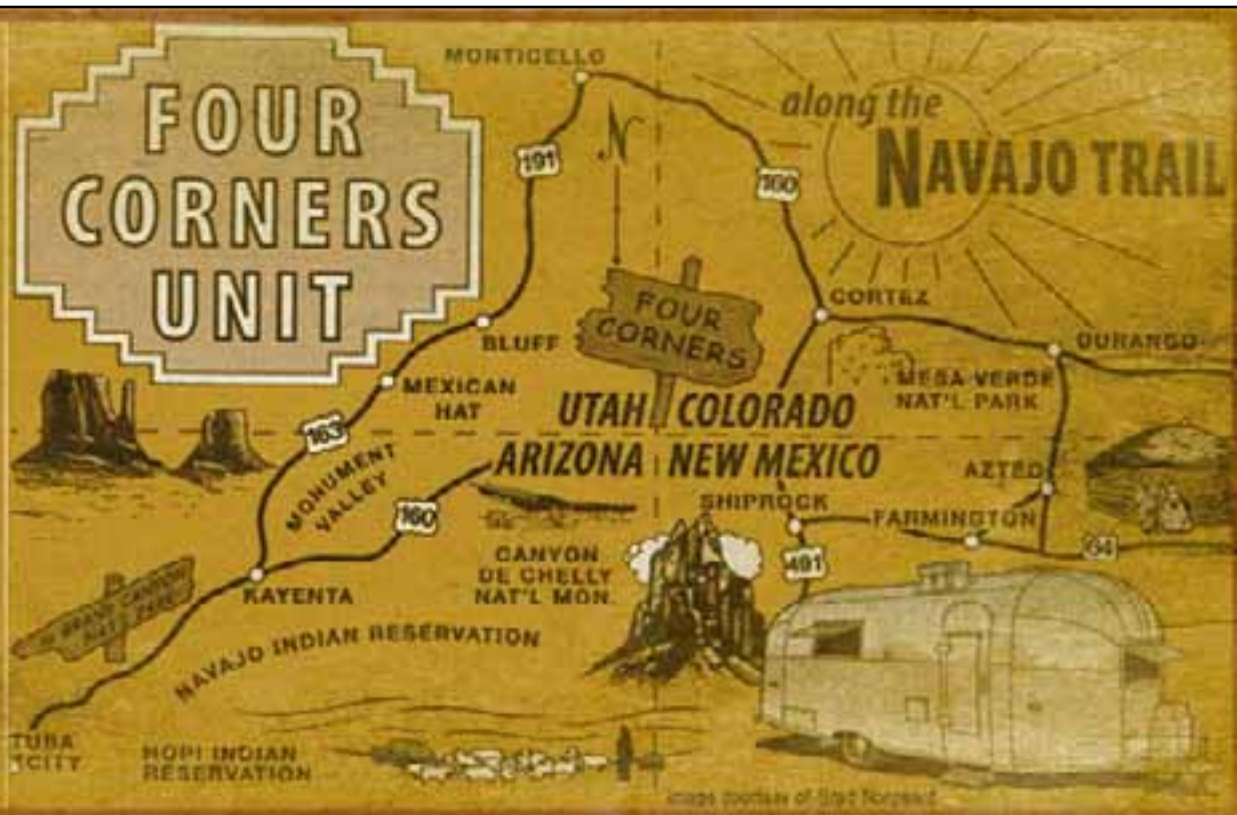


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President's Message by Janis White

Hello, 4CU! What an amazing summer of camping the 4CU put on with rallies in Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico! (I hope sometime in the next couple of years that a Utah rally will join the list.) Rallies, new and old, let 4CU members explore some of the



Photo by Rich & Schmuker

beautiful Four Corners states' areas and enjoy the company of friends, also new and old, during potlucks and social hours. Please take a look at the rally reports from our intrepid and generous rally hosts to see the best of 4CU.

But wait, there's more! Fall camping for the Unit should be just as much fun! And we have another new and exciting rally on the schedule: Rocks-n-Ritas (with a twist) for September 20-24.

And looking forward to next year, we have 2 new March rallies in Arizona - take a look at the Rally Calendar at the end of this issue for dates!

Wherever the road takes you this fall, be safe and have some fun.

~ Janis

Looking Forward

By Paul Ward, 1st VP

I am looking forward to 2015 and my term as the FCU (or 4CU) President (right, gulp).

We already have a great rally schedule coming together for 2015 and there will be a rare event in our home turf. The 58th WBCCI International Convention/Rally will be held in Farmington, New Mexico, June 26 to July 4, 2015!

What do we as a *Host Unit* do to contribute to this renowned event next year? My understanding is that the 4CU Unit was founded with the intention to be a beacon for the WBCCI, showing how units could evolve and adapt to the new generation of Airstream owners through more camping and less meeting. What do we do with WBCCI in Farmington, NM next year? I'm working hard to be positive and would love all ideas you may have.

There is a discussion topic set up for this subject on the 4CU private area of the Airforums; please email me with your thoughts, or go there and post your ideas and comments to share with everyone:

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/f407/58th-wbcci-international-convention-rally-farmington-nm-june-26-july-4-2-a-124643.html#post1503288>

~ Paul

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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!

Janis White & Barbara Johnston, Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker, Howard & Carolyn Efner,
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Linda & Paul Ridgeway

2014 4CU Second Quarter Financials – April through June

by Howard Efner

Second Quarter Financial – 4/01/14 to 6/30/14		
Starting Balance		3,411.74
Income		
	Dues - cash	137.00
	Dues – PayPal*	462.84
	Affiliate Badges	30.00
	Summer in SF Rally Surplus	161.00
	Donation	19.00
	Plunge in Pagosa Rally	1,425.00
	T-shirt postage	5.25
	T-shirt sales PayPal*	16.21
	Total	2,256.30
Expenditures		
	International Dues	585.00
	T-Shirt Reorder	110.77
	Total	695.77
Ending Balance		4,972.27
* Less PayPal Fees		

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

We're still working on development of the new section on the Web site for 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: Summer in Santa Fe III, Santa Fe, NM

by Howard Efner



Photo by Dennis & Diane Moore

The third annual Summer in Santa Fe Rally was held from June 5th through June 9th at Santa Fe Skies RV Park. The rally was co-hosted by Barbara Johnston, Janis White, and Howard and Carolyn Efner. There was a total of 28 Airstreams in attendance, along with two drop-in guest trailers on Sunday. It should be noted that the Sunday guests also joined the Four Corners Unit that day! Thanks, Terry.

While a lot of time was left open for exploring the Santa Fe area, some of the planned events, besides the usual 4CU Happy Hour each evening, were:

- Thursday, June 5th, for early arrivals, there was an optional dinner at The Pecos Trail Café, where about 20 of us enjoyed their Northern New Mexico food.
- Friday, June 6th was the roll-your-own soft taco bar for dinner.



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- Saturday, June 7th featured bacon and eggs for breakfast with Buddy, Barbara, and Janis cooking, while it was BBQ brisket for the evening potluck. Saturday was also movie night with the feature being 'Cowboys and Aliens', which was filmed in Northern New Mexico.
- On Sunday, June 8th Carolyn and Tamara held a demonstration of Guatemalan banana leaf tamale-making with the results being devoured at the evening meal.

Sadly, Monday, June 9th was happy trails time, with old and new friends vowing to return next year.

Santa Fe Skies RV Park has already been reserved for Summer in Santa Fe IV; the dates are Thursday, June 4th, 2015 through Monday, June 8th, 2015. Mark your calendars!

~Howard



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Rally Report: Fourth of July in the Pines Rally, Woods Canyon Lake, AZ
Hosted by Louis Hall & Sergio Quiros



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Rally Report: Plunge in Pagosa Rally, Pagosa Springs, CO

By Guiseppe & Maureen Margiotta



Overlooking San Juan Mtns - Photo by Guiseppe Margiotta

The “Plunge In Pagosa Rally” was our first attempt at putting an Airstream Rally together. Although we both had numerous experiences with other events, it was a great learning experience for us. Early in the planning stage Lou and Pat Santaro hopped aboard to co-host the rally with us. We did our best to sort out all of the logistics and came up with a plan.

Because Maureen and I are full time residents in Pagosa for over 30 years, it was relatively easy to jump through the permit hoops for the Rally site, get the downtown merchants’ support for door prizes, secure a hall for Saturday night dinner, and borrow a tent and picnic tables from my local council of the Knights of Columbus. Pagosa is a tight community that always seems to rise to the occasion of helping out when needed. We knew that with all the activities in town like the Cruise-a Thong and Disc Golf tourney, plus breweries, shops, and restaurants, there would be plenty to do within walking distance from camp - which is a novelty for most rallies!



Rally site - Photo by Guiseppe Margiotta



Rally site - Photo by Guiseppe Margiotta



Main gathering area - Photo by Guiseppe Margiotta

Rally activities included bicycle rides, a hike up Reservoir Hill to the site of the 4-Corners Folk Festival, Happy Hour every night, an open grill and pot lucks, Saturday BBQ dinner and door prizes, and Sunday pancake breakfast. The rally site was in a lush grass multi-use athletic field within a stone's throw from the San Juan River and Town Park, where the "Race for the Average Joe" took place on Saturday (aka Cruise-a-Thong).

The race is a wacky 3-part bike, walk (in flip flops), and tube ride down the San Juan River. The winners are the average time of all participants. Part of the fun is 2 live danceable bands and a beer garden. Most attendees enjoyed walking around town, sitting by the river, hiking, and enjoying the River Walk. The host kept busy making sure all the attendees were enjoying the sites in town which included 3 separate hot springs; after all, that was what the Plunge was all about - RELAXING!!

We closed out Sunday with an Open House which received rave reviews from many locals, and The UKE CRAZY UKELELE JAM of Pagosa did a 12 song set that included an original Airstream lyric song set to the tune of IKO IKO.

Many who attended the Rally helped out with setting up, cooking food, clean up and break down. It was in the spirit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club and the 4-Corners Unit that made it all a success. Thanks to all who attended and helped out! We hope to do this rally again in the future.

~ Guiseppe & Maureen



4 Corners Folk Festival Site - Photo by Guiseppe Margiotta



Maureen & Greg at Happy Hour - Photo by Guiseppe Margiotta



Pot Luck - Photo by Guiseppe Margiotta



Harry & Diane Cooking at Open Grill - Photo by Guiseppe Margiotta

Airstream: An American icon rallies in Pagosa

By Shanti Johnson
Staff Writer

The Four Corners Unit (4CU) of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) convened last weekend on the athletic field adjacent to Town Park, experiencing the beauty of southwest Colorado and opening up their Airstream trailers for public viewing.

The July 17-21 rally was hosted by locals Guiseppe and Maureen Margiotta, who joined the Airstream culture five years ago when they bought and restored a 1969 Globetrotter trailer. The Margiottas, avid outdoor enthusiasts, met a group of Airstream caravaners several years ago while camping, and have been part of the Airstream family ever since.

Guiseppe, along with second vice president for the WBCCI, Richard Girard, sat down early Sunday morning to talk with The SUN about the Airstream community and what they are all about.

A family

One of the biggest draws to becoming a member of WBCCI, which both Girard and Guiseppe agreed upon, is becoming part of an active community.

"The club is based on fun, friendship and adventure," Girard summarized.

Guiseppe expanded, saying, "The great thing about these people is that (they create) a big network that's very tight," adding that such strong bonds create the feeling of being in an extended family.

In order to accurately illustrate the strong sense of community among the caravaners, Guiseppe told the story of one couple who attended the Pagosa rally last weekend.

The couple was at first hesitant about leaving home to come to the area, as the wife has some very serious health issues. Everyone who attended the Pagosa rally was briefed about the woman's condition and the group made a safety plan — if the couple needed anything at all, all they had to do was honk their horn and help would be on the way. Having a doctor among the rally attendees also helped ease the couple's concerns. They decided to give it a shot and their time in Pagosa was a success.

"That's the kind of family we have here," Guiseppe stated with pride. "Once you get going on it, there are a gazillion different stories" about people going above and beyond to help each other out.

The rally organizer also explained that the club is all about giving back to the communities they visit, and members are actively involved in service projects all over the country.

For example, while they were here in Pagosa, the 56 attendees (in their 25 trailers) used the Pagosa Youth Center, adjacent to the field, for meals and gatherings. Guiseppe



SUN photo/Shanti Johnson

Guiseppe and Maureen Margiotta, hosts of last weekend's Four Corners Airstream rally, pose in front of restored 1969 vintage Globetrotter.

said that the center's circulation fan for the gym stopped working right before the Airstreamers arrived — making the space very hot during the day. He made an announcement about the broken fan during a rally dinner and set up a donation jar. Within just a few hours, \$150 had been raised to go toward the purchase of a new fan for the facility.

"Those are the type of people who are here," Guiseppe stated, adding that people in the club come from all walks of life and socio-economic backgrounds, offering what services and/or financial assistance they can when needed.

No matter who we are or where we come from, he said, "we all enjoy each other's company. It's really cool ... it really is."

Community benefits

In addition to helping with service projects, Girard, who will be the president of the entire international organization in 2016, explained that there are overall economic benefits to local communities when Airstream rallies come to town.

The 4CU rally was planned so that members could be within walking distance of many downtown Pagosa businesses. Guiseppe and Maureen spent many hours soliciting door prizes from downtown vendors and expressed their gratitude at the community's generosity. The prizes were given out at the beginning of the rally to help introduce the out-of-town guests to local restaurants, hot spring venues and shops in the downtown area.

Girard, who has been an avid Airstream club member for eight years and is a founding member

of the 4CU, said that Pagosa's rally was "one of the best (he's been to) in a long time," the location and setup of the rally brought everyone together, he explained, adding that the Margiottas "really did an excellent job."

Besides connecting the visitors to local businesses, Girard said, "I think a lot of what (communities) get, too, is the nostalgia of seeing the American Icon — the Airstream."

Members of the WBCCI make it their practice to invite local residents into their homes on wheels, often hosting open houses like the one held Sunday.

Many people have memories of being in an Airstream as a child, the second vice president said, "Wally Byam started making those things back in the thirties and sixty percent of all the Airstreams ever made are still on the road today."

"It's a real memory trip," Girard said enthusiastically, explaining that many people who have visited with him and his wife during rallies often reminisce about past days spent adventuring in an Airstream.

The adventure and thrill of experiencing new places is still one of Airstream's biggest draws, with frequent rallies keeping people traveling across the country — and world — today.

Before the 4CU rally attendees packed up and headed off on their next adventure, they concluded their time in Pagosa by offering an open house for curious community members and enjoying a ukulele jam, which featured decade-appropriate songs with altered lyrics written especially for Airstream travelers by Guiseppe and rally attendees.

To learn more about the 4CU,

which is just one of 115 different WBCCI units across North America and Australia, visit fourcornerswbcci.net.

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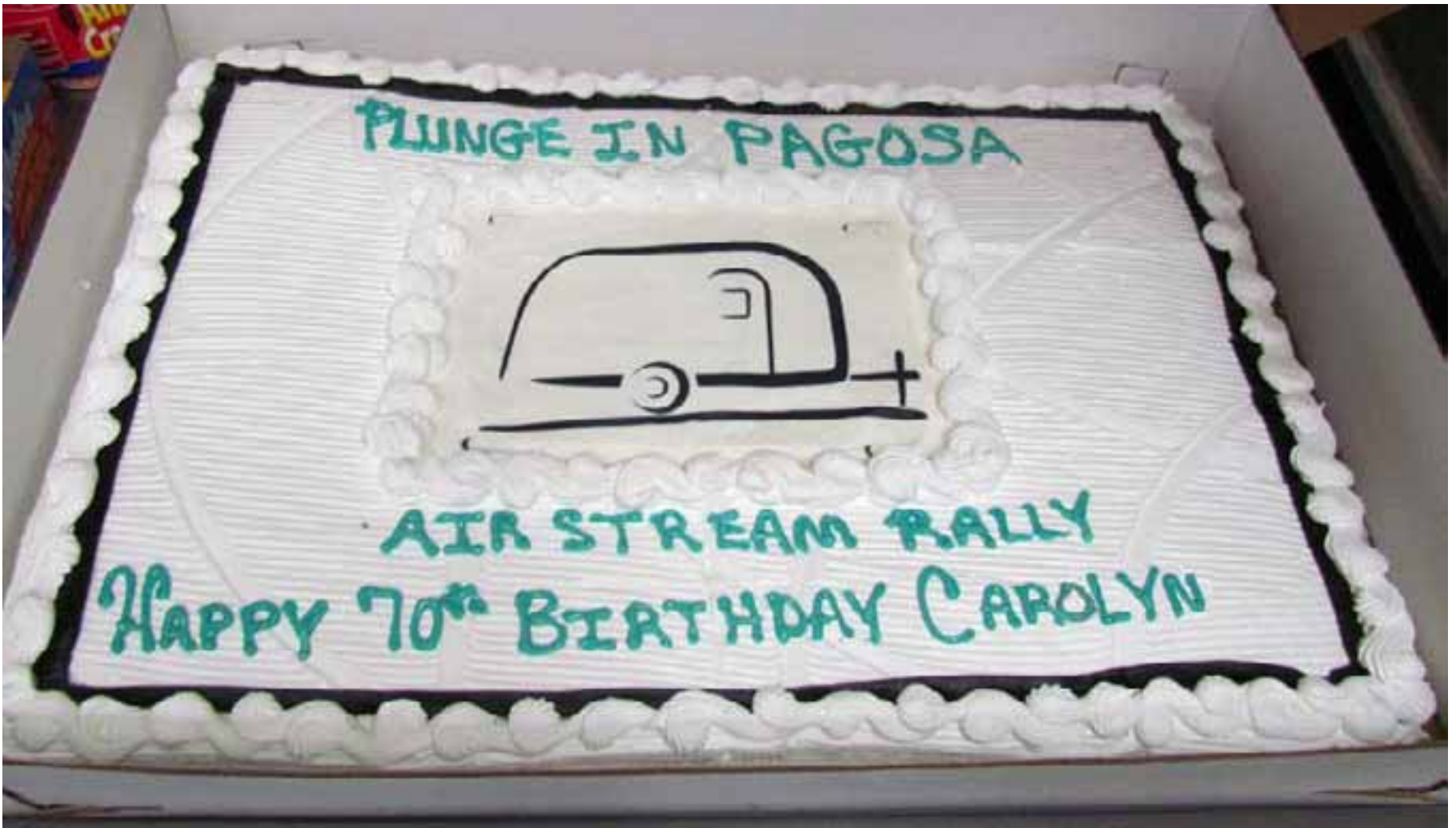
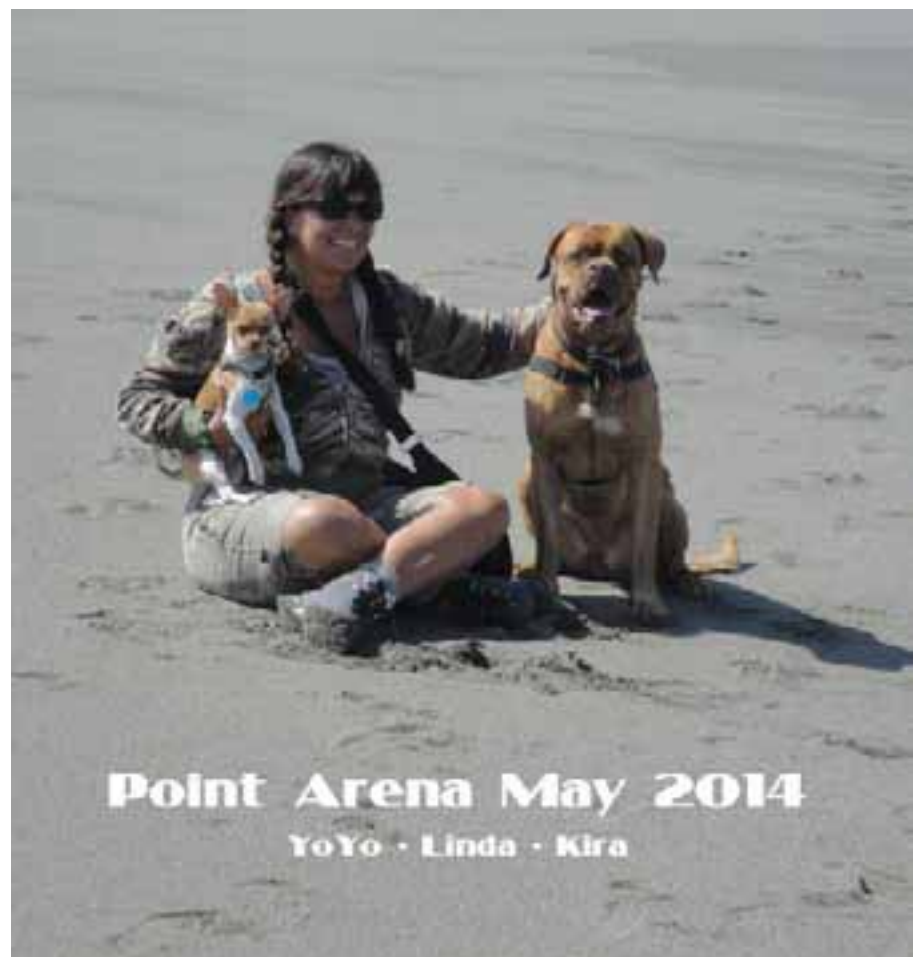


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Member Spotlight: Pets of the 4CU!

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!

Linda & Paul Ridgeway's Pups



Member Spotlight: Dale Schwamborn Remembers 2 Airstream Giants (Reprinted from Pee Wee's Posts on the 4CU Facebook Page)

On July 22nd we celebrate two who left a legacy that shouts achievement. Maybe better than "celebrating" we should "memorialize" two individuals who gave thousands and thousands a better way of life.

Wallace Merle Byam



On July 22, 1962 Wally Byam passed away in Los Angeles, California. Wallace Merle Byam was born in Baker City, Oregon on July 4, 1896. His life is a successful adventure. Today there are several things to revisit.

He was the founder of Airstream trailers, the iconic travel trailer in museums, books, television and movies. Wally Byam Caravans reached out to his Airstream owners to use and travel with their Airstreams, with a philosophy of people-to-people diplomacy. When Airstream owners wanted to form a Club he supplied the support for them to do so. He had an uncanny sense when it came to selecting talent to run Airstream; without his management choices Airstream may have ceased to exist. His final dream was to sail the seven seas, the canals, rivers and waterways of the world.

His life was cut short by a terminal illness. He lives on with every Airstream owner, and every rivet that produces a new Airstream.

Helen Byam Schwamborn



On July 22, 2004, Helen Byam Schwamborn, Wally Byam's first cousin, passed away in Bakersfield, California.

Born Helen Elmore Byam on August 8, 1904, in the city of Baker City, Oregon, traveled a very interesting life. Growing up she knew about her cousin Wallace Merle Byam, but their age difference and Wallace's living away from Baker City kept them from growing up together and forming that special relationship that cousins develop as youths.

It wasn't until 1931 when Helen and her husband Henry Schwamborn moved from Pennsylvania to California that Helen and Wallace developed their relationship as cousins. Over the years from 1931 to 1955 their relationship grew very strong.

During that period Helen saw Wally develop the Airstream trailer, work in the defense industry, and return to the production of Airstreams after the war. Wally Byam saved his company by forming Caravans to Mexico, Central America, and Canada.

In 1955 Wally and his wife Stella scheduled a summer's trip to Europe to scout the 1956 Airstream Wally Byam European Caravan. Over the years Wally noticed that his cousin had many skills, most notably organization and people skills. So he asked Helen to join Airstream and take over as leader on his 1955 Eastern Canadian Caravan.

He also instructed her to work with the Airstreams owners to form an Airstream Club. Helen's new position was responsible for Airstream Caravans, the newly founded Airstream Club, publications, and a seat on Airstream's Board of Directors. She worked with Airstream from 1955 until her retirement at the age of 75. Helen organized not only a club, the Wally Byam Caravan Club, but a world for Airstream owners to share their lives with other Airstreamers. This is a lasting legacy whenever you see more than one Airstream together with another Airstream.

We recognize her birth, her life's journey, and her legacy that Airstreamers enjoy today.

Editors Note: Dale, or "Pee Wee", as we better know him, is Helen Schwamborn's son and, of course, nephew of Wally Byam, the man who started it all. Pee Wee was involved in Wally Byam caravans as a young man, and himself has contributed much to Airstream lore. We are pleased to call Pee Wee a member of the 4CU. Through special permission of Airstream, Inc., he was assigned his mother's original WBCCI number - #2. What a rich heritage we enjoy!

Member Spotlight: Have Questions About Your First 4CU Rally?

by Janis White

At the recent Santa Fe Rally, a new member of 4CU pointed out the lack of any information about attending your first rally. The questions and answers below are intended to help any one who has a first rally coming up. Once you get to the rally, you'll find yourself part of an easy-going, enormously helpful community. Our common goal is to enjoy Airstream camping with friends!

Is there a dress code? What should I wear?

4CU does not have a dress code!

Casual camping attire is what you'll be most comfortable wearing. Shorts, t-shirts, polos work for warmer camping, and jeans or khakis worn with long-sleeve tops for cooler camping. Looking at the pictures from rally reports in the newsletter lets you see what other folks wear. And occasionally a rally theme will call for costumes - dress up is always optional!

Do I have to attend all the events on the rally schedule or agenda?

You are free to participate in as much or as little of the rally schedule as you wish.

Everything in 4CU is voluntary—hosting or attending rallies, the newsletter, the board.

Can I bring a friend or relative who is not a member of 4CU with me?

Yes, you may!

A number of 4CU members often bring grandchildren, for example, with them to rallies. The only caveat is that your friend or relative will need to stay either in your Airstream or off-site at most rallies. The exception is the Buddy Rally, where attendance is open to non-members in non-Airstream RVs.

Can I bring my pets?

Yes, you may bring your pets. You should not bring them into rally events when food is involved.

As a courtesy to other campers, 4CU expects you to clean up after your dogs. For the safety of your pets and the safety of other people and pets, please keep your pets on-leash when around others.

What do I do for a potluck?

Eat!!!! You may bring any kind of food you like. Potluck dinners let 4CU share an amazing variety of good food. Pictures in the newsletter rally reports will give you a good idea about the variety of food that goes on the table.

What the heck is an "Open House"?

Sometimes rallies include an afternoon Open House (scheduled or spontaneous) where we briefly visit and take a look inside each other's Airstreams. It's a great way to show off your trailer and collect ideas and information about decorating and living in our silver palaces. Participation is, of course, voluntary.

~ Janis



Dead Horse 6 Rally - Photo by Rich & Schmuker



Plunge in Pagosa Rally - Photo by Rich & Schmuker



Photo by Dennis & Diane Moore



Photo by Rich & Schmuker

Member News Notes

by Terry Rich

Scott Anderson (Napa, CA) is currently full-timing, spending part of the summer in South Dakota repairing homes damaged by the flood of 2011. Presently he's in Idaho Falls, ID. He has informed us that in order to gain the living space he needs, he's sold his Airstream Bambi and replaced it with a Jayco White Hawk REKS. So we are losing Scott as a member for 2015. That's the bad news. The good news is that Scott is engaged! Go, Scott! We wish you and your fiancée the best and that you will have only smooth travels ahead. We'll miss you! **UPDATE:** Scott uses his brother's address in Napa, CA as his "home base" while full-timing. After the earthquake, Scott reports that his brother's family is OK ... they suffered some damage to their home, but nothing that can't be repaired or replaced. That's good news!

Joe & Nancy Conrad (Olympia, WA) headed to Alaska this summer...you can tag along on their adventures through their blog ... Go to their blog at buddytravels.blogspot.com ... "Streamin' with Joe and Nancy"... What a life! And what a wonderful trip! Travel safe, you two!

Jerry & Kathryn Crowder (Albuquerque, NM) have a new granddaughter! Her name is Elowen Rue Dudley, born on 16 July. Kathryn says, "She is the most adorable baby we've seen since the last grandson was born a year ago!" Congratulations. Go ahead — spoil them rotten! They are also leaving on a trip to Newfoundland and Labrador at the end of August ... but they promise they are going to stick closer to home next year so we will be able to see them more often! We're going to hold you to that! In the meantime, enjoy your travels!

Howard Efner (Lamy, NM) has become the new Treasurer for Region 11, taking office on 1 July! Happily, we don't have to give Howard up as the 4CU Treasurer, so we'll let him do that. Congratulations, Howard! We know from experience that you'll do a wonderful job taking care of the Region's books.

Marc Hammond (Prescott, AZ) is in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (say that 5 times fast) until September. He's taking an immersion program to learn Spanish. His wife, **Carol**, is holding down the fort at home. Marc says he's learning a lot and gaining a better understanding of the culture ... and that the area he's in holds a certain beauty that is growing on him. What an adventure!

Angie & Cheryl Plunkett (Apache Junction, AZ) have lost both their furry fellows this summer. **Josh**, their 8-year-old Maltese, developed a sudden health issue early in July and they had to let him go. Then **Oliver**, their 12-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, who gave them 3 good years more than anyone expected, said goodbye on 1 August after his health deteriorated. We know the pain you feel from the hole they left in your hearts.



Spike Ress (Parowan, UT), oil painter and water colorist, was featured in a show at Worthington Gallery in Springdale, UT, in June. Spike is known for his use of bold colors and his ability to capture the vivid landscapes of the Southwest. If you attended the 4CU New Year's Rally you may have been able to view some of Spike's work. Spike makes the 2nd 4CU artist to be featured at the Worthington Gallery. Potter **Carolyn Efner** (Lamy, NM) is also among the artists showing their work there.

Lou & Pamela Schwitzwer are the newest 4CU members to become part of the Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park community in Lakeside, AZ (which is near Show Low). They purchased a lot earlier this summer and plan to spend many relaxing and cool times there in the tall pines ... when they are not traveling or attending 4CU rallies! Congratulations, Lou & Pamela!

Ed & Jeanne Stroetz (Thomson, GA) have recently purchased a new home in Thomson (near Augusta). These two do get around, don't they?! Congrats on the new digs ... we know this will keep you occupied for a while, but when you get the chance, do hit the road again and come on out to see us! We'll be here!

In 2013 **Markus & Felicia Wall** (Albuquerque, NM) spent nearly 3 months on the road in their 1976 22' Argosy making a trip of 10,000+ miles and visiting over 20 states ... but decided to come home to Albuquerque in anticipation of the arrival of their now 7-month-old daughter, **Eva**. 4CU members attending the SoNM Rocks-n-Ritas Rally later this month will get to meet them all, including Eva ... shown here with her brand new passport. She'll use her passport for the very first time when we cross the border into Mexico for lunch! Is she a looker, or what?



Happy Trails! ~Terry

4CU Membership Notes

by Terry Rich

Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to **WELCOME** the following **21 New Members** who have joined the 4CU since the June 2014 Newsletter. Because the 2014 membership roster is closed, all new members are listed under the 2015 membership year, but have full membership benefits for the balance of 2014 ... as well as all of 2015.

Barbara Alpher, Sioux Falls, SD (4CU)

Gregg & Valri Ayer, Grand Junction, CO (4CU, Transfer from the NorCal Unit)

John & Sylvia Blan, Los Lunas, NM (4CU, Former Affiliate, Transfer from the NM Unit))

John Colaizzi, La Quinta, CA (Affiliate, San Diego Unit)

John & Julie Cook, Mesa, AZ (4CU)

John & Theresa (Tracy) Covington, Phoenix, AZ (4CU)

Tracy Cronin, Albuquerque, NM (4CU)

Jon & Selena Hughes, Pagosa Springs, CO (4CU)

Mike & Tana Feldman, Elk City, OK (4CU)

Michael & Cynthia Luts, Rio Rancho, NM (4CU, Transfer from the NM Unit)

Kenneth Maggard, Paradise Valley, AZ (4CU, Former Affiliate, Transfer from the AZ Unit)

Merv & Susan Mydland, Las Cruces, NM (4CU)

Larry & Margie Peterson, Gold Canyon, AZ (4CU, Former Affiliate, Transfer from the AZ Unit)

Ian Poulin, Richmond, VA (4CU)

Roger & Jan Pruter, Colorado Springs, CO (Affiliate, DenCO Unit)

Michael Rittenberry, Los Lunas, NM (4CU)

Darcey Spears & Pat Reddemann, Tucson, AZ (4CU)

Austin & Taylor Wetsch, Albuquerque, NM (4CU)

Norm & Sharon White, Phoenix, AZ (4CU, Transfer from Heart of TX Unit)

Steven & Mary Lynn Wyllie, West Jordan, UT (4CU)

Jim & Sue Yourishin, Westcliffe, CO (4CU)

A big 4CU WELCOME to each of you! We are pleased to have you join our merry band of happy campers and encourage you to get involved! Why not sign up for a 4CU rally and jump in ... you won't be sorry. We are an easy bunch to be with and we all look forward to seeing you around the 4CU campfire as soon and as often as possible.

Our Current Membership Numbers:

We currently have 261 Member Rigs — 167 Full Members + 94 Affiliates. This reflects folks who are members for 2014, plus new members for 2015 — and tops all previous membership numbers. Congratulations to our members! It's because of you that the 4CU remains one of the top WBCCI units in growth and enjoys a well-deserved reputation of great gatherings and welcoming members.

It's time to Renew Your Membership for 2015!:

Just two months into the annual membership renewal cycle, we have had a very good response to our membership renewal efforts. Each month a reminder will be sent to those who have not yet renewed. **NOTE: You have until 31 Dec 2014 to renew, but if you want your member information listed in the 2015 International Directory, you need to renew by mid-October at the latest.** There's a **2015 Membership Application** at the end of the Newsletter ... or you can download a form in various file formats [here](#) ... or you can renew online [here](#). (It's easy and instant. There is a small processing fee for online renewals.)

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 email to folks you meet while camping! You just never know when someone will want information about the 4CU!

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! Desert Autoplex is located at 2260 E. Main in Mesa ... just west of Camping World.

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
Terry Rich
Membership Chair

Classifieds

For Sale:

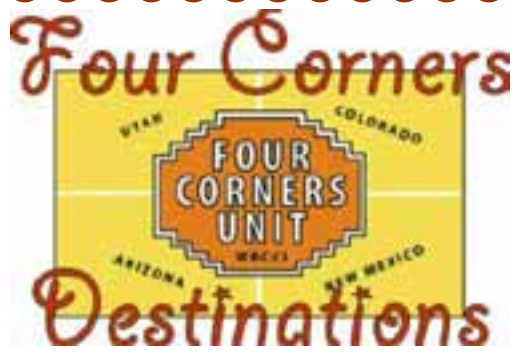
The following Membership Lots at **Ponderosa Shadows Airstream Park, Lakeside, AZ**

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

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

- Lot #154 Price: \$18,000 Contact: tcandywoo@gmail.com or 480-294-9585
- Lot #124 Price: \$24,500 Contact: Bob Walter 404-509-1890 or bob.walter3@gmail.com
- Lot #109 Price: \$22,000 Contact: 520-760-5972
- 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

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



A Winter Visit to Patagonia Lake State Park, AZ

Travel Log & Photos

by Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker



Our first trip of 2010 was to [Patagonia Lake State Park](#), about 3 1/2 weeks after we got home from our [Holiday Trip to Lost Dutchman State Park and the 4CU New Year's Rally at Picacho Peak](#). So we were more than ready to hit the road again! 3 1/2 weeks! That's way too long between trips! (Whine, whine.) We'd planned to go sooner, but Southern AZ was having an especially wet winter, so we delayed it a bit.

We hadn't been in this part of southern Arizona since our trip to [Patagonia Lake in January 2009](#). So it felt good to be heading there again. It seems like we always end up going to Patagonia Lake in the winter. Terry keeps saying he wants to go there later in the year when the trees are greener with leaves. It hasn't happened yet, but it *leaves* something to look forward to! The problem is that it gets busy with families flocking to the water in the summer, and it is potentially very warm in the summer, and early fall, so timing is everything. One of these days we'll just take our chances and go!

One NOTE before we go on. At the time of this visit to Patagonia Lake State Park, there was only a limited area with electric & water hookups ... in the eastern camping area. The larger camping area



to the west was all dry camping. BUT ... since this trip, all the dry camping sites in the west area have been converted to water and electric sites, so there are plenty of hookup sites to go around. Of course, these days you can make reservations, too!

If you remember back then, **Patagonia Lake State Park** is one of a few AZ state parks that remained open after the rape and pillage of park funds by the state legislature ... because it is a lucrative operation, between the winter visitors and summer fishing and water sports. The park offers everything from camping to swimming to fishing to boating and kayaking, so it is popular. There is a marina where you can rent fishing boats and paddle boats. So there's something for everybody. There's even a small store that sells basics, including gas and propane.

We took the "scenic route" from Tucson to Patagonia Lake, which takes us east on I-10 to Arizona Route 83 south, to Sonoita, AZ, where we pick up Arizona 82 west, to through Patagonia, and on about 15 miles to the park entrance. It's only about 75 miles from Tucson, so it's a relatively short but pleasant drive through high desert terrain. You can also take I-19 south from Tucson to Nogales and come to the park from the west on Route 82. That way it's about 86 miles, mostly on the Interstate. Sometimes we go one way and come home the other way so we're not backtracking as much. We prefer traveling on non-Interstate roads when possible, so we usually opt for the easterly route. While the park is well off the highway, it's a short drive to either Patagonia or Nogales from the park, so those are good day trips in the area. There are also a number of wineries in the area.

About half way to the lake Terry realized that in the rush to get out the door and on the road, he'd forgotten to bring his money, his driver's license, and his ID. Great. And of course, he was driving! So for the rest of the towing part of the trip, Terry was illegal. Greg drove the day trips just to be safe from getting a ticket for driving without a license. Terry told Greg that since he didn't have his own money or credit cards, this weekend would have to be on Greg! (And you thought Terry had not planned well!)



We got to the park in good time. The road from Sonoita through Patagonia and on to the park is a pretty drive, so it seemed short. As we suspected, there were lots of open spaces, particularly in the then-dry camping area. There were a few spots still open in the electric loops when we got there, but we headed to the dry camping area. There were maybe 3 rigs beside ourselves in the dry camping area, so we had lots of space to ourselves. Not a bad thing! We chose a site that faced the lake looking toward the beach area. We got unpacked and took the Girls for their first walk. They are always so eager to get out and do their initial sniff-fest. We often wonder if they “recognize” places between visits. Dogs are supposed to have an extraordinary sense of smell, so it would not surprise us. Maybe after a few sniffs, they think to themselves, “Oh, yea... this place. We where here about a year ago.”

We had brought the generator with us of course, as this was to be a dry camping weekend. Though we’d been to Patagonia Lake several times, this was the first time we’d stayed in the dry camping area. When we were here before in the electrical loops, we could not get any TV reception, and the Internet reception was very spotty. So we had no high expectations for this trip in terms of “being connected.” But we had a pleasant surprise ahead. We still didn’t have any TV reception, being down in a valley and fairly far-removed from signal towers ... but much to our surprise, we had totally adequate Internet and cell reception! Then we realized that the poor reception in the east electric loop was probably due to the fact that those areas are at the foot of a steep hill and the dry camping area is further removed from the hill in a more open area. It just goes to show you that the “premium” sites do not always deliver the best amenities.

We enjoyed the park being sparsely populated. We set up camp, built a fire and settled in for the weekend. The Bambi had a new interior, “Navajo Water Blanket” décor for this trip. It’s based on a Pendleton blanket by the same name and has a dragon fly as the central graphic element. Apparently the dragon fly is symbolic of water in some Native American cultures. It seemed very appropriate considering all the rain we were having. Greg picked up the dragon fly graphic motif and made window valances and pillow covers to match. We really like using Pendleton blankets, especially when it’s chilly out ... they’re so cozy ... and usually they are reversible so you really get two “looks” out of the same blanket. Bonus!



After we set up a few more rigs came into the park, but we still pretty much had our corner of the park to ourselves. Weather held pretty well. It was cool but comfortable and the evenings were brisk with great sleeping weather. We had a pleasant rest of the afternoon and evening.

One of the reasons we wanted to come to Patagonia was to scout a possible location for a boondocking gathering that had loosely been planned for late March. Our Airstream friend Rodney, from Tennessee (who at the time was also a member of the 4CU), is an avid boondocker. He was planning to be in SoAZ in March and was working to put together a group and a location to gather for a boondocking weekend. Someone had suggested a ghost town/abandoned mining camp called **Harshaw Camp**, located about 8 miles SE of Patagonia, as a potential location. We told Rodney that we'd scout the site and let folks know what we thought. (The link for Harshaw is quite interesting and discusses a number of ghost towns/abandoned mining camps in the area, including Harshaw. There are quite a few, and some have quite colorful histories.)

So continue on with our Patagonia Lake State Park **travel log** and join us as we explore the Harshaw area in hopes of finding a decent boondocking site. And be sure to check out earlier trips to the Patagonia area and Patagonia Lake State Park and other camping opportunities in Southern AZ. There are tons of pictures on our travel log ... Enjoy, and we'll see you down the road! Maybe the 4CU should have a rally there! Hmmm ... ~Terry & Greg



ROCKS-N-RITAS RALLY 2014

WHEN: Saturday Sept 20 - Wednesday, Sept 24, 2014

WHERE: City of Rocks & Pancho Villa NM State Parks

HOSTS: Howard & Carolyn Efner - hfefner@cybermesa.com
Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker - Terry@TBRich.com

AGENDA:

Friday, Sept 19:

Early Arrivals

Saturday, Sept 20:

Meet at City of Rocks State Park

Evening **Open Grill** - Bring a "Weird Side" to Share

Sunday, Sept 21

Morning Coffee & Goodies

Enjoy City of Rocks & Surrounding Areas

Evening **Potluck - Mexican Theme**

Monday, Sept 22:

Morning Coffee & Goodies

Caravan south 62.2 mi to Columbus, NM & Pancho Villa State Park
(or relocate on your own)

Evening **Pot Luck - Comfort Food**

Tuesday, Sept 23:

Morning Coffee & Goodies

Optional Walk-Across-the-Border for Lunch and

Shopping at **The Pink Store in Las Palomas, Mexico.**

You will need a valid passport to re-enter the USA if you cross the border.

Evening **Spaghetti Dinner Provided** - Bring a Side to Share.

Wednesday, Sept 24:

Rally Ends - Happy Trails! We'll see you next time!

NOTES:

There is **no dump station** at **City of Rocks**, but there is one at Pancho Villa.

This is a **WBCCI** rally. Guest Airstreamers may attend - please contact a host.

RALLY FEE:

\$12/Rig (Send with completed Registration Form at end of Newsletter.)

CAMPING:

City of Rocks: Make your own reservations for the limited electric/water sites ... or dry camp (no reservations) in or near Orion Group Area.

Pancho Villa: No reservations needed for water/electric sites.

LIMIT:

20 Rigs

DEADLINES:

Register by: Friday, Sept 12

No refunds after: Friday, Sept 12

FURTHER INFO:

For further details contact a host.

**1ST LEG:
CITY OF
ROCKS
STATE
PARK**



**2ND LEG:
PANCHO
VILLA
STATE
PARK**



Columbus

Puerto
Palomas,
Chihuahua

Chihuahua, Mexico

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
September 10 to 14 2014	Region 11 Rally	Santa Fe Skies RV Park, Santa Fe, New Mexico 1-877-565-0451	Region 11 Officers – President Roger Pruter; 1st VP Barbara Vaughn; 2nd VP Nancy Fisher	Barbara Vaughn 928-859-3462
September 20 to 24 2014	Rocks N' Ritas Rally	various Southern New Mexico locations	Howard & Carolyn Efner & Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker	hfefner@cybermesa.com terry@tbrich.com
November 26 to 30 2014	4CU Thanksgiving Rally	Raccoon Group Campground, Lake Pleasant Regional Park, Arizona	Julianne Campbell	juliannejillc@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
March 12 to 16	Mid March Rally	Cave Creek Regional Park, Cave Creek, AZ	Paul & Ronnie Ward	toocubed@yahoo.com
March 26 to 29	March Wilderness Rally - Joint with AZ Unit	White Tanks Regional Park, Phoenix, AZ	Paul & Ronnie Ward & Bob Doster	toocubed@yahoo.com

4CU Thanksgiving Rally Registration Form

November 26 - November 30, 2014 at Lake Pleasant Regional Park, AZ

Name(s) _____

#Kids _____ Name(s) _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

WBCCI # _____ Year/Model _____

Rally Fee: #adults in party _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Julianne J Campbell**

Please mail this form along with check to:

Julianne J Campbell

17471 West Evans Drive

Surprise, AZ 85388

Questions? Contact Julianne at JulianneJillC@msn.com

ROCKS-N-RITAS RALLY • REGISTRATION FORM

September 20 - 24, 2014 (Early Arrivals September 19, 2014)

Name(s): _____

Home Town: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ WBCCI # _____ Unit: _____

I/We plan to arrive at City of Rocks on: ☐ Friday, September 19 ☐ Saturday, September 20.

☐ I/We can provide a grill if needed. ☐ I/We can provide a gas firepit if needed.

Rally Fee is \$12 per rig. Please make your check payable to **Howard Efner** and send with form to:

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

Registration Deadline: Sept 12, 2014 • **Deadline for Cancellation with Refund:** Sept 12, 2104.

Questions? Contact: hfefner@cybermesa.com or Terry@TBRich.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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2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME(S)				DATE	
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CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME					
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ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTRY
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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** (PDF format will be sent via email. For a paper receipt, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Howard Efner.)

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



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