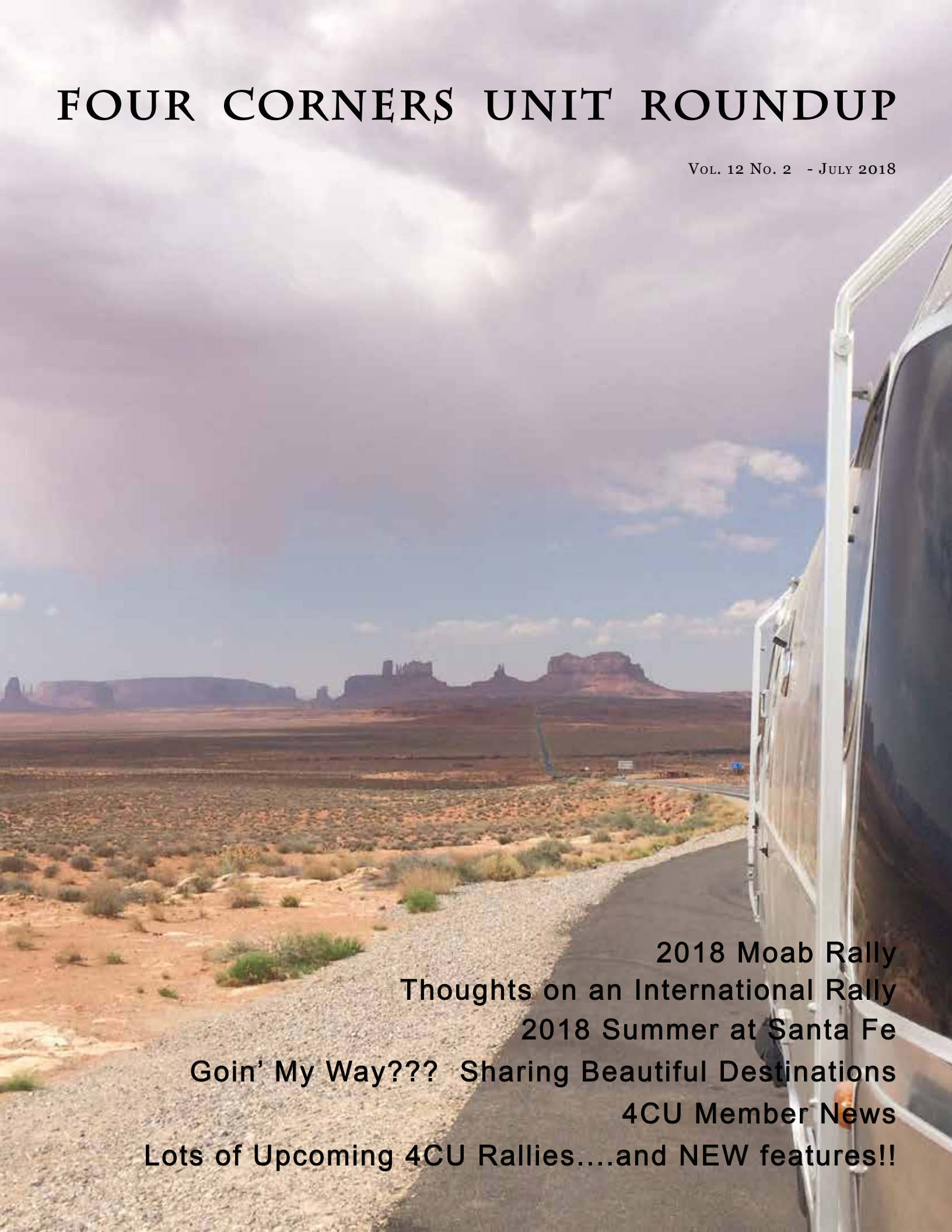


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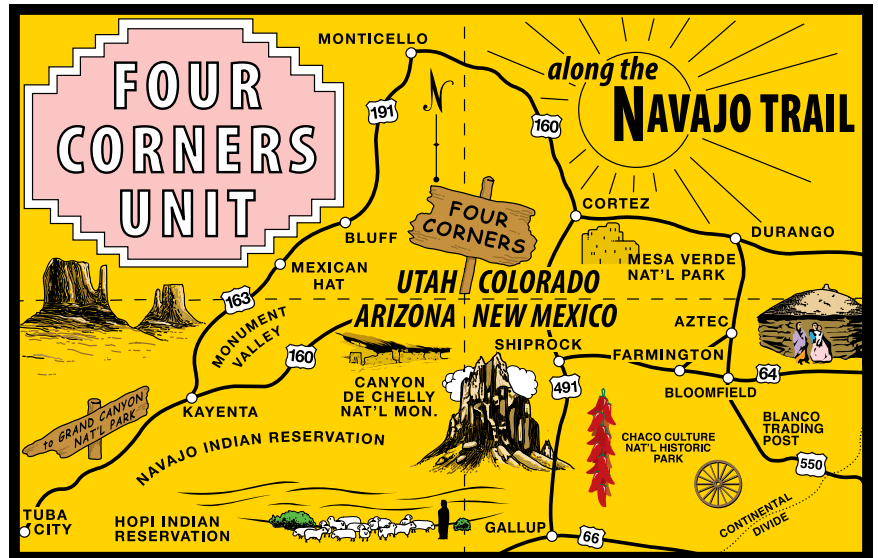
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ON THE COVER



This issue we see an Airstream in Monument Valley!!

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EDITOR'S LETTER

By Bonnie Bobman

Welcome to Summer!!

As the temperatures heat up here in the "lower" southwest, many of us are looking to head north to the mountains or even west to the beaches. After the fabulous Moab2 rally, Alan and I delayed our return to the Phoenix temps of 107 by relaxing in the cool pines of Flagstaff before we had to hit the Phoenix valley temps of 107!

Now, although the 4CU may not have a formal gathering for the remainder of the summer, remember you can always let your 4CU family know if you'd like some company at a special place you'll be visiting! Many times, they will already be there! How many times have you started a conversation with a fellow airstreamer only to find out they were members of the 4CU?!!

Then, before you know it, the summer will be turning into fall and those cooler temps will be upon us - - sooner for our northern folks! But it's so great to know that we can always find a perfect campsite in the Four Corners most anytime of year!

Please take a look at our updated rally schedule. We've added a few more since our last publication! I bet you'll be running for your calendars so you can "pen in" a new rally along with some of our annual favorites!

Have a HaPpY 4th!



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Letter from Our President

✧ By Terry Rich ✧

The year is rushing right along — we are already at the mid-point of the year! When we get to July, it's time to launch our annual "push" for 2019 membership renewals. While it seems early to be worrying about 2019, trust me — it takes every bit of six months to get everyone renewed. The sooner you renew, the better. The first renewal reminder will be sent out in July. If you have a special situation (like having paid your dues in advance) you will receive an email reminding you of your status.

Also, the mid-point of the year is a good time to take stock of our rally calendar. In the April Newsletter I encouraged members to consider hosting or co-hosting a rally and stressed that in order to have a successful unit, we not only need to attract new members but we must also retain those new members. To do that we need to offer interesting and engaging rallies ... and we must do that on a consistently frequent basis.

If you check the 4CU Rally Page on the website (<https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies.html>) you will see the fruits of various members' efforts to answer the call of rally hosting. We have a couple of new (or young) rallies already on the docket for 2019. The Binational Pancho Villa Cavalcade of Horses Rally will be held again next March (with new co-hosts). Moab3 will be held again (with new hosts). There's an exciting new UT Capitol Reef Rally on the docket for May following the Moab3 Rally. And heads up — there's Lo Lo Mai Rally in the works for February — with a Valentine's Day theme (with first-time hosts & co-hosts). So early 2019 is looking good so far!

So what about the rest of 2018? Unfortunately, no one stepped up to get a rally planned for this summer. This is disappointing to say the least, and it puts an uncomfortable hole in our rally schedule. Let's not let this happen next year. Let's get things in order for the summer of 2019 by starting NOW to plan excellent rallies. Because many of us seek to escape the summer heat, somewhere cool is definitely preferred ... to do that usually means advanced venue reservations and planning.

In the meantime, with this summer being slow, it's a good opportunity for folks to experiment with informal 4CU gatherings, a concept that has been tossed around in recent discussions at rallies and in various forms. We can call them Flash Rallies, or Pop-Ups or Un-Rallies. The idea is: if you are planning to camp somewhere this summer and want company or want to share your favorite summer venue, let others know when and where you will be. Let us know if there are other sites available and a few details about the venue, etc. We will help you spread the word through an eblast. These would be unstructured, unofficial gatherings — but still opportunities to get out with your Airstream friends. Who knows — if one of these works well, perhaps it could become a full-fledged rally later on!

When we hit the fall/winter months things look better for 2018. On the docket are the Pancho Villa IV Rally in NM, the Thanksgiving Rally at Caballo Lake, NM and the Annual New Year's Rally at Picacho Peak, AZ. There are at least three potential rallies being hatched for the fall...one in late Summer in NoNM, one in September in SoNM and another in SoNM for early December. It would be great if someone could take on hosting a Thanksgiving Rally in the Metro Phoenix area giving us a first: simultaneous Thanksgiving Buddy Rallies serving our highest-member areas in NM and AZ.

Many of you will be heading out for your summer adventures. Have fun and be sure to take lots of pictures to share with us. And remember — travel well and travel safe.

Your president,

Terry Rich





4CU Member News

🌀 By Terry Rich 🌀

Art Flynn & Diane Crouse (Placitas, NM) have been having entirely too much fun this spring/early summer! They just returned from a 30-day trip from Placitas down the Gulf Coast from New Orleans to Key West and back home in early June. Wow - nice. Art has set up a photo sharing iCloud account for the trip... If you'd like to check out some pics from their trip, please contact Art at ABFlynn54@msn.com for access.

New Members Paul & Karen Rudolph (Issaquah, WA) joined the 4CU in a fun way. They purchased Debbie Vesco & Joni Lindsey's (Phoenix, AZ) 19' Bambi this past spring when Debbie & Joni upgraded to a new 25' rig. (Congrats, Ladies!) As it happened, the Rudolphs were in Phoenix to take possession of their new toy about the time Debbie & Joni were getting ready to head to the Moab2 Rally ... so the Rudolphs went to Monument Valley and Moab with them. Moab2 was full of course, so the Rudolphs got reservations nearby, and joined us for most of the rally events. Of course they had a great time with the 4CU bunch ... and the rest is history! We may not see them quite as often as we'd like, but we know we will have the pleasure of their company at some point down the road!

Ann Bitter & Lyn Parker (Santa Fe, NM) have news to share! Lyn has recovered from her hip replacement and subsequent ankle sprain, so they are finally able to look toward trailering again ... in their new trailer! They have put their 30-foot International CCD up for consignment at their dealer in Albuquerque, and bought a 25-foot rear entry Flying Cloud. They loved the room the 30-footer provided, but don't need

the extra space anymore now that they are not going to Florida for extended periods to take care of family. Congrats all around, though ... a new rig, and a newly healed ankle

Angie & Cheryl Plunket have relocated from Apache Junction to Palm Desert, CA , though they see it more as a couple of California Girls returning to their roots. We wish them well in their new digs and new adventure!



In Memorium



We were saddened to report that Rick Nieman passed away on April 6. Rick would have been 69 years old on 9 June. Rick collapsed at home in Apache Junction, suffering a cardiac event. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Lynne Jackson, and wish her strength during this difficult time. Rick, who was a 4CU member for several years as well as an avid member of Airstream Addicts, will be remembered for his sense of humor, his notion of community and his overall acts of humanity toward his friends and his family. He will be missed by an array of folks, each of whom will have their own special memories of time spent with him. The picture of Rick was taken at the 2016 4CU Pagosa Springs Rally. Good memories, indeed. Rest in peace, Rick.



Are you moving? Did you get married?
Do you have a new family member? If
you have news or life events that you'd
like to share with the 4CU membership,
send a quick email to:

Terry Rich - Terry@TBRich.com or
Bonnie Bobman - BAAMbi7as@gmail.com

Curious minds want to know!

A big thank you to all of the following contributors
who made this issue of the 4CU newsletter possible:

Howard Efner, Terry Rich, Greg Schmuker,
Bonnie Bobman, Patricia Reed, Dan Rossbach
and
the 4CU Board Members

4CU Birthday Club



by Bonnie Bobman

Wish you knew a 4CU member's birthday so you
could send best wishes? Join the 4CU Birthday
Club and we can all celebrate together! In each
newsletter we will publish a list of our upcoming
birthdays! If you see one of your 4CU pals has a
birthday drawing near, you'll know to send them a
greeting!

The 4CU would like to wish a very happy
birthday to the following people:

Dennis Moore..... July 7
Carolyn Efner..... July 27
Jerry Rainey..... July 31
Ramona Heath July 3
Ed Tschupp Sept 5
A.C. Wood Sept 8
Dawn Vaughn..... Sept 11
Tara Sillert..... Sept 1
Bonnie Bobman..... Sept 19
Howard Efner Sept 23
Ed Whitney..... Sept 26

To join the club, simply email your name and birth date

The Month and Date or MM/DD - Year is NOT necessary to Bonnie at BAAMbi7as@gmail.com



2016 NEW YEARS RALLY - PHOTO BY GREG SCHMUKER

4CU Membership Report

By Terry Rich

We are pleased to WELCOME the following New Members who have joined the 4CU since the April 2018 Newsletter.

Jack & Elizabeth Bailey, Topeka, KS (4CU)

Brenda & Charlie Colwell, Telluride, CO (Returning to the 4CU after a Hiatus)

Rick & Michelle Nelson, Grand Junction, CO (4CU)

Sandylee & Marijane Pasquale, Albuquerque, NM (4CU Transferring from the NM Unit)

Paul & Karen Rudolph, Issaquah, WA (4CU)

Dianne Sundling & Robert Chatelain, Phoenix, AZ (4CU)

Lynn & Jeff Toghil, Sharon Center, OH (4CU Transferring from the Texas Hill Country Unit)

Nikita & Mike Wetherbee, Holloman AFB, NM (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 ASAP! Those who have not yet attended a rally, why not sign up for one soon and jump in? You won't regret it! We all look forward to seeing you around the 4CU campfire as soon and as often as possible.

Will You Help Welcome New 4CU Members?

We have a small group of members who have volunteered to send welcome email notes to new members as they join. You can be part of that effort. If you'd like to help, drop Terry Rich a note at Terry@TBRich.com. You will then be CC'd as each new member welcome letter goes out. Just follow up with a personal welcome note of your own at your leisure.

This is an easy but important way to help with membership. Reaching out to new members makes a world of difference to them! The best thing you can do to keep the 4CU strong is to help new members to get involved and help them get acquainted with other members. We all know how hard it is to join a new group not knowing anyone. This is a chance to ease someone's way to being a new friend right at the get-go!





Our Current Membership Numbers:

We currently have 190 Full Members + 78 Affiliate Members for a total of 268 Members.

HELP THE 4CU CONTINUE TO GROW!

There's a 2018/2019 Membership Form available on the 4CU Website at <http://fourcornersunit.com/membership.html> and an online version is available at <http://4cu.boondocking.net/application.php>.

When we camp there are opportunities to share our good times in the 4CU with other Airstreamers. Why not print some 4CU 2018/2019 Member Applications and keep a supply in your rig ... or keep a copy on your laptop and phone to email to folks you meet! You never know when someone will want information about the 4CU! Word of mouth is our greatest membership development tool. And you can always send them to Terry Rich for information..

There Is Something New Happening for New Members!

International has begun including regular WBCCI Name Badges in the information packets that new members receive. Badges used to be the responsibility of each unit, but some members weren't getting their badges in a timely matter, so International decided to issue them. HOWEVER, the 4CU and several other units have custom-designed badges. We will continue to issue the 4CU custom badges to new members ... so they will have both types of badges. Both versions are valid identification for club matters. Existing members may purchase a WBCCI-issued badge if they wish.

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 Rich

You Can Host a 4CU Rally!

Yes, it takes work. Yes, it takes planning. And YES you can do it!

And you will not be alone. We can help and provide guidance and support. And voilá —before you know it, you’re a seasoned rally host!

The 4CU Rally Guidelines can be found on the 4CU website at: <https://fourcornersunit.com/rally-planning-guidelines.html>

Think about it. Consider building a new rally around a holiday, an event or just a great place to have a rally. It all works.

Let us know what you are thinking! Even if it’s outside the box. (We like outside the box!)

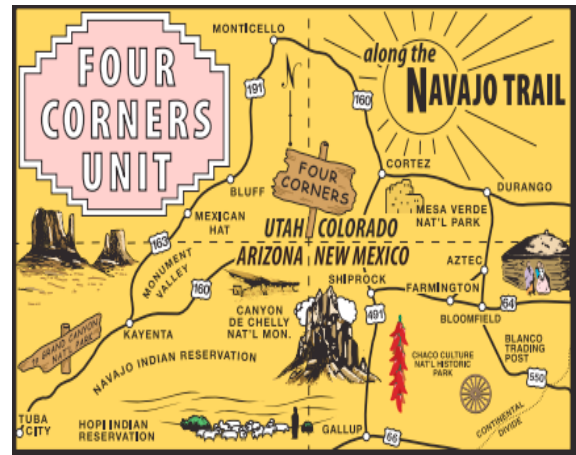


Some of our rally “hosts with the most”!

Thank you <3

Unit Navajo Trail Stickers

The Unit has produced “Navajo Trail” stickers (4.75” x 3”) for our members’ use. (The “Navajo Trail” is the map art on side 2 of 4CU name badges.) They are available (1 per rig) to all members on a first come, first served basis. Pick one up at a rally or by mail (send a stamped, self addressed envelope (SASE) to Terry Rich, 4325 E Ware St, Tucson, AZ 85711). We are also including a sticker in the name badge mailing to new members.



4CU Aluminum Element T-Shirts

We have a number of navy blue short sleeve Aluminum Element 4CU T-Shirts available in large. The price is \$14 + shipping if necessary. If interested, please contact Terry Rich (terry@tbrich.com).





Aluminum Around Asia

Don't you love it when your friends tell you they've spotted an Airstream driving down the road ?? It's big news they want to share and we love them for their interest in our aluminum.

Well, this picture came from a friend traveling in Japan and she texted it right there on the spot (I LOVE technology!)

Taken in Owakudani Valley at the tram entrance to the sulphur springs!

photo by Rebecca Weiss



1st Quarter Financial - 1/01/18 to 3/30/18

2018 NEW YEARS RALLY - PHOTO BY DIANE MOORE

By Howard Efner

Starting Balance		6830.28
Income		
Dues - Cash	302.00	
Dues - PayPal*	818.80	
Flag Sales	40.00	
Flag Postage	13.60	
Badges	35.00	
T-Shirt Sales	14.00	
Binational Cavalcade Deposits	690.00	
Moab2 Rally Deposits	4,000.00	
Total	5913.40	
Expenditures		
International Dues	975.00	
Leon Hauck, Web Hosting	57.50	
Moab 2 Refunds	360.00	
First Rally Rebate	20.00	
Binational Gp. Shelter NM Parks	120.00	
Binational Whitney Reimbursement	177.00	
Binational Watson Reimbursement	237.12	
Total	1946.62	
Ending Balance		10,797.06

* Less PayPal Fees *



WHERE WE WANDER:

A new column about our favorite campsites and stops along the way!

Ever get ready to reserve a spot in a new campground and the Google Earth overview just doesn't help out your decision making. "It looked flat when I saw it on line but then it was tiered like olive groves in Italy!"

Or you'd love to find the local spot for the perfect taco or tri tip! "Those cool places were right along our routes but we just didn't see them!"

You've reserched the blogs by other travelers but they just haven't gone where you are going?

Here's an opportunity to find the level site or the one with the better view you've been seaching for!

Let's share what we know! A little blurb is all we need ... and a quick email address for inquiring minds! (Remember, the info can't always come from me and the board!!!)

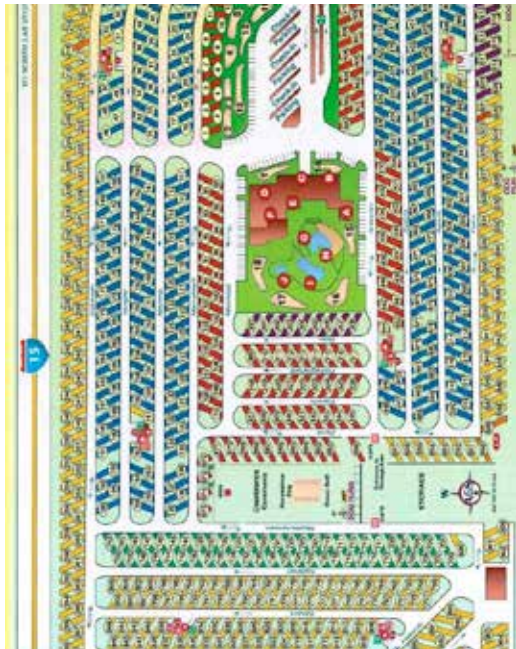
SPRUCES CAMPGROUND, SALT LAKE CITY

28 res/ 56 first come... The place is big and after reading blogs about good sites, we ended up taking a good one along the way for fear of the person in back of us would take one we passed up. We snagged Site 78, a pull-through and bi-level: the "living space" was an area one level up by a paved walkway. There is a "Throne" area with table overseeing your rig! There was sun all day (the first day) for solar and just

enough shade to make me happy. Each site has an in-ground fire pit and a solid wood picnic table to seat 10! The sites along the road have the stream running behind it (site 60 was our goal) .It's an enourmous place but you'd never know it when you're relaxing in your site. Hiking, waterfalls and nature preserves up the road.All this beauty 15 minutes from Salt Lake City proper. bAAmbi7as@gmail.com.

LAS VEGAS: OASIS IF YOU MUST!

Here's a full service RV park if you have business in Sin City or if you want a full hook up. Yes, it's big. Yes, there are full time residents. Yes there are seasonal rental. But if you want close to the strip, it's perfect and, really the only choice. The wifi was the pits so be warned. We didn't use it. But what was great was using Uber/ Lyft. Funny story, I called Lyft one night and then the next night called again and got the same driver!!! Coincidence? Maybe not, SHE LIVED IN THE RV PARK!!! But with full hook ups and full everything - pool, coffee shop, shuffle board, laundry, showers, baths and....a rosebush-lined Wedding ceremony spot! Words of the wise: Cover the sprinklers with a bucket or mat! Best Sites? For shade lovers, the 400s! We stayed in 408. Any site closer to the entrance your back end will be close to the dump. Check google earth and you'll see. Or ask us for pictures, we took a few. Have Fun!! bAAmbi7as@gmail.com



JORDANELLE STATE PARK , SALT LAKE CITY

The only place to stay if you don't want to be along I-80 in Park City, UT area. Technically it's Heber City because it's on the back side of the mountain from Park City. We looked on Campendium and saw that a favorite level site, 61, was available. There area bout 5 loops and that doesn't include the tent only site and then the beach! Business brought us up here as well, so we had electric and water but no wifi or any radio or tv reception, fyi. No sewer but a nice double dump station. There are a lot of sites here as well but like Spruces, these are terraced, but without much shade. Ok, with NO shade. But the skies are beautiful especially when storm clouds come to tease but never deliver rain. Great fishing and water access!!



Priest Gulch ----- SW Colorado

☞ By Dan Rossbach drossbach@comcast.net

In 2017 the 4CU did a Mesa Verde Rally hosted by Jamie Lothrop and John Greenfield and co-hosted by Bonnie and Alan Bobman. While we were nestled in the Ancient Cedars RV Park, some of the 4CU members (Scott and Cathy Verhines?) drove up past Dolores to check out the Priest Gulch RV Campground. I only heard a little about their assessment, noting that there was a bridge across the river and they had RV camping on both sides.



When Vera and I went to check out information for 4CU's "Summer in Santa Fe Rally", I mistakenly surmised that the rally was full because I found no sign-up information on the 4CU website. Looking for other options, I saw that DenCo was having a "Circle the Wagons Rally" at the county fairgrounds in Ridgway, Colorado followed by an optional "Just Camping" session with full hook-ups at the nearby Ouray KOA. Since we were already affiliate members of DenCo, we signed up.

We didn't want to drive all the way to Ridgway in one day, so we checked the Internet and RVparkReviews.com and reserved two nights at Priest Gulch with a spot right on the river. One night was to recover from the first day's drive, and the second one was to build resolve for the next day's drive through Telluride, Placerville and Ridgway. What we found at Priest Gulch was a real surprise!

Priest Gulch is a privately owned Campground, RV Park, Cabins, and Lodge in the heart of the San Juan National Forest on the scenic Dolores River along Colorado Highway 145. Located 24 miles from Dolores, Colorado and 40 miles from Telluride, this operation is truly professional. Even though it has sites numbered 101 and 102 on its campground map, there are really only 81 parking positions. Of these, 33 are reserved for monthly occupants, so it is important to get your reservation in early if you want to be right on the river like we were (see the photo taken out of the screen door) because some people reserve a year in advance. We were lucky to get a spot on the river and it was likely due to the fact that it was May 28th and schools were still in session in many parts of the country. We had two sites on the river both upstream and downstream that were empty, and a number of them on the opposite bank were also unoccupied. This was not true on June 6th when we stayed one more night on our way home.

The grounds are tended by the owners and a full time grounds keeper, and they were evident all day moving hoses between lush grass patches (that they don't allow tents to sit on) and making improvements to sites, checking sites as campers left, raking and picking up anything that was out of place. Restrooms were beautifully tended by another employee, and large slabs of firewood were provided free for use inside the campground since the owners had always felt campfires were special when they were traveling the countryside. There were five or more wi-fi systems located in the park, and they were as fast as my Comcast line at home. Truly a standout where many parks fail.

The campground cost \$42 per night, which is better than most KOAs unless you use points, and I left thinking it was worth every penny. They say that the Colorado DNR stocks trout in the stream and creek right at the campground, but I did not fish so I cannot attest to the quality of the fishing. The area only received 15% of their normal snow pack, so the runoff in late May/early June should have been much higher.

Highway 145 runs along the west side of the campground, and in the daytime in the northern stretches road noise is a little more noticeable, but mostly drown out by the sound of the Dolores River. There is little I can suggest for improvements. This campground has both potable water and non-potable water spigots at each site. With the non-potable, you can flush out your tanks if you have the proper adapter in front of your sewer hose, and you can keep both hoses connected continuously. Some rate the space between campsites as spacious, some rated that space as tight. There was probably a mixture of both, but in my 22 foot airstream with TV, a spacious site might seem tight to a 53 foot class A. The west side of the river had a mix of both pine/spruce and aspen. On the east side camping spaces were more open. Some spaces had Direct TV dishes permanently installed, but these were probably the monthly rental spaces. I would have to say that this is one of the best I have seen overall, but if I said that – then I would create even more competition for my favorite spots!

Priest Gulch RV Park, Cabins & Lodge, Inc
27646 Highway 145, Dolores, CO 81323
Phone (970) 562-3810, Fax (970) 562-3827

www.priestgulch.com





PHOTO BY DIANE MOORE

WHY I ATTEND WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLIES

✧ By Patricia Reed -Region 11 President✧

Here's an article you might enjoy regarding a future adventure you might take to join in on an International Rally. Although some of us will be enjoying their time in Salem, others might consider making this UBER-Rally part of their plans for next year!!

(edited for space)

Salem will be the 15th International Rally that I've attended since joining the WBCCI in 2000. The last time it was held in Salem I met my husband Tom so International Rallies have been good to me! But why do I go? I hesitate to add up the mileage involved with crossing the country every June. Salem is the furthest West I've gone, Vermont was my first East Coast International and in the past it's even been in Canada. I go because I've made friends from all over the country at these rallies and I get to visit with them every June somewhere on the continent.

We are the oldest RV Club in existence therefore our yearly rally has been conducting Club business for many years. The early rallies I attended were all about business and I must confess I spent most of my time in the Vintage area where the fun was. The sites for the early rallies were mostly on College grounds, Fairgrounds and in Michigan, the Airport fields. This meant daisy-chained water and 3 amp electric with pump-out trucks for waste. I added solar to my 1953 Flying Cloud just to use a hair dryer and coffee pot!

International Rallies haven't been without major excitement. In Gillette, WY, we had to evacuate to a storm shelter due to tornado warnings. Everyone was gathered in the building with their pets and Happy Hour drinks! In Louisburg, WV we experienced a torrential rainstorm that lasted for days and flooded out entire towns close by. In Lansing, MI it rained so hard prior to arrival that farm tractors had

to be brought in to pull Airstreams out of the mud as they arrived. Then the rain water raised the level of the sewer fluids which flooded a field near Airstream parking causing a horrible odor. The last Salem Rally and the one in Vermont suffered record heat, both cities saying it had NEVER been that hot!

Tradition is a memorable part of International Rallies. The Parade of Flags at the Opening Ceremony is a time for honoring the many Units/Clubs within the WBCCI. Our Unit President gets to carry our Flag and be recognized. The Vintage Club parades into the grounds at the start of the rally. It draws everyone outside to see the early Airstreams flying their flags.

Activities, events and seminars are numerous and varied. Nightly Entertainment can be from Hypnotists to Rock Bands. You can be as busy as you want or just chill outside your rig with friends.

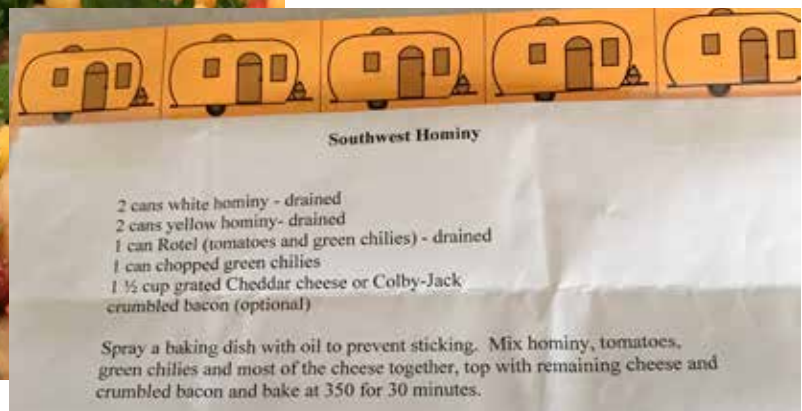
Remember, this is a volunteer organization. All rallies are run by Club members who find personal satisfaction in keeping this Club active and interesting. Be a part of the greater picture and venture outside our Units activities and attend an International Rally. Better yet, step up and help the Club into the future with your participation in some way. There is a BIG surprise coming for the 2020 International Rally, get ready!!! :D

HEY!! WHAT'S FOR DINNER?????

You loved it at the pot luck and now you can have the recipe!

If you ate something you enjoyed but can't remember who made it, submit the dish and rally and we will post it here and track it down the chef!!

SOUTHWEST HOMINY



The photo is an option to the above recipe. I added quality ground beef and dehydrated leeks...more Rotel than fresh kale from my sons farm! Another option is change the meat to sausage. Of course, New Mexico green chiles too! I made two 9 x 13 pans for Rally, very little leftovers. Diane Moore <3

4CU - "MOAB2"

Moab, Utah

The Moab2 Rally was very successful this year! We had a full complement of 20 rigs at the ACT Campground in Moab from Monday, 30 April through Friday, 4 June.



Weather was mixed. Overall, we had decent weather, punctuated by a bit of wind and rain. But that didn't keep us from having a grand time. It never does! That's one of the nice things about the 4CU — we roll with the punches and manage to make it a good time no matter what the weather decides to do.

We launched the rally with a happy hour and mixer on Monday evening. And it was non-stop from that point forward. The days were left open for exploring the many natural wonders there are in the immediate Moab area ... Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Dead Horse Point State Park, and Natural Bridges National Monument to name the highlights. And then there's Moab itself — a bustling community with a transient tourist population of thousands moving through each day.

Tuesday evening we held a 4CU BBQ at the outdoor grill & kitchen and patio area of the ACT Campground. Substantial quantities of burgers, brats and dogs were consumed with sides provided by the attendees. Rally hosts Terry & Greg were surprised by a "thank you cake" which was arranged behind their backs for that evening. And there were party decorations complete with streamers and flamingos galore! Thanks to all who were responsible for that. (That Kathryn Crowder is one sneaky lady!) Thanks ... it was wonderful!

Wednesday night was the Canyonland By Night Jetboat trip on the Colorado River. The weather that day had been rainy and chilly, but we were all pleased that sun broke through in the late afternoon. So we made our way to the boat dock with confidence to board the boats. As we left the dock the weather began to turn a bit, and by the time we were maybe 5 miles down river it was raining and sleeting with light hail and then the kicker — lightning. We had been warned before we left that if weather got too bad we'd be forced to turn back. And that's just what we did. The boats were covered so we didn't get too wet. But the lightning got worse as we headed back. Certain things we simply shouldn't mix — a metal boat with metal roof, a choppy river, rain, hail and lightning, for example.

We returned to the dock and gathered in the dining hall. The dinner went forward. The food was great and spirits were high despite the abrupt end to our boat trip. More importantly, everyone had a sense of adventure. How many can say they were on the Colorado River during a hail and lightning storm, after all? During dinner, we were pleasantly surprised to learn that the tour company, Canyonlands By Night was issuing a 100% credit for the boat trip portion of the evening. What a very gracious gesture on their part. We received notice of the refund on our phones even before we got back to the campground! So even though the trip was a bust because of the weather, we had an adventure, we had a good dinner — and we got a cash refund! What more can we ask for?

Thursday morning we enjoyed a full breakfast of pancakes, eggs and ham, courtesy of the ACT Campground staff. What a gracious lot they are! That night was a big pot luck dinner followed by a second evening of the Left, Right, Center game in the community center. It got loud! People LOVE this game! (Especially the winners.)

Friday we said our goodbyes and we left for the next adventure. Some headed back home, some to other parts of UT and some on to the next leg of a longer trip. We had arrived in a cloud of dust and we left the same way ...

Moab3 will be held 6-10 May, 2019 at ACT Campground, so mark your calendars! After hosting the Moab adventure for two years, Greg & Terry have passed the hosting torch for Moab3 to Bonnie & Alan Bobman and Ruth & Harry Vollmer. We will be in the wings to facilitate but these guys will be in charge. We appreciate the new crew stepping up to take over.

Heads up! We are trying something new in UT next year, too. Ed & Christa Whitney are heading up another rally immediately following the Moab3 Rally. The Torrey, UT – Capitol Reef Rally will be held 10-15 May at the Thousand Lakes RV Park in Torrey. The rationale is that it will give members who have the time the opportunity to attend both rallies in different parks of UT to get more bang for their travel buck. Or they can attend just one rally. The two rallies will be separately organized and run, so those wishing to attend both rallies will be required to register for each independently. There will be more information on these rallies forthcoming, so please keep an eye on the Rally Page of the 4CU Website.





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2018 SUMMER AT SANTA FE -

By Howard Efner

A flock of twenty three silver Airstreams descended on Santa Fe Skies RV Park from May 31st to June 4th for the fifth installment of Summer in Santa Fe. A total of 42 people were in attendance including the rally co-hosts: Barbara Johnston and Janis White, Dennis and Diane Moore, Howard and Carolyn Efner. Vivian Firlein caught everybody's attention with her Basecamp. She is new to the Four Corners Unit and this was her first rally. Carol Spence and James Franchek, of the Cape Cod Unit, traveled the farthest for this rally and were awarded a genuine Harbor Freight Electronic Fly Swatter (batteries included) for their travels.

Thursday, the early arrivals were treated to a soft taco bar for an informal dinner. Friday was the official start of the rally and there was an optional New Mexican dinner at the Pecos Trail Cafe. Saturday started off with breakfast courtesy of Barbara Johnston and Janis White. That evening, it was

BBQ brisket and ribs with a pot luck of side dishes. After dinner, Barbara, Janis, and the Moores out did themselves with game night!

Everyone received game tickets for “games of skill” where you could win “cash” for a silent auction of “useful trailer items”. As examples, some of the games of skill involved bouncing ping pong balls into egg cartons or folding paper air planes and flying them through a hole in a sheet of cardboard. With all of the earned cash, you could bid on silent auction items (all sealed in boxes or bags) for your trailer. The items ranged from some solar powered lights to salt and pepper shakers and bungee balls. After game night, the games were donated to Lani Ersfeld, a teacher at the Santa Fe School of the Arts and Sciences for their After School Care Program.

Sunday was capped off with a “clean out the fridge” pot luck and, all too soon, Monday was here and time for happy trails to all.



An SOB needs help from the 4CU!! No wonder Airstreams don't have slide outs anymore!



Upcoming 4CU Rallies

Make sure you add these rallies to your calendar!!

2018 Region 11 Rally at Route 66 RV Resort

When.....September 27 - October 1, 2018



Where.....Albuquerque, NM

HostRegion 11

Info.....<https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies.html>

2018 Pancho Villa Rally - IV

When.....October 19 - 22, 2018



Where.....Pancho Villa State Park

HostHoward and Carolyn Efner, Anthony and Tamara Rodriguez

Info.....<https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies.html>

Upcoming Rallies continued...

2018 Thanksgiving @ Caballo - Buddy Rally



When..... November 21-25, 2018

Where..... Caballo Lake State Park, Caballo, NM

Host John and Silvia Blan; Maria Beck and Lynn Eubank"

Info <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies.html>

2018 into 19 New Years Rally



When..... December

Where..... Picacho Peak State Park, North of Tucson

Host Louis Hall and Sergio Quiros

Info <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies.html>

2019 Binational Pancho Villa Cavalcade of Horses Rally



When..... March 6 - March 9, 2019

Where..... Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, NM

Host Ed and Christa Whitney

Info <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies.html>

2019 Moab 3 Rally



When..... May 6-10, 2019

Where..... ACT Campground, Moab, UT

Host Bonnie and Alan Bobman, Ruth and Harry Vollmer

Info <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies.html>

2019 Torrey Utah - Capital Reef Rally



When..... May 10-15, 2019y

Where..... Thousand Lake RV Park

Host Ed and Christa Whitney

Info <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies.html>

4CU Pancho Villa Rally - IV!

Nearest Town: Columbus, NM

Campground Name: Pancho Villa State Park <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/panchovillastatepark.html>

The Four Corners Unit Southern New Mexico rally October 19-22. We will convene at Pancho Villa State Park in Columbus, NM, near the Mexico border, for a three-night stay. On Saturday, Columbus, NM will be staging a car show at the North end of the park near the office and museum. On Sunday, there will be an optional walk-over-the border lunch at The Pink Store, in Las Palomas, MX, and their famous Margaritas (while you shop)!

Pancho Villa State Park includes an exhibit hall and historic structures, capturing the history of the 1916 Pancho Villa Raid on Camp Furlong. The Village of Columbus also has a historical museum dedicated to the raid.

The rally fee is \$10 per adult and attendees will be responsible for their own camping fees - \$14 per night with water and electric, payable on entry to the park. We have reserved the South group shelter at Pancho Villa State Park. There is a 20 rig limit for this rally. Registration opens on September 1 and closes on September 29. The refund deadline is October 8.

Hosts: Howard & Carolyn Efner, hfefner@cybermesa.com. & Anthony & Tamara Rodriguez, arodriguez60@yahoo.com

Note: A passport will be required for return to the US if you go across the border into Mexico.

Schedule:

Thursday, October 18	Early Arrivals
Friday, October 19	Rally Begins, evening meet and greet happy hour, optional dinner at Irma's.
Saturday, October 20	10:00 – 2:00 Car show in parking lot at park officemuseum Evening dinner TBA
Sunday, October 21	Optional lunch and shopping at the Pink Store in Palomas, MX. Evening happy hour and potluck-we provide Frito Pie.
Monday, October 22	Rally Ends. Happy Trails.

This is a WBCCI rally. If you are not a member of WBCCI and have an Airstream, please contact a host to make arrangements to attend as a guest. We'd be happy to have you join in the fun!



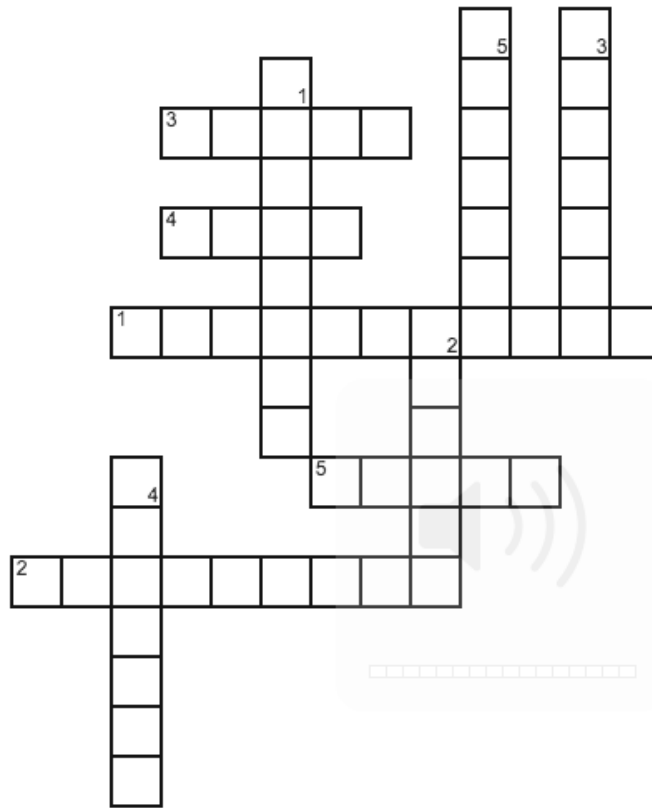
SEND US YOUR PICTURES!!!

There are so many more recorded memories of our rallies and gatherings posted on our FABULOUS website!!!

Go take a look! You are bound to find at least one of yourself! Remember, we all are carrying around photos in our phones so pop them on over! Share them!

These pictures remind us of such wonderful times we have with our aluminum family and also serve as the perfect marketing tool to show other Airstreamers how great the 4CU is!!

Fun and Games...until we meet again!



Across

1. INDEPENDENCE aka self-contained and "off the grid"
2. Where the pines and evergreens live
3. Back and forth tennis play
4. Either way, noun or verb, this ain't the pretty part of RVing!
5. The TV and the Airstream are "gittin' married"!

Down

1. Our most precious element
2. A beautiful but sticky four corners plant
3. If Queen Elizabeth had an Airstream she'd never call it a "trailer"!
4. Not just a popular music band but the best way to get to your destination!
5. Our mixed-up gastronomical reward at the end of the day

*Safe Travels
...and wonderful aluminum adventures.*