# The Four Corners Connection



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 $\label{thm:mcDowell Mountain Regional Park - February Valentine's Day Rally.}$ 

## **April 6, 2022**

# A Letter from your Board

These past few months have been very busy for your Four Corners Unit board. We welcomed our President, Bonnie Bobman; Vice President, Debbie Vesco; Second Vice President, Scott Verhines; Secretary, Jennifer Houlden; Past-President, Sergio Quiros and Trustees, Natalie Sharka, Jerry Crowder and Julie Cook. We also had some additional changes on your team roster.

One of your webmasters, Lynn Eubank, has moved on to other endeavors within the Airstream Club family. We sincerely thank him for his dutiful service to the 4CU in all

things tech. Leon Hauck will continue as our Master Webmaster and will be instrumental in making some major online upgrades this year.

On a financial note, we thank Howard Efner once again for his years of service as Debbie Vesco is now wearing two hats as Vice President and Treasurer transitioning the financials with Bonnie Bobman as Assistant Treasurer. This detailed transition will become more transparent as the year progresses.

In the last year, Airstream clubs/units have become more integrated with the Airstream Club (airstreamclub.com) and the 4CU is no different. All information regarding membership and membership renewal will now be direct through this main Airstream site. Please take the time to sign on to your account and review your account information often. Of course, your dedicated Membership chair, Terry Rich is always available for your questions.

You asked and we delivered. In addition, 4CU rallies will now have direct signups on our ACI webpage as well. If you are headed to the Westcliffe, CO rally, you have found out that payment is easier than ever! All rally fees will now be paid with Paypal when you register through the Four Corners Unit rally page on ACI. You do not need an active PayPal account. Your credit/debit card will be processed through the Paypal platform. Easy peasy! We want this process to be as convenient as possible for rally attendees as well as our fabulous hosts.

But it does take a village as they say. It can't be done by just a few. We love rallies because it's merrier with more. And the Four Corners Unit certainly has more of everything. What we truly need is more rallies. We aim to have at least two a month in various places where we love to travel. Wouldn't it be great to eliminate big rushes to the computer and long waitlists? Please offer to host a rally. If you need guidance, many members are here to help.

McDowell Mountain Regional, Dead Horse Ranch, and Catalina parks in Arizona have already been secured as well as a few others which are going up for approval. Let's see where else we can go! Destinations can be in any state...the Four Corners Unit has no real boundaries. Where will you host your rally???

Again, thank you for your patience and support as we navigate through new media, online offerings and more to continue to make the Four Corners Unit a fantastic Airstream family.

Travel on!

# Change of plans??

We all know how difficult it is these days to secure camping sites in our favorite parks. When a site becomes available, it's snapped up in minutes...seconds, really!

So, when rally sites are reserved for the Four Corners Unit, those sites become as valuable as gold!

Should you need to cancel your reservation for a rally, please *first* get in touch with your hosts! Most likely, there is a long waiting list of fellow members waiting for the opportunity to attend the rally. Remember, it might be their first rally they attend!

Please help prevent "no shows" as well. If your plans change - call/text your host ASAP!!! (Emails may not reach them in time). Again, our campsites are precious commodities these days.

# **Rallies**

#### 2022

July 1-4 Just Camping in Durango

Alpen Rose RV Park Durango, CO

FULL - Please Contact Host for Waitlist options

July 7-10 The Westcliffe High Mountain Hayfever Bluegrass Rally

"Just Music" Rally Westcliffe, CO

Four Corners Unit Rallies

### July 23 - 29 WBCCI 65th International Rally

Fryeburg, ME

ACI International Rally 2022

#### Oct 13-16 **Just Camping near Ruidoso**

Eagle Valley RV Park Alto, NM

Registration Spring 2022

#### Nov 10-14 **Tucson Unplugged**

Catalina State Park Tucson, AZ

Registration Summer 2022

#### December New Year's @ Picacho Peak

Picacho Peak State Park Eloy, AZ

Registration Fall 2022

### 2023

#### Feb 9-12 2nd Annual My Desert Valentine Rally

McDowell Mountain Regional Park Fountain Hills, AZ

Registration Fall 2022

#### Mar 16-19 St. Patrick's Day Rally

Dead Horse Ranch State Park Cottonwood, AZ

Registration Fall 2022

# Rally Hosts Wanted

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If you would like to host a rally and put your spin on it or learn the ropes by cohosting, please contact any board member! Your past and present board members, Bonnie(004President@wbcci.net),

Debbie(004Treasurer@wbcci.net), Scott(004VicePresident@wbcci.net) and Sergio(sergio.quiros@asu.edu)have all hosted a rally. Click on the email links and email them!

As always, if you have an idea for a rally, simply fill <u>out the Rally Planning</u> <u>guide</u>. Wouldn't it be great to have two rallies per month?? Let's set that as out goal. Of course, this can't happen without YOU!

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YOU NEVER GET ON A WAITLIST IF YOU ARE A HOST!!!!!

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# Rally Reviews

### My Desert Valentine Rally at the McDowells!

It's always interesting when a new rally gets approved and comes to fruition. Will the location prove to be a good place for an Airstream gathering? Will everyone enjoy themselves and will the site lend itself to good socializing?

Well, the Four Peak Staging area at the McDowell Mountain Regional Park was a success for a first time rally! With a max limit of 30 trailers, the attendees had enough flexibility to have a spot which suited their needs. It could have been the size of their rig or the need for a little distance with their adorable, young and vocal pups! It was the perfect size for this rally!

With a 360 degree view of the mountains, spectacular sparkling stars, great hiking trails and only ten minutes from the grocery store, this location was great!

The agenda for the weekend could be described as spontaneous. New members brought a wonderful and unsolicited breakfast spread (Thank you, thank you!). Some got out the corn hole and enjoyed a few games in the afternoon shade of their rig. Others traded their hiking boots after exploring the park for sandals and an early cocktail!

And the ice cream truck! A perfect mid afternoon treat when the temps where a little higher than expected!

After a wonderful weekend, many stayed in the area extending their stay at McDowell, others popped to Cave Creek Recreation Area or Lake Pleasant, the other parks in the Maricopa County Park system. The rest of us went home with wonderful memories of a rally in a new place.

-Bonnie Bobman

### Spring Equinox at Patagonia Lake

The Spring Equinox Rally at Patagonia Lake State Park brought bright sunshine, warm days, cool nights, soft breezes, and moonlight! Our Airstream family came from near and far. Gatherings for coffee and pastries, movie and popcorn night (featuring Robin Williams in RV), and pizza and concert night with musician-singer-songwriter Amber Norgaard afforded lots of opportunities to share past and present experiences.

During the day our rally members enjoyed birding, kayaking, boat tours, hiking, and trips into Patagonia and Nogales to explore the sights and local food. We had such a wonderful time reconnecting with people who participated last year and meeting those who joined us this year.

Thank you 4CU members and guests. We enjoyed our time with you!

See you down the road!

-Kathy Fahey

# We just want to have fun!! Just camping with friends.

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Love to Kayak or Fish??

# Share your favorite site and co-host a rally with Debbie Vesco and Scott Verhines!

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# Want a casual easy rally - purely "chillaxing"?

Bonnie and Alan Bobman will show you the ropes to planning it!

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### Want a casual get-together but prefer an alternative to a rally?

Find an outdoor patio near you and plan an easy 4CU happy hour!!

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Feel free to add a posting here and see if you have some like-minded Four Corners Unit friends!

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# Welcome Our Members to the Four Corners Unit!!

Rachel & Michael Rose, Gilbert, AZ

Ron & Patti Jolin, Robbinsdale, MN

James & Cheryl Herring, Livingston, TX

Jeff & Christine Cox, Gilbert, AZ

Marc & Karyl Yeston, Santa Fe, NM

Nancy & Jim Duke, Prescott, AZ

Ronald Stoner & Greta Brunschwyler, Taos, NM

Virgil & Sheila Turner, Montrose, CO

William & Lori Sander, Eaton, CO

Sharon Smaga, Alamogordo, NM

Laural Veloz, Arlington, VA

Steve Jones & Sue Weir Jones, Sanford, NC

Casey Conlee, Roswell, NM

Tony Farrow, Naples, FL

Molly & Duncan McBranch, Los Alamos, NM

Martin Daniel & Michelle Santoro, Somonauk, IL

Ernie & Nancy Turbyfill, Sedona, AZ

Carolyn Nelson & Holly Perez, Orange, CA

Angel and Jim Craig, Pima AZ

John and Maria Eisemann, Ft. Collins, CO

Jeffrey and Lupe Frost, Prescott Valley, AZ

Tom and Judy Bowers, Silver City, NM

Dayna and Michael Olivas, Hillsboro, TX

Ann Youberg & Bob Czaja, Tucson, AZ

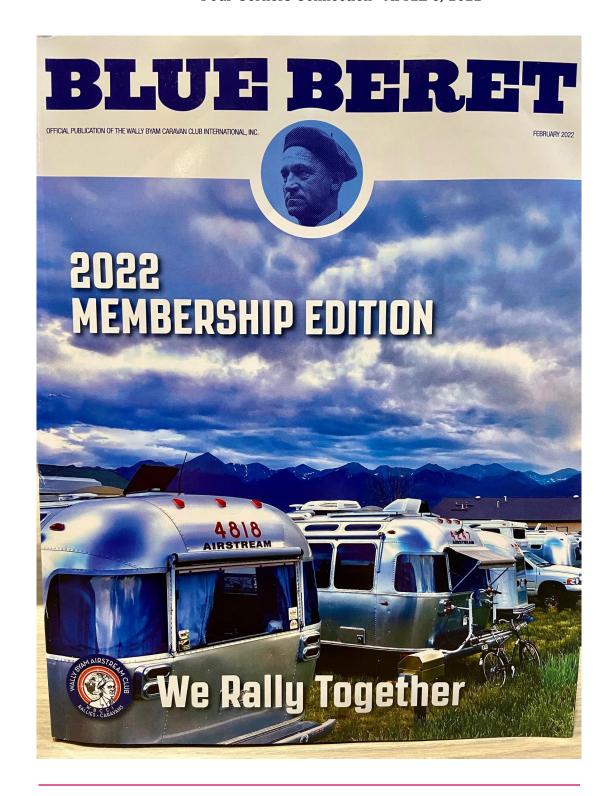
See you at a rally very soon!!!!

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## MEMBER NEWS!!!!

We have news from fellow 4CU member Jot Hollenbeck!

"The new phone books are here, I'm somebody! (Steve Martin). I sent a picture I took at a Four Corners Airstream rally last summer in Westcliffe CO to the national Airstream club, thinking they might want it for their monthly magazine. I never heard another thing about it until a friend called me last week and told me my Airstream was on the cover of the annual membership directory, so I guess they liked the picture. This is my second directory cover, the first being in 2011 using a photo taken at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. So, I'm looking forward to 2032 and my next cover. Cheers"





Our truly heartfelt thanks and gratitude go out to your board for the endless hours they have put in these last months - to Sergio for getting the online registration and payment system up and off the ground and to Leon who has navigated us through the internet tangle to our new system on the ACI website and happily, he will continue to be the lead on the site. We couldn't have done any of this without Michael Houlden, whose tech finesse and passion in navigating the Jotform system has made this transition a true success.

These well-orchestrated changes could not have been accomplished without the synchronized efforts of Debbie Vesco and Bonnie Bobman to transfer, update and coordinate our banking and Paypal Accounts – not a task for lightweights, to be sure. But they've made sure all the "t"s are crossed and "i"s dotted, while remaining in constant contact with the board.

Have a creative Airstream photo or art work you'd like to share on the front page of the Four Corners Connection?

Send a digital jpg to:

004secretary@wbcci.net



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