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President's Corner

Good day fellow Region 4 Airstreamers. Happy New Year and best wishes for a fun filled, healthy, 2019 Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC) experience.

Marian and I had a wonderful 2018 with many of our friends in Region 4. We started early in January with a trip to the International Board of Trustees (IBT) meeting where we enjoyed some Florida sunshine, visited with our Airstream friends and took care of some WBAC business items. We ended the season with the Miami Valley Unit Christmas Party on December 18. Our year was full of fun, interesting events and plenty of camaraderie. We have material for many campfire stories!

We crossed paths with most of our units (aka clubs) and had a chance to actively participate in their activities and to get an idea of how the region is doing. We have some very strong clubs with planned fun activities and a few clubs that are struggling to get officers and to execute events. Everyone is working hard and "getting it done," having fun but sometimes through the efforts of a just a few people.

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In the most successful clubs, the keys to success seem to be spreading the work out (member participation), planning interesting event venues (going to new places) and having good communications (social media and personal contact). I know it is rough news but a few of the clubs are barely hanging on. They have an excellent small core of volunteers and active campers but suffer from low rally attendance and lack of participation in the support areas. I'm anticipating a few mergers in the coming years which will strengthen the core groups and provide the attendance base for successful rallies and caravans. "Boots on the ground" seeking new members is also must.

This is the time of year that we make our "New Year's Resolutions." I am asking all our members to work with other members of the club and the Membership Chairman to set some REAL membership goals for this year and resolve to get some exciting events plugged in to your schedules. Put your goals in your newsletters and track your progress. Airstream Inc. is bringing us new members through their sales programs, but we don't "catch" too many of them. Stay in touch with your Unit Presidents and see how you can contribute. Exposure is the key and several of our units are seeing the positive effects of planning events that draw new members.

Lots of good stuff has happened this year in the club. Keep yourself up to date by reading your Blue Beret and check out on the WBCCI.org web site to explore the happenings - loads of technical information, full calendar schedule of all WBAC events for the year, pertinent communication - all accessible from the main page.

And, most importantly, don't forget the Region 4 Rally in May! Discounted rally fees expire the end of January. The Ottawa County Fairgrounds and the Oak Harbor Ohio area are awaiting our arrival. The dates are set for May 15-19, 2019 and the registration flyer is in this newsletter. Our entertainment will be the premier local band - Kevin Van Sickle and the Pure Country Band and an excellent guitarist David Lester. You can see both of them on-line at YouTube. Both groups play contemporary cover tunes across all genres and can be seen at the Château Tebeau near Helena, Ohio (Fun fact: Helena is home of P&S Trailers Airstream).

Until we see you in May, enjoy yourselves, travel safe, and see you down the road.

Don and Marian Hetzler, President and First Lady, Region 4 WBAC

WBAC Region 4 Needs You



1. Region 4 **2nd Vice President**. If you or you know someone who would be interested in this position, please contact Region 4 1st VP, Karen Fisher
2. Region 4 is looking for an **editor** for the *Blue Beret*. If you or you know someone who would be interested in this position, please contact Region 4 President, Don Hetzler
3. If you are attending the Region 4 Rally in May and are willing to chair one of these committees, please contact Region 4 2nd VP Brad Briggs.
 - Craft Classes
 - Morning Hospitality
 - Evening Hospitality

From the First Vice President

Caravans

Many members join the Wally Byam Airstream Club for the great caravans and the fantastic pricing – often up to 50% less than comparable caravans offered by commercial companies. The International Club currently has 15 caravans scheduled in 2019 and 11 so far for 2020. The caravans go all over this great continent including through parts of Canada. What's on your bucket list of places to go? There's probably a caravan that covers it. Wally and I participated in our first International Caravan this summer as we went "North to Alaska". It was a fabulous trip. We are looking forward to the "Cajun Country Caravan" in March and the "Southwest Adventure Caravan" later this summer. But do plan ahead. Many caravans fill up quickly. However, don't get discouraged if you end up on the wait list. We started out as #25 on the wait list for the Alaska caravan and ended up being able to go.



But caravans sponsored by WBAC are not all that is available. Your local unit or club can also sponsor a caravan. Wally and I have participated in several local caravans sponsored by the Michigan Airstream Club. Our first was "Cherryland to Peachland" in 2007. We traveled with my mom and dad in their Airstream from Michigan to Perry, Georgia, for the International Rally. Our last local caravan was just last summer on the MAC Across the Top Caravan from Michigan to Salem, Oregon, for the International Rally. Check out the article written about this caravan by Nancy Russell in this newsletter.

Organizing a caravan does take some work, but the benefits and camaraderie built up during the time spent together creates a lifetime of friendship and can bring the members of your unit/club closer together. The International Rally scheduled in Doswell this summer is not that far from where we live. But why not have a mini-adventure getting there? Take a few extra days to travel short distances each day or spend an extra day along the way seeing the sights. And traveling together and arriving at the International Rally together means you'll be parked together so you'll be close to your friends for all those evening gatherings. Or start thinking about a caravan to Loveland, Colorado, for the 2020 International Rally. It's never too early to start planning.

But it doesn't need to be a caravan to an International Rally. Set up a caravan for your local unit/club to explore a nearby area that you've never seen before, maybe even something outside of Region 4 (gasp). We are not limited to travel within our Region for unit/club sponsored activities (and this includes our rallies). The theme could be Civil War, wine tastings, or whatever interests you most. Set-up a Mystery Caravan by publishing the starting and ending location and the number of days and stops, but keep the rest of it a surprise. Or maybe your members would like a Hop-On/Hop-Off caravan so they could pick the number of nights and locations to participate in that best fits with their schedule. The possibilities are endless and only limited by your imagination and desires. Where are you going next?

Happy caravanning,

Karen Fisher
1st Vice President
Region 4

From the Second Vice President

Ask not what your Club can do for you...

By the time you read this article the Mid-Winter IBT may be in progress or just finishing. Nonetheless, I think it is important to highlight some of the topics being discussed at the Winter IBT. Personally, I am very happy that these topics are being discussed. As these topics are important to move our organization into the future.



About eight years ago, while our Airstream was being worked on at the factory service center, I had enough time to read a coffee table book about the history of Airstream. At the time I would have never dreamt that I would be writing an article like this, so I am not able to cite the publication or the author. However, one of things from that book that has stayed with me was that the author stated that after one of Wally Byam's first caravans, the participants wanted to start a club to continue the fun and fellowship they had just experienced. The author claimed that Wally was reticent of the idea of forming a club. When I read Wally's Four Freedoms and his Creed I am led to believe there may be credence to what the author claims. I have to think that he was wondering if the rules, regulations and politics might get in the way of the traveling freedoms, the "yearn to travel with all the comforts of home", and "make[ing] your travel dreams come true" that he stood for.

Just the other day I was having lunch with some church buddies. We were discussing some of the happenings in the church when one person said, "Sometimes we let church work become the Work of the Church"--meaning that it is easy for us to concentrate on the minutia of the organization and not what the organization was originally intended to do or be. There are times when I feel this way about Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC).

An organization must have structure and agreed upon rules in order to exist--thus the reason for our *Blue Book*. Yet, I believe that the *Blue Book* needs to be refined and simplified. These topics are intended to be a start in doing just that. In case you have not had the chance to see these topics for the mid-winter region and executive officers' roundtable discussion points, I am listing them below:

1. RV Numbers vs. Membership Numbers

- a. Membership number would be unique to a member and would not be displayed on their Airstream.
- b. An RV Number would be assigned to be placed on an Airstream owned by a member.
- c. Any member owning more than one Airstream could have a different RV Number on each tied to his or her unique membership number.

Our bylaws do not allow a member to have multiple membership numbers, yet many do and this allows them multiple votes at all levels. Having a unique membership number with as many RV Numbers as a member wants eliminates this voting problem. Use of an RV Number would allow the display of historical numbers for authenticated historical Airstreams without changing a member's unique membership number.

2. Review of Appendix 2 Badges
 - a. Do we need different badges?
 - b. Should badges reflect current positions only?
 - c. Do we need spousal/first mate/partner designations?
 - d. What would be a way of marking a member's badge to reflect that he or she had served as a volunteer with Unit/Club/Region, etc.?
3. Removal of Appendices from the Blue Book
 - a. Membership Manual moved to WBCCI Website
 - b. Flag protocol moved to WBCCI Website
 - c. Privacy Policy moved to WBCCI Website
 - d. National and Special Events Rallies application and reporting form moved to WBCCI Website
 - e. Corporate Manager's job description moved to Executive Committee documents file
4. Separation of Bylaws from Policy in the Blue Book
 - a. A separate "book" for the Bylaws
 - b. A separate, cross-referenced "book" for policy
5. The need for a new website and integration of the membership database into the website
 - a. Increased efficiency at Headquarters
 - b. Allow Units to update their own data for such things as changes in member info, changes in activities and changes in governance personnel
 - c. Requires support of the IBT to budget the necessary funds

Personally, WBAC badges are a pet peeve of mine. I am most definitely in favor of name badges. However, I do not think there needs to be the number required by WBAC. From my point of view, there should be only two badges--one for life members and another for annual membership. The background color of the label inserts can indicate the level of office the member is holding or has held, in my humble opinion.

All this is to say that for our Club to survive we must make it relevant to attract new members and err on the side of fun and fellowship. I invite and challenge you take an active role in the leadership at all levels of the Club.

Oh, I almost forgot, there is nothing I love more than a good, civil, light-hearted debate over issues like these. Please reach out if you wish to share your comments!

See you down the road,

Brad Briggs
2nd Vice President
Region 4
WBAC #3080

"It's only
after you've stepped
outside your
comfort zone
that you
begin to change,
grow, and
transform"

Recap of the 2018 WBAC International Rally

The 2018 International Rally was held in Salem, OR in June with more than 700 trailers attending. It was a nice venue and the weather was great. There was great entertainment and a nightclub for those who wished to put on their dancing shoes. The entertainment was first-rate professional. There were a lot of vendors this year too. They had the option of showing their wares for a single day or two instead of the entire rally. There was an Airstream Parts booth and RV display for the entire rally. Just about every technical aspect (hitches, repair parts, etc.) were covered. We enjoyed a choice of around 80 workshops and a variety of technical and club management workshops. The workshops and Caravan Leader training were terrific. The Smartphone tutorial was a real eye-opener (summaries of the major workshops can be found on the WBCCI.org web site; tab: Activities>International Rally>Past Rallies>2018 Salem, Oregon)

At the Delegates Meeting one constitutional amendment was passed to allow one of the 3 annual International Board of Trustees meetings to occur during the International Rally instead of “before” the rally starts. This will allow more participation from members attending just the core rally dates.

The Locations of future International summer rallies were announced:

- 2019 Doswell, VA July 20-27 - President Barry Bell
- 2020 Loveland, CO June 20-27 - President Mona Heath
- 2021 Lebanon, TN July 11-24 (exact dates still TBD) - President Andy Selking

International Officers were elected for the 2018-2019 year:

- President: Barry Bell
- 1st Vice President: Mona Heath
- 2nd Vice-President: Andrew Selking
- 3rd Vice-President: Tyrone Mott
- Recording Secretary: Eileen Frerking
- Treasurer: Jim Courtney
- Nominating Committee: Matt Hackney and LaVerne McHenry

During the International Board of Trustees meeting some By-Laws and Policy housekeeping measures were voted upon in regard to member numbers and financial policies. The updates are reflected in the current on-line Blue Book.

A motion was approved to slightly change the structure of region leadership. Historically, the Bylaws required that there be a first and second VP of the region. Now, only a first VP will be required with the 2nd VP being optional. This allows Regions that are having problems obtaining a 2nd VP to remain compliant.

A new Marketing Standing Committee was approved, and it will develop, implement and oversee all the Club’s brand positioning, advertising, dealer marking and public relations, including the development of marketing materials. This task has traditionally been part of Membership but is now separate and will have one person exclusively devoted to social media marketing. This move will allow the Membership Chair and Committee to focus more clearly on retaining members in WBCCI.

Another motion was passed that elaborates on the club’s belief in being welcoming to all members. The new specific language in the Code of Ethics will read as follows (the additions have been highlighted):

“To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to its effect on others **of our diverse membership** so as to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members of **differing ethnicities, religious beliefs or orientations** and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of the WBCCI in bonds of good fellowship and mutual understanding.”

Another motion passed to make all language in the WBCCI Bylaws and Policies gender neutral. The constitution already uses gender neutral language. (This update has been completed.)

Among the administrative changes, many Units changed their names and submitted flags for approval. They were all approved. There were a few lesser administrative changes and all of them may be found on the WBCCI.org web site under Members Info > Bluebook.

Don Hetzler,
President
Region 4

2019 WBAC International Rally, Doswell, VA



**lunch
invite**

As a member of Region 4, you are cordially invited to attend the Region 4 Luncheon at the 62nd International Rally in Doswell, Virginia

Monday, July 22, 2019, at 12 Noon

In the Ballroom at the Mansion on the grounds of Meadow Event Park.

Tickets are \$15 per person.

Please RSVP to Karen Fisher by email: fisherkjan23@sbcglobal.net or by calling her at (248) 672-0353.

Please make your check payable to: Region 4
And send to Steve Rhodes, 1121 Bogey Drive,
Ontario, OH 44903.
On the Memo line of the check, reference "IR R4 Lunch."

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ACROSS THE TOP

2018 Caravan from Escanaba, MI to Salem, OR

By Nancy Russell



Our little caravan troupe of three trailers, five people and three dogs met at Pioneer Trails Park in Escanaba, MI on Monday, May 28, 2018. It was a pleasant sunny day and we spent the afternoon “Happy Hour Meet and Greet” getting to know one another. Will & Pat Franger were our leaders, Sharon & Roy Bremner and myself, Nancy Russell, were the starting crew.

Tuesday morning we went to my favorite dining place, Delonas, for a hearty home cooked breakfast. We were on our own for the rest of the day to shop and/or explore with Meijer and Walmart the favored stores. More time to get acquainted, receive caravan materials and we were each given a very nice quilted “throw” made by Pat. Our “Welcome” dinner that night was at another good place in town, Crispigna’s, where dinner was from a choice of pasta dishes – I chose the excellent Lasagna.

The next morning it was time to move on Westward. Being familiar with the area, Will suggested I take the lead out of the park – a dicey left turn amid morning traffic and major construction on this stretch of US 2. I led on the Danforth Cutoff (truck route) to avoid town traffic and stop lights, and we were on our way. This first day’s travel took us to South Range/Superior Wisconsin – Northland Camping. Sadly, they had had an all-day rain and everything was very soggy. For our activity there, Will took us to dinner at Grandmas in downtown Duluth, MN. A good meal and driver meeting for next day’s travels. Thanks for the ride, Will! The scenery across Western Michigan and Wisconsin is boreal forest and lakes and waterfalls, always pleasant.

Thursday, we traveled onward to Grand Forks, ND – Grand Forks Campground. A very pleasant camp but at the end of a mile of bumpy road. Here we enjoyed happy hour followed by dinner on our own. Again, the scenery was typical way upper Midwest with more Lakes!



“Doomsday Bunker” at the Haven near Harvey

Friday, found us traveling to a camp called the Haven, near Harvey, ND. A delightful grassy camp on a lonely hilltop a few miles from town. We had electric and water, but otherwise a “self-contained” camp. The only building, a gazebo, very nice inside but from the outside photo my son dubbed it a “Doomsday Bunker”. The wind on arrival could only be described as fierce, and actually caused a prairie chicken to fly into the side of my trailer. He just shook it off and skittered under the trailer. We spent the weekend there, with a dinner the first night in Harvey at the Angelic Nook, a former Church made over into a catering/dining room. The meal, buffet style, was excellent and in a beautiful setting. We were free Saturday and Sunday for shopping, laundry, and dine on our own. We had a second meal at the Angelic Nook on Sunday night, and again a

great hit.

Monday morning we moved on up to Rugby again on US 2 and Westward to Lewis and Clark State Park, near Epping, ND. Rough road in and much construction on the alternate route on West the next day to and around Williston, ND. At this camp we were joined by our 4th caravaners, Karen Fisher and Wally Kimmel, whose departure from Michigan was



Karen and Wally

delayed by their son's wedding. We enjoyed a potluck dinner outside and a lovely evening. North Dakota is much more 'open' country, with much farming and rolling landscape.

Onward on Tuesday, to Fort Peck Marina camp on Fort Peck Lake near Glasgow, Montana. Again we were here overnight, but there were many things to see in the area – such as the Dam, etc. Lee and Jackie Klare, our 5th member, joined us at this stop. We now numbered 5 trailers, 9 people and 6 dogs!



Buffalo Jump scene at
Havre, MT

As ever, next day, again moving day, to Evergreen Campground at Havre, MT. A somewhat cramped little camp at the end of a narrow bumpy road, but I got a pull-through so can't complain. We stayed here Wednesday and Thursday where we visited their "Buffalo Jump" and toured the Underground City. Both venues were somewhat of a disappointment, the Buffalo Jump being the more interesting. The best part of the stop was lunch at Wolfens.

Friday the 8th found us at the delightful West Glacier KOA. Paved sites and full hookups. Mountains all around and we awoke to a healthy skiff of snow on the upper reaches of those mountains. Saturday and Sunday free to tour and see what we could. Going to the Sun Highway was still closed by snow and the area had much road construction/ improvements going on. This was a lovely place to camp with a store and café. Bought some Huckleberry Dark Chocolate bars here. Happy hour get-togethers continued on a daily basis and at a previous nights "movin' on" drivers meeting Pat had challenged us to look for unusual sights along the way each day – like the fence made of cable spool ends – ranch entrance road signs, a big coffeepot shaped – yep – coffee stop! We would then describe/discuss the days sightings at our evening driver meeting. As we had moved on across Montana it was again pretty flat terrain with far vistas, but as we neared Glacier area the mountains began to loom in the distance, and we would soon be traveling in/through those mountains.



Camp at West Glacier

Our stay at West Glacier done, we moved on Monday the 11th through Bonners Ferry, ID to Blue Lake RV Resort near Naples, ID. Here we enjoyed a happy hour/grill out dinner in their "café" facility – a nice room where one could purchase wine, beer or soda and included use of their grill and tables for our dinner. A very pleasant camping experience. This part of Idaho is quite mountainous and interesting driving.



Cliff formations
on the Snake River

Tuesday the 12th found us moving to Clarkston, WA. At this point en-route we left US 2 for good. Hells Canyon RV Resort and Marina is in the bank of the Snake River – and a beautiful view from camp. Again we enjoyed paved pull throughs with full hook ups and excellent weather. This stop was Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Happy Hour Tuesday, a Jet Boat trip up the Snake River, including lunch, Wednesday



Hell's Canyon RV Resort
and Marina

and time for laundry, shopping and touring Thursday. Due to a wrong turn and vehicle troubles, Klare's missed the boat trip but were able to take it as they passed through Clarkston on their return trip to Michigan. The last night here we enjoyed happy hour and dinner in the camp 'rec room'. Washington and Oregon both boast mountains, rivers and forests as well as the famous Columbia Gorge waterfalls further on west.



The Stonehenge Replica

Our last caravan move and stop before Salem we traveled on to Maryhill State Park, near Goldendale, WA. This stop was Friday to Wednesday morning. There were many things to see and do there, Maryhill Museum, a Stonehenge Replica, the Dalls Dam and locks, Mt. St. Helen, waterfalls and other scenic venues. Fresh fruit was abundant at roadside stands and enjoyed by all. Everyone was free to tour as they wished.

Our closing banquet was Saturday night, as Karen and Wally had to go on in to Salem on Sunday. This meal was an excellent buffet in the WAAAM Museum (Western Automobile and Aircraft Museum) cafeteria in The Dalles, OR. Our final night out we enjoyed an extra meal at "The Crazy Pepper" in Hood River, OR. A well-chosen spot, Will. Excellent food (tomatillo soup) and great Margaritas.



Typical campsites at WBCCI
61st International Rally

special because we were such a small group. For the most part the weather was in our favor as well.

Wednesday, June 20 we traveled on to Salem, arriving together so we were parked together. The Salem Fairground is a sprawling complex of buildings and attractions. We were parked in "Handicapped" and on blacktop, so my lawn flamingos had to stay inside! We enjoyed a gorgeous sunset this first night and our evening get-togethers continued throughout the rally.

The caravan was a very pleasant trip and our leaders and other traveling companions all first rate. I have been on 31 major and minor caravans and this was extra

The 61st International Rally offered many interesting meetings, entertainment and vendors. The new Airstream Display was vast and well attended.



Sunset in Salem

-Nancy Russell #19829

HEALTHY CAMP COOKING

Who loves to eat more than people who camp, right? I know we do! In this issue of the Region 4 Newsletter, I have shared a few recipes for *healthy* eating while camping. As a Diabetic Type II, I am always on the lookout for great food that also helps me meet my food goals. If you, too, have a great "healthy" camp cooking recipe to share, email it my way, and we will get it into an upcoming issue of the newsletter!

Jane Briggs

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Fireside Fajitas

Prep
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40 m

Recipe By: Diabetic Living Magazine

"With some foil and a cast-iron skillet, this Tex-Mex favorite cooks up easily on your next camping trip. Simply pack the seasoned chicken (Step 2) and prepped peppers and onions in sealed bags in the cooler."

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons salt-free fiesta lime seasoning, such as Mrs. Dash brand
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into thin strips
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 2 cups green, yellow, and/or red sweet pepper strips
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 8 (6 inch) 100% whole wheat flour tortillas, such as Mission brand
- ½ cup refrigerated salsa
- ¼ cup snipped fresh cilantro
- ¼ cup plain fat-free Greek yogurt (optional)
- ¼ cup refrigerated avocado dip (guacamole), such as Wholly brand (optional)
- 1 lime, cut into 4 wedges

Directions

- 1 Light firewood or charcoal and let campfire burn down to medium-hot embers or coals. Top with a grill rack.
- 2 In a plastic bag combine lime seasoning, garlic powder, salt, and black pepper. Add chicken strips, several at a time, shaking to coat.
- 3 In a 12-inch cast iron skillet heat 1 tsp. of the oil over campfire. Add chicken; cook 3 to 4 minutes or until no longer pink, stirring frequently. Remove chicken.
- 4 In skillet heat remaining 1 tsp. oil over campfire. Add sweet peppers and onion; cook 8 to 10 minutes or until tender and golden, stirring frequently. Stir in chicken; heat through. Meanwhile, wrap tortillas in foil. Heat foil packet over campfire 8 to 10 minutes or until tortillas are warm, turning once.
- 5 Serve chicken mixture in tortillas with the remaining ingredients.





Camping Chicken Quesadillas



Prep
20 m

Ready In
25 m

Recipe By: Hilary Meyer

"These make-ahead quesadillas are a genius campfire dinner solution. Assemble and wrap in foil at home, then once you get to camp, just throw over hot coals for a quick campsite meal."

Ingredients

- 1 cup chopped cooked chicken breast
- 1 cup low-sodium black beans, rinsed
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 4 8-inch whole-wheat flour tortillas
- 1 ripe avocado
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Directions

- 1 Combine chicken, black beans, chili powder and cilantro in a medium bowl.
- 2 Tear off four 12-inch pieces of foil. Place a tortilla on a piece of foil and evenly spread ½ cup chicken mixture and ¼ cup cheese over half of the tortilla. Fold the tortilla in half, then wrap in the foil. Repeat with the remaining foil, tortillas, chicken mixture and cheese.
- 3 Mash avocado, lime juice, garlic powder and salt in a small bowl until chunky-smooth. Transfer to small container with a tight-fitting lid. Before closing the lid, press a small piece of plastic wrap on the surface of the guacamole to prevent browning. Close the container.
- 4 Prepare a campfire and let it burn down to the coals. Cook the foil-wrapped quesadillas 4 to 6 inches above the coals, turning once, until hot, 5 to 10 minutes. Open carefully. Stir the guacamole and serve with the quesadillas.

To make ahead: Store the assembled and wrapped quesadillas and the guacamole in a refrigerator or cold cooler for up to one day.



Chili for a Crowd (about 20 servings)

4 lb. lean (at least 80%) ground beef
6 medium onions, chopped (4 cups)
2 green peppers, chopped
4 garlic cloves, minced
3 envelopes (1.75 oz.) chili seasoning mix, such as French's Chili-O
1 (12 oz) bottle beer, optional
4 cans (28 oz each) diced tomatoes, undrained
4 cans (16 oz each) beans: 1 chili beans (undrained), 2 kidney beans (drained and rinsed), 1 black beans (drained and rinsed)
1 can (15 oz) tomato sauce
2 tablespoons sugar (or to taste)
(Additional chili powder, cumin, salt, pepper, if desired)
(Additional liquid: beer, water, or tomato juice, if desired)



- In 8-quart Dutch oven or stockpot, cook beef and onions over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until beef is thoroughly cooked and onions are tender; drain. Stir in chili seasoning and stir it around.
- Stir in beer, tomatoes, tomato sauce, and sugar, breaking up tomatoes. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer covered 1 1/4 hours.
- Stir in beans. Simmer uncovered about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until desired consistency. Adjust seasonings and amount of liquid, if desired.

(You can do the first step at home, cool and put in zip lock bags or other containers, and then finish the recipe at the campout.)

(If using an electric roaster, then either do the first step in a dutch oven or stockpot, then transfer to the roaster pan and proceed with the recipe, or do the first step in the roaster pan on the stove top over two burners, then proceed with the recipe.)



Recipe submitted by Mark Kennedy

Frosted Banana Bars (Yield: 3-4 dozen.)**Ingredients**

- 1/2 cup **butter**, softened
 - 1-1/2 cups sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2 medium ripe bananas, mashed (about 1 cup)
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- **FROSTING:**
 - 1 package (8 ounces) Philadelphia® Cream Cheese, softened
 - 1/2 cup butter, softened
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 3-3/4 to 4 cups confectioners' sugar

Directions

- In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, sour cream and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Stir in bananas.
- Spread into a greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean (do not overbake). Cool.
- For frosting, in a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, butter and vanilla until fluffy. Gradually beat in enough confectioners' sugar to achieve desired consistency. Frost bars. Store in the refrigerator.

Recipe submitted by Mark Kennedy



Region 4 Rally
Lake Erie Islands, Shores,
and More!

May 15-19, 2019

Registration from is on the next page.

**Register
Today!**

▶ 43RD REGION 4 RALLY - LAKE ERIE ISLANDS SHORES AND MORE ◀

May 15-19, 2019



Ottawa County Fairgrounds, 7870 OH-163, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449

4 Nights of Camping — Water/Electric — Dump Station

Activities:

- Campfire
- Entertainment
- Hobby Show
- Karaoke
- Flea Market
- Fellowship

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WBCCI Region 4

Mail Registration (below) and Check to:
Steve Rhodes
1121 Bogey Drive
Ontario, OH 44903

Attractions:

- Lake Erie
- Fishing
- Put-in-Bay
- Kelly's Island
- Toledo
- Port Clinton

*******Help us plan the BEST Rally for you! Register before February 1, 2019!*******

(NOTE: Registrations postmarked after January 31, 2019 do not qualify for the discount. Incorrect payments received after this date will be returned to the member for correct payment. Refunds will be given only with Region 4 President approval. Refunds after March 1 will be limited to camping fees only at \$30 per night.)

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2019 Region 4 Rally Registration Form

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME(S): _____

WBCCI #: _____ UNIT: _____ TYPE RV: TT MH LENGTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ TEXT: Y N

E-MAIL: _____ # IN PARTY: _____ HANDICAPPED PARKING? Y N

<u>RALLY FEES:</u>	<u>Before 2-1-19</u>	<u>After 1-31-19</u>	
2 Persons:	\$295	\$345	\$ _____
1 Person:	\$225	\$275	\$ _____
Each Extra Adult/Child	\$ 70	\$100	X _____ = \$ _____
		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	\$ _____