



*Happy Holidays!*

*Wishing you and your family a  
blessed holiday season!*



*Santa and Your Region 4 Officers -*

*Karen & Wally, Brad & Jane, Fred & Kathy, Mark & Darren,  
Steve & Phyllis, and Don & Marian*







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## President's Corner



Happy Holidays!

If you are like us (my husband, Wally, and I) the Airstream is cleaned out, winterized, and put into storage. A bittersweet time as we put things away for the season but remember the good times we had over the summer. Although the pandemic cancelled a lot of our plans, we were still able to get out a few times and to visit some of the local clubs in Region 4.

But it is also time to start looking forward to the new year and a new season of camping. I suspect it will still be a challenge to get out and will still carry many of the same social distancing requirements. But rallies were held successfully including a Region 12 Rally in October as well as many local club rallies here in our own region.

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Looking forward, your officers will be planning the Region 4 Rally to be held May 19-23, 2021, at the Summit Bechtel Boy Scout Reserve in Fayetteville, WV. In addition to the normal planning, we will be working closely with the staff at the reserve to ensure that we meet all the social distancing guidelines that are required. Register now to reserve your spot.

Plans are well under way for the Mid-Winter IBT (International Board of Trustees) meeting in Sarasota, Florida, on January 18-22, 2021. Deadline to register is December 15, 2020. Currently, your region officers are planning to be there to represent you, your local club, and our region.

Plans are moving forward for the International Rally scheduled for July 17-24, 2021, in Lebanon, TN. It is a close trip for members of our region, whether you come in on your own or travel as part of a local club caravan. Remember, if you want to park with a group of friends, you need to plan to arrive together. Over 450 trailers have registered for the rally so far – are you one of them?

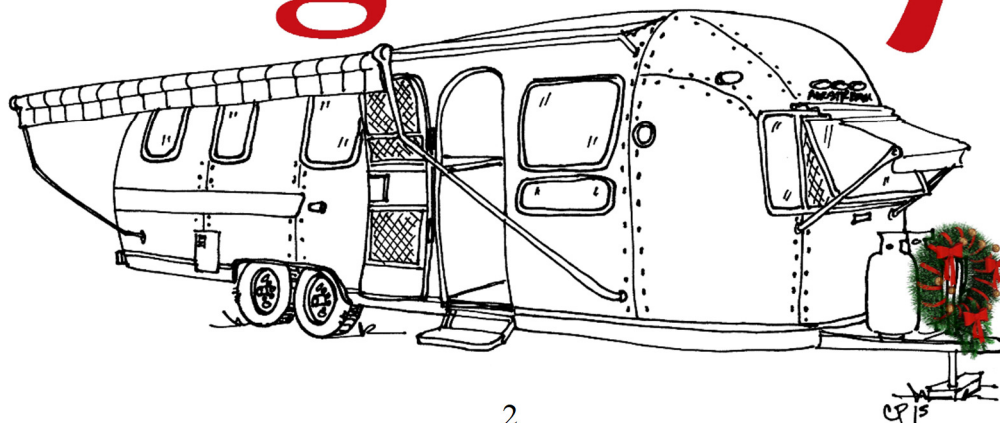
All of our local clubs should be planning their activities for the coming year as well, so check out your local club newsletter or the new Airstream Club International website (<https://airstreamclub.org/>) for activities and rallies going on wherever you may be.

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over, and Christmas is just around the corner. Like many other things this year, our holiday celebrations will most likely look different than they have in the past. But wherever and however you celebrate this year with friends and family, Wally and I wish you all the best for the season and a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year!

See you down the road,

Karen Fisher  
President, Region 4  
BRN 248

# region 4





## From the First Vice President

### My third and final request for input...

#### 2022 Region 4 Rally:

2020 has been a tough year. I hurt for each person affected by the disease, whether directly or indirectly. That is why I want to plan the best Region 4 Rally I can put together to celebrate our ability to come together in the spirit of fun and fellowship.



At the time of this newsletter, I have had very little feedback. From the last newsletter article, I heard back from two people (thank you both, by the way) regarding my request for input on continuing the traditional activities planned during a Region 4 Rally. One thought the whole list was good, and the other picked the keepsake! Please help me out. I want to make the 2022 Region 4 Rally enjoyable for you. Let me know what traditional activities you most enjoy, and I will do my best to put those on the Wooster 2022 Rally schedule.

So, here is my third and final request. Please let me know what activities in the optional activities list below you would most like to see planned. At a minimum, let me know if you would like the rally in Wooster to lean more towards a traditional Region 4 Rally look and feel or a Main Street Rally look and feel, realizing that it will be a blend.

If you are unsure what a Main Street Rally look and feel might be like, it is a more relaxed and less structured type of rally. People have impromptu gatherings that include a social or musical flair. These gatherings happen in the pedestrian walkway created for the rally (the center space of the road lined by the Airstreams) and in local restaurants and taverns. Tours are organized but are typically self-lead. [Check out an example here.](#)

Required Activities. What I have already planned to include (based on the Main Street Rally format and the need for a Region 4 Business meeting) are as follows:

- Registration
- One Region 4 Board Meeting that includes the following:
  - An abbreviated opening ceremony including State and National flag procession (This eliminates a practice. See below if you want to continue with the full-blown opening ceremony.)
  - Region 4 Executive Board and Region 4 Business meetings
  - Door Prizes (One nice prize from Airstream Inc. and each Airstream dealer in the region)
  - Ice cream social
  - Auction of donated items for the rally sponsored charity
- Officer leadership training
- Entertainment in an outdoor venue at the town square (bring your chair)
- Workshops, Seminars, and Hobby/Craft classes (hopefully, Sky-Med is included here).
- Tours





Optional Activities. Listed below are possible optional activities that you may want to include (or not) in the Region 4 Main Street Rally. Please direct your feedback to me about these optional activities by email ([bfbiggs57@yahoo.com](mailto:bfbiggs57@yahoo.com)) or phone call (614-207-1241).

- Local Club flag procession at the opening ceremony
- Region Baskets (I would suggest that instead of a drawing for the baskets, we have a silent auction as one way to raise money for the rally sponsored charity. This can be expanded to include the community.)
- Morning\Evening Hospitality (One of the purposes of a Main Street Rally is to patronize local eating establishments to boost the local economy. Dropping from the rally lowers the rally fee and promotes meals to your liking and dietary needs.)
- Hobby Show
- Flea Market
- Swap Meet
- 50/50 Drawings
- Rally coin or some other keepsake to commemorate the rally
- Catered meals (One of the purposes of a Main Street Rally is to patronize local eating establishments to boost the local economy. Dropping from the rally lowers the rally fee and promotes meals to your liking and dietary needs.)
- Inspirational service. (We will need to depart the streets on Sunday Morning as your turn comes up so as not to block others from leaving. If there is interest in attending a local place of worship on Sunday morning, we may provide a shuttle to/from the fairground. Also, note, there is a synagogue in Wooster.)
- Vendor area, including an Airstream dealer
- Other things I have missed

### **BRN - What is this???**

Have you seen the term Big Red Numbers, or BRN, for short? As you probably know by now, WBAC is transitioning to each person having a membership number (corresponding to one person one vote) and discontinuing using the WBCCI number as the membership number. Instead of referring to those large numbers as the WBCCI Number or WBCCI membership number, they are now called Big Red Numbers. Making the BRN more like a house number or license plate number. Knowing this may help with filling out forms from the Club and interpreting correspondence and articles.



Stay healthy and safe travels,

Brad Briggs  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Region 4  
BRN 3080



## From the Second Vice President

### A Time to Stop and Reflect

Hello,

Our latest project gets blamed on our cat ROO. In March I was in my office sitting at my desk and ROO was on my lap. Not wanting to disturb him I started surfing the Internet and discovered that for two years (1994-95) Airstream built a Classic-style Diesel Pusher Motorhome.

Surprisingly within two weeks I found two of the 25 built available for sale. The coach located in Huntington, WV was in better shape and in our budget, so by the end of April it found a new home.

The next couple months were spent tinkering with it. I replaced the steering gear box and had to replace the cooling unit in the fridge. In August, Kathy and I took our first trip to Charlotte, MI where we attended a three-day owners' training course put on by the manufacturer of the chassis, Spartan. While we were in class learning about diesel engines, air brakes, etc., the coach was in their shop and received a clean bill of health by their technicians. In September and October, we used the coach three more times. During these events Kathy and I decided to do a "little" more remodeling than originally planned.



So, before the coach headed to Airstream to get the pilot's window replaced (broken before we bought it), we took most of the interior out. Once it comes back from Airstream, we plan on installing new flooring and mouse fur, refinishing the cabinetry, new light fixtures and new counter tops. On the mechanical side, I will replace both AC units and finish installing the inverter the previous owner had started.

The plan is to have the coach back together and use it in Logan, OH in April and the Region Rally in May. Updates to follow.

Fred Kiehl  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Region 4  
BRN 2544







## REGION 4

### Report of the Region 4 Nominating Committee

Steve Rhodes, chair, Brad Briggs, and Fred Kiehl, members, met on November 13, 2020, via email to consider all eligible candidates for the 2021-2023 term of office. On behalf of the nominating committee, I present the following slate of officers for the Region's consideration:

- President: Brad Briggs #3080
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Fred Kiehl #2544
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Mike Pastva #6931

Included are the candidates' bios. Ballots and voting information will be sent to the Region 4 Local Club Presidents after the new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Rhodes

### Bio for 2021-2023 Region 4, President Nominee

As a nominee for WBAC Region 4 President's office, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. If elected as President for Region 4, I will ensure that it remains relevant and growing. I am excited to be given a chance to move into the Region 4 President position because I have enjoyed WBAC and want to see WBAC continue to be the longest-running, single-branded RV club in the world for the next generation.



My wife Jane and I have enjoyed RV camping since we were children camping with our prospective families. As a couple, she and I have been camping since 1994. We started Airstreaming in 2009 when we purchased our 2003 30' Classic.

Here are some of my WBAC leadership experiences:

- Served as Region 4 Rally Outside Activities Chair 2018 and Region 4 Rally Inside Activities Chair 2019.
- Served the Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream (NOVA) Local Club in various leadership roles, completing two-year terms as a Trustee in 2013 and ending as President in 2020.
- Coordinated, organized, and co-lead Local Club rallies and joint rallies
- Attended and volunteered at WBAC International Rallies
- Completed Leader Training for Caravans, Rallies, and Local Club Officer, Region Officer



Also, I have the following leadership experience through the GoodSam camping club:

- Served as Assistant Wagonmaster for my Local Chapter
- Served as Treasurer for my Local Chapter
- Served as a State Staff member for Ohio GoodSam

If elected to this position, I would propose these goals for WBAC Region 4:

1. Encourage activities to bring all ages of Airstream owners together, including events that cater to those who work and those who own any type of Airstream.
2. Communicate in a positive manner all Airstream activities for members' information and participation, utilizing technology whenever possible.
3. Promote life-long learning through travel and fellowship.

Sincerely,

Brad Briggs

## **Bio for 2021-2023 Region 4, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Nominee**

As a nominee for Region 4 1st Vice President, I would like to say that Kathy and I have had fun during my tenure as 2nd VP. I would like to thank Karen Fisher and Brad Briggs for including us as they have navigated through their duties as Region Officers, particularly their thoughts and planning of the Region Rallies. This has made supporting their goals and planning our Rallies easier, which translates into having more FUN.



Since 2016, we have co-hosted several Unit Rallies, I have volunteered at the Region Rallies, volunteered for the Carpentry Crew and have been the Carpentry Committee Chair at the International Rallies. Kathy and I have been on a couple of National Caravans and have completed the Caravan Leaders Training. In August Kathy and I became Life Members of WBAC.

I am in the final stages of retiring after having owned an Excavation business for 50 years. I also have retired from the Army having started as a Crane Operator and finished as a Support Level Maintenance Technician with 28 years of active service.

I look forward to supporting the President and all the members of Region 4.

Sincerely,

Fred Kiehl





## Bio for 2021-2023 Region 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nominee

I grew up in Seven Hills, Ohio, and have lived in Kent, Ohio, for the past 25 years.

I have a competitive spirit: I enjoy Triathlon racing, cycling, swimming, and weightlifting, along with a round of golf. I also have a passion for anything with wheels. I love drag racing and old cars.



My camping life began in the late '60s when my parents took the family to a variety of campgrounds. As an adult, I first owned a pop-up camper but wanted an Airstream. In 1996 I bought my first Airstream, a 1973 Overlander, and quickly joined the WBCCI, Akron Unit. I raised my four kids in the club with some of the best people ever. Through the years, I have owned four Airstreams and have been a WBCCI and Akron Local Club member working my way up to President in 2010. I love camping along the water and Lakeside, Marblehead always feels like home.

I took a few-year hiatus from camping to finish raising my kids. Once the kids were grown, I bought and restored a 1967 Streamline. I enjoyed it, but it just wasn't an Airstream. The itch to own an Airstream was great, and I missed the great people of this club, so I sold my Streamline, and I bought my fourth Airstream, a 1999 27' Safari.

Today my girlfriend Jill McCauslin and I, along with our three dogs, two rescue puggles, and an Irish doodle, enjoy camping and the Club.

I work as a senior service technician for a commercial property real estate firm based in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Pastva

### WBAC Region 4 Needs You



Wally Byam Airstream Club at all levels - International, Regional, Intra Club, and Local Club's officers are all volunteers. This Club would not exist without good leaders. We owe a round of "thanks" to these great people for their time and effort in guiding and working for our Club.

Please consider sharing your time and talent with the Club at any of these levels.

You are invited to talk to any of the Club's officers about serving in a leadership position.



## Community Service Update

### Chairs, Dan and Dawn Bihary

Greeting Friends,

On October 1 through 4, 2020, several Airstreamers gathered to help bring Wally's Christmas Tree Farm at Santa's Hide-Away-Hollow closer to reality. Over the course of two long days, we cleaned, painted, installed, graded, and assembled components that will soon become a welcome relief center for the guests of the facility.

That weekend we all experienced what great teamwork can accomplish. We saw the true magic of this small piece of Ohio. We all met a person that has truly dedicated his life to the betterment of our world.

Today Dawn and I would like to offer our sincere thanks for joining us on this adventure. Over the next several weeks work will continue to complete the project. We are really looking forward to seeing the first children experience the Airstream.

You can be proud of the accomplishments we made together. Do know that it would not have been possible without your support, dedication, and participation.

Again, thank you for participating.

Merry Christmas!

-Dawn & Dan Bihary







## Save Your Pull Tabs!



Next time you see Wally Kimmel, give him your aluminum pop can pull-tabs. In case you think he might elude you, give them to someone in your local club who can chase him down.

Wally has been tasked to turn them in at the 2021 International Rally in Lebanon for the supported charity. Thanks, Wally, for your willingness to help out!

## Please Be Aware!



Fraudulent emails are happening all across the Club. A way to tell if the email is a fraud is to look at the actual email address used to send the message. Even though it states the officer's name, you can tell by the email address used to send the email if it is bogus. An example would be "Brad Briggs <presidentt1@adminbod.co>." It is the part enclosed by the < > symbols that is important. When you are looking at the email on a phone, the address surrounded by the < > characters is not shown. Only when you select reply or forward is this information typically displayed. If you hit reply to see this information, do not hit send but delete it.

The Region 4 officers and chairpersons' emails are listed on the front page of this Newsletter. These are the addresses from which actual emails will be sent.

The technical term for this criminal behavior is Spoofing. It is not a hacked email account. Hacked email accounts would show the real email address of the sender. Spoofers are getting names and officer positions from the websites and send emails posing as the officer. Recently, a NOVA officer received a spoofed email that appeared to be from the president and was nearly hoodwinked. A quick phone call saved the day. Below is an example from the NOVA Local Club:

**From:** Brad Briggs <presidentt1@adminbod.co>  
**Date:** November 10, 2020 at 8:58:23 AM EST  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Club (NOVA)

Thank you [REDACTED]. I needed you to kindly purchase 5pcs x \$100 of either eBay, Walmart or Target or Steam wallet gift cards which totals \$500 for the donation pledged to Veterans at Hospice & Palliative Care. I will be liable for reimbursement.

You can purchase them at any Kohl's, CVS, Kwik, Macy's, Walmart, or Walgreen's Store. Due to the time frame of the pledge, I will be glad if you get them early enough today.  
 E-mail me immediately you buy them for instructions how to get them across. Let me know if a check will be fine for reimbursement. Thank you.

**Brad Briggs**  
 President  
 Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Club (NOVA)



## INTERNATIONAL

### 2021 International Rally

We all are looking forward to the [64<sup>th</sup> International Rally](#) in Lebanon, Tennessee, on July 16-24, 2021. The rally will take place at the Wilson County Farm Bureau Exposition Center on the grounds of the Wilson County Fairgrounds.

[Registration](#) opened on August 5, 2020.

Lebanon is the county seat of Wilson County, Tennessee, United States. The population was 26,190 at the 2010 census and an estimated 36,479 in 2019. Lebanon is located in Middle Tennessee, approximately 25 miles east of downtown Nashville. Lebanon is part of the Nashville Metropolitan Statistical Area.

From: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lebanon,\\_Tennessee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lebanon,_Tennessee)



Minutes from Nashville International Airport, Farm Bureau Exposition Center, formerly known as Wilson County Expo, is located right off I-40 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center. The municipally owned, 260-acre property encompasses three flexible-use properties that host over 1 million visitors each year for outstanding indoor and outdoor special events. Farm Bureau Exposition Center features diverse entertainment and events for the enjoyment of all interests and ages.

The Farm Bureau Exposition Center is nestled in the signature rolling hills of Middle Tennessee, our 79,000-square-foot facility is a landmark — a modern expression of Wilson County's southern charm and character.

From: <https://www.farmbureauexpo.com/>

Hope to see you there!

Wilson County Farm Bureau Exposition Center, Tennessee





## Region 4 Member Tips & Tricks

### CALLING Region 4 Members for Tips & Tricks



As a Region 4 member, no doubt you have worked your way around many issues, challenges, and storage problems while traveling in your Airstream. This section of the Newsletter is dedicated to sharing among members tips and tricks for making our Airstreams work better for us! Please send any tips and tricks (no matter how trivial you think they are) to Jane Briggs ([jebriggs80@yahoo.com](mailto:jebriggs80@yahoo.com)), for use in future newsletter editions.

For our next Newsletter, send Jane what things you would not leave home without.

#### Checking in with Airstreamers on their essential camping gear

Gathered from: <https://www.airstream.com/blog/tips-tricks-and-favorite-items-from-fellow-airstreamers/>



On the road four to five months a year, Chuck and Janet Zellermayer of Wisconsin own a 2012, 28-foot Flying Cloud and a 1966, 26-foot Overlander and no matter which Airstream they are in, they always take their Weber Q Grill.

Paul and Lynda Schuepp call Jackson, New Hampshire home and spend two to three weeks during the summer months in their 1953, 21-foot Flying Cloud and they wouldn't leave home without their Scripto lighter.



Solo stream sister Erin Jacobs, from Chicago, Illinois, uses her 27-foot Globetrotter as a mobile office. She calls it her "Fifth Avenue on four wheels" and says she got tired of staying in hotels traveling the country as a cyber security specialist. She's traveled 13,000 miles since January and wouldn't go anywhere without her X Chock.

Twenty weeks a year, Eddy and Lilian Lloyd travel with their son, Christopher who has special needs, and his service dog in their 30-foot Flying Cloud. They are from Ontario, Canada and Lilian wouldn't leave home without her air fryer. "It cooks everything and cleanup is a breeze," Lilian said.



Hobby musicians Dave and AnnMarie McKeever of Delaware always travel with a guitar and ukulele when they are on the road in their 2005 25-foot Classic that they bought because, "we loved tent camping, but got too old to sleep in the mud."

The two can be found around a campfire making music and friends as people emerge from their trailers to join the fun.





## SPOTLIGHT: WHERE WE ARE GOING

### SE Michigan Airstream Club Joint Rally/Family Rally

**By: President, Barbara Derian # 10826**

#### Silver on Silver Lake

**DATES:** June 10-13, 2021 (Thursday – Sunday)

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** April 15, 2021 (to park with the group – mention “Silver on Silver Lake Airstream Rally”)



SE Michigan Airstream Club (SEMAC) is planning a camping rally for June 2021 at Holiday Park Campground, 4860 US-31, Traverse City, MI 49685 (<http://www.holidayparktc.com/> , Phone: 231- 943-4410) which was at one time an Airstream Park. The Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Club (NOVA) is co-sponsoring the rally. Come visit old and make new friends while exploring this beautiful Northwest Michigan area. There will be lots to see and do including activities like wine-tasting, kayaking, visiting Sleeping Bear Dunes, and many others shared by the hosts. The costs include the cost of camping (paid directly to the campground by the attendee), as well as the cost of any personal food, restaurant meals and activities (national park pass, kayak rentals, etc.). This will be a family-oriented camping rally.

Reservations open January 5, 2021, and rates are currently at \$65/night for 30/50 amp, full hookups, cable, fire rings and picnic table. Propane, firewood and a small camping supply store is available onsite. There is an onsite, free dumping station. There is a small sandy beach and kayak rentals onsite. There is also a boat launch by the beach. Reservations are non-refundable within 7 days of arrival and no refunds are given for early departures. No motorcycles are permitted in the park. Pets are permitted, but not on the beach. When you make your reservation, a deposit will be required. Also, for planning purposes, please email the rally coordinators with your name, rig information, and number of attendees, Ralph Volk and Barbara Derian, [stella10826@gmail.com](mailto:stella10826@gmail.com), 248-425-2417 or Brad and Jane Briggs, [bfbiggs57@yahoo.com](mailto:bfbiggs57@yahoo.com), 614-207-1241.

Note: There is no rally fee. A 50/50 raffle will be conducted during the rally to cover the club’s costs of the event. Any excess monies from the raffle proceeds may be donated to the Region 4 Charity.



Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore



## Harvest Hosts

By: Jane Briggs #3080

(Information for this article was taken from <https://harvesthosts.com>)



During this pandemic is a perfect time to find alternative camping locations, preferably ones out and away from others to slow the spread. One such location or actually group of locations came across one of my web searches lately and is called Harvest Hosts. You may have seen their ad in one of the *Blue Beret* issues as well. So, what exactly is Harvest Hosts?

For an annual fee, Harvest Hosts provides members with a list of 1443 farms, breweries, wineries, and other locations where you or I could park our Airstream (or any RV for that matter) and basically boondock for one free night. Harvest Hosts operates through an online app with membership benefits that include:

- Online Directory of Hosts with their own information page that gives you a description of the Host, hours of operation, contact information, website/Facebook locations, amenities, photos, and reviews. It will also tell you if the parking surface will be concrete, asphalt, gravel, grass or dirt. You may be in the Host's parking lot, or in a field, orchard or vineyard. Hookups, well, possible, but not probable.
- Membership Dashboard which allows you to view and make changes to your account, download your Harvest Hosts membership card and vehicle badge, and upload your reviews and photos for the Hosts you visit on your travel adventures.
- Interactive Host Map that allows you to search Hosts by State, Locations, or Route as well as create trips and save Hosts that look interesting to you.

Harvest Hosts has an App you will need to download for your mobile device, a monthly newsletter introducing you to new Hosts and Harvest Hosts Happenings and finally a Member Success Team dedicated to helping you.

Wow! That sounds great you say! Ah, but what are the annual fees? Harvest Hosts receives a membership fee of \$79 per year for a list of 1443+ sites or a second plan of \$119 per year if you wish to include 1812+ sites like golf courses. Harvest Hosts also asks that you support your Host to show your appreciation for their hospitality. When considering how much to spend at a Host, they ask that you spend the amount of money you saved in campground fees and suggests a minimum of \$20 in support of your Host.



Another point is that if you are traveling with another rig, keep in mind that each Airstream will need a Harvest Host membership to stay overnight on Harvest Hosts locations. And, regarding pets, nearly all of the Hosts permit pets on a leash at your vehicle. Specific instructions may be on the Host information page.

More information on Harvest Hosts including beautiful pictures of some of the Host sites can be found at <https://harvesthosts.com/location-gallery>.





## SPOTLIGHT: WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

### Region 4 Service Project Santa's Hide-Away-Hollow Work Weekend

By: Jane Briggs #3080

Over October 1-4, 2020, several workers from various Region 4 local clubs including NOVA, Akron, Michigan Airstream Club and Miami Valley showed up to work on our Region 4 Service Project: Placing and remodeling an Airstream at Santa's Hide-Away-Hollow in order for terminally ill children, family, and caregivers to have an air-conditioned place to rest and relax while visiting Santa's Hide-Away-Hollow in Middlefield, Ohio.



Over the past two years, Dan and Dawn Bihary, Chairs of the Region 4 Service Project, and NOVA Members garnered an Airstream to place and remodel. The work weekend provided an opportunity for all to get their hands dirty working on not only the Airstream remodel, but also on various projects that needed done around the "Hollow." Members helped paint fencing, built a ramp, and worked at landscaping the area around the Airstream.



Like to join in the project? The next work weekend has been scheduled for May 13-16, 2021.



If you have questions, please reach out to Dan Bihary at [dan@bihary.com](mailto:dan@bihary.com). Clubs and individuals can still donate to the work here: <https://www.santashideawayhollow.com/donors/make-a-donation/>





## RECIPES FOR THE ROAD

### Appetizers for GAMS!

**By: Jane Briggs #3080**

How many GAMS have you been invited to? Do you know what a GAM is in the Airstream family? GAM stands for Get Acquainted Meeting, and they often happen around 4 p.m. under a tree or shady spot, and everyone brings their own beverages with a few appetizers being shared. Our first GAM happened at the 2012 WBCCI International in Sedalia, MO. Near our assigned parking spot at the Missouri State Fairgrounds was one of the few trees around. The humidity was off the charts with the temperatures climbing to 100 degrees plus. Luckily, we happened to be parked in the middle of Region 10, and they included us in their daily GAMS under that one tree each day--regardless of the temperatures!

Along with our individually-chosen beverages, typical appetizers for the GAMS included cheese and crackers; however, some Airstreamers seemed to have prepared for these GAMS and shared some wonderful, easy appetizers including mixed nuts, veggies and special dips and popcorn sprinkled with parmesan cheese. In reality, it did not matter what we ate, it only mattered that we took the time to stop and enjoy the group fellowship of those we meet in WBCCI. Now when I make appetizers, I remember that time fondly. In fact, in August of 2019, we ran into a few of those same friends from that first GAM at Folklorama in Winnipeg, MB. There is no doubt that WBCCI friendships can last a lifetime!

So, as the holiday approaches and smaller gatherings among family and friends seem to be the norm this year, I decided to take a look at healthier appetizers for the holidays AND for GAMS.

Enjoy!

From: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/olive-stuffed-celery/print/>

### Olive-Stuffed Celery

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep/Total Time: 25 min. **YIELD:** 2 dozen.

#### Ingredients

- 1 dill pickle spear plus 1 teaspoon juice
- 3 sweet pickles plus 1 teaspoon juice
- 6 pitted ripe olives plus 1 teaspoon juice
- 6 pimiento-stuffed olives plus 1 teaspoon juice
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup Miracle Whip
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans, toasted
- 6 celery ribs, cut into 2-inch pieces



#### Directions

- 1. Finely chop the pickles and olives; set aside. In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, Miracle Whip, juices and salt until blended. Stir in the pickles, olives and pecans.
- 2. Pipe or stuff filling into celery sticks. Store in the refrigerator.



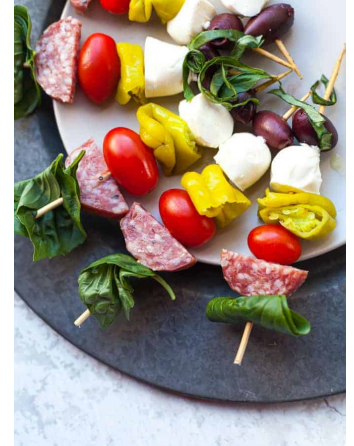
From: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/antipasto-skewers/>

## Antipasto Skewers

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep/Total Time: 15 min. **YIELD:** 1 dozen.

### Ingredients

- 24 grape tomatoes (about 1 pint)
- 1 carton (8 ounces) cherry-size fresh mozzarella cheese
- 12 thin slices hard salami (about 1/4 pound)
- 12 pimiento-stuffed Queen olives
- Italian vinaigrette, optional



### Directions

1. On 12 wooden 6-in. skewers, alternately thread tomatoes, mozzarella, folded salami slices and olives. Refrigerate until serving. If desired, drizzle skewers with vinaigrette to serve.

From: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/caprese-salad-kabobs/print/>

## Caprese Salad Kabobs

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep/Total Time: 10 min. **YIELD:** 12 kabobs.

### Ingredients

- 24 grape tomatoes
- 12 cherry-size fresh mozzarella cheese balls
- 24 fresh basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar



### Directions

1. On each of 12 appetizer skewers, alternately thread 2 tomatoes, 1 cheese ball and 2 basil leaves. Whisk olive oil and vinegar; drizzle over kabobs.





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*2021 Newsletter Deadlines and Publication Dates*

Issue	Article Deadline	Publication Date
<i>Spring</i>	<i>3-1-21</i>	<i>3-15-21</i>

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FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

*This newsletter is for YOU, the Region 4 Member!*

*Feel free to submit information of interest to our members!*

Newsletter issues typically include the following:

Spotlight: Where We Have Been (Local Club Rally or Caravan already taken)

Spotlight: Where We are Heading (upcoming Local Club Rally or Caravan)

Healthy Airstream Cooking Recipes

Region 4 Member Tips & Tricks

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# Join us for the 45th Annual Region 4 Rally

## May 19-23, 2021

**Summit Bechtel Reserve—Fayetteville, WV**



### High Adventure Activities

The Summit Bechtel Boy Scout Reserve is home every four years to the National Scouting Jamboree and in 2019 hosted the World Scouting Jamboree. They provide camping opportunities, leadership training and high adventure activities for youth and adults.

Your registration fee includes admission to one of the following activities per person. Additional activities may be reserved and purchased in advance. Additional information on each activity and how to register for the activities and the cost of each will be available in the spring.

- ◇ Zip line
- ◇ Canopy Tour
- ◇ Shooting Sports

In addition, the following activities are available to everyone during our stay.

- ◇ Fishing (Bring your own equipment)
- ◇ Kayaking/Canoeing
- ◇ Bike Trails

### About the Summit Bechtel Reserve

Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit Bechtel Reserve is a training, Scouting, and adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America and anyone who loves the outdoors. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is also home to the National Scout Jamboree and the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base.

### Activities

High Adventure Activities

Catered Meals

Door Prizes

Entertainment

Hobby/Craft Show

Flea Market

Seminars

Time for Optional Activities

### Nearby Attractions

Whitewater Rafting

Bridge Walk

ATV Adventure Tour

NPS Canyon Rim Visitor's Center

Sandstone Falls

Nuttallburg (coal town)

Thurmond (historic railroad town)

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- \* 4 Nights Camping w/20A Electric
- \* Come with full water tanks and empty grey/black tanks—Pumpouts on Saturday
- \* 3 Catered Meals
- \* Morning Hospitality (coffee, juice, roll)
- \* Evening Hospitality (snack & beverage)
- \* Evening Entertainment
- \* High Adventure Activities
- \* And much more...



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Registration Coupon  
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**Rally Fee**

2 Persons	\$345
1 Person	\$275
Extra Adult/Child	\$ 70

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