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Hello Members of Region 4!

I am getting so excited! We started to have a few warmer days, the snow is melting, and although I tell myself that there is probably still a winter storm out there, I know that Spring is coming. And with the coming of Spring, I know that it's time to get out the Airstream and make sure it's ready to travel. I just can't wait!

And the Region 4 Rally is just around the corner. Brad and Fred and Mike and I have been meeting frequently to make sure everything is set for an exciting and safe rally. It's not too late to register, so send your registration form in now and plan to join us in Glen Jean, WV, at the Summit Bechtel Boy Scout Reserve. (See Registration Forms in this newsletter.)

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I know many of the local clubs have rallies scheduled as well. Local club officers and webmasters, please make sure your rallies are listed in the Events Page of the Airstream Club website. If it's not listed here, it won't be included in the *Blue Beret* list of upcoming events. This is also a great way to get info out on your events to members outside your club. It's also often where the Region officers go to find out what's going on so they can make travel plans to visit the local clubs.

And don't forget to register for the International Rally in Lebanon, TN, in July. Planning is well under way and it's shaping up to be another great rally. This should be an easy trip for most of you in Region 4. Dates are July 17-24, 2021.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of these upcoming rallies. Think Spring!

See you down the road,



Karen Fisher  
President, Region 4  
BRN 248

## WBAC Region 4 Needs You



Tis the Season - no, not Christmas.

It is that time of the year when the Region Officers ask Region 4 members to be Chairpersons for the upcoming Region 4 Rally.

In turn, these Chairpersons ask other members to be a part of their committees.

Please consider sharing your time and talent with the Club when called upon. It makes all the difference!

Did you ever play Where's Waldo? See if you can find Where's Wally in this Newsletter.

No, not that Wally - Wally Kimmel.

Email Brad if you find him. Prizes Awarded! Page 1 does not count!

## From the First Vice President

### You have my gratitude....

#### For those of you who responded to my plea for feedback:

Thank you to everyone who gave me feedback on the activities and events traditionally held at Region 4 Rallies. This information has been invaluable to the planning process for the 2022 Rally in Wooster, Ohio.



#### For those of you who responded to my plea to volunteer:



Did you notice "Uncle Wally" pointing at you in the WBAC Region 4 Needs You section above? It gives you a glimpse of what is needed to put on a Region 4 Rally --volunteers are needed. Many times, we have heard that this Club runs on volunteerism. Except for a handful of dedicated paid personnel at the WBAC Headquarters in Jackson Center, Ohio, everything is done by people like you and me who volunteer.

Much research has been done on the personal benefits of volunteering. For example, on the Mayo Clinic Health System's website, there is the article [Helping people, changing lives: The 6 health benefits of volunteering](#). Here are the six benefits from the article:

1. Volunteering decreases the risk of depression.
2. Volunteering gives a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills.
3. Volunteering helps people stay physically and mentally active.
4. Volunteering may reduce stress levels.
5. Volunteering may help you live longer.
6. Volunteering helps you meet others and develop new relationships.

All of these are very important; however, No. 6 is probably the most visible when we volunteer in WBAC. The explanation for No. 6 states, "One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to participate in a shared activity together. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people who share common interests with you. Dedicating your time as a volunteer also helps you expand your network and practice social skills with others."

I am grateful for the 2021 Region 4 Rally Inside Chairpersons who said YES to me when I gave them a call. Remarkably, I was able to fill all the positions in a matter of days--a new record for me. If one of these Chairpersons calls on you, remember, this is your chance to "expand your network" of friends and fellow Airstream enthusiasts and benefit from Volunteering!



**Last but not least, for those of you who responded to my personal moment of need in Florida:**

After the Mid-Winter IBT, Karen and Wally, Fred and Kathy, and I stopped off at Traveler's Rest. During our stay, my truck was struck in the back by another car. As it turned out, it ended up being a five-vehicle wreck. Thankfully, no one was taken to the hospital.

I had so many people who offered help, including offering the use of their vehicles. I realize if I tried to name everyone, I would miss someone. You know who you are, and please know that I am very grateful to you.

By the way, my truck is still in Florida as of March 8. It was finished a few days ago and is supposed to be shipped to me in Ohio and arrive on March 12. Jane held the presses for me--It did show up on time with a few more items yet to be fixed. The good news is at least it is back in Ohio.

Stay healthy and safe travels,

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



## From the Second Vice President

### Getting Out and Traveling

Greetings,

In January, we attended the Mid-Winter IBT (Airstream Club business meeting) in Sarasota, Florida. Because of the Pandemic, the meeting was held in a hybrid format. Some of us were on-site at the conference and others were somewhere else (where they felt more comfortable) and attended via Zoom, using a computer or cell phone. While on-site, we practiced social distancing, which is strange not to get to shake hands and hug your friends. We still were able to catch up with some friends and make some new ones.



A lot of the restaurants along the highway offered carry out only, which means no facilities available. The challenge is to figure out which ones do. Traveling during the pandemic has given Kathy and me a much greater appreciation for traveling with our trailer (Hotel, Restaurant, and Potty) in tow.

As we move into March, my warmer weather thoughts lead me to think of getting out and traveling. Our first event is with our local Club, "Wake Up Downtown," in Logan, Ohio. From there, we go to the Work Rally at Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow near Burton, Ohio, and then off to the Region 4 Rally in West Virginia.

That brings me to our project I told you about in our last newsletter. The coach is back from Airstream, where they replaced the Pilot's window, installed the new backsplash behind the sinks, and repaired some structural issues of which we were not aware. We then continued to remove the interior and, along the way, decided to replace more than we originally planned. Does that sound like one of your projects? We've replaced the ceiling with new aluminum, flooring, mouse fur on the walls, refinished the cabinetry, new wallpaper in the bathroom, updated the HVAC, and have half of the furniture reupholstered. Significant progress, but our first outing is only 55 days away, so I better cut this short and get back to it.

Looking forward to seeing all of you this season,

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





## REGION 4

### Safety Message about the Region 4 Rally

Dear Members of Region 4,

Brad, Fred, and I recently attended the Mid-Winter IBT in Sarasota, Florida. We met to discuss and work on the planning process for the 2021 Region 4 Rally. We realize that many of you may be concerned about how we plan to hold the Rally and ensure our attendees' safety during this time of uncertainty relative to the COVID pandemic.

First and foremost, we want to reassure you that we are keeping all of our attendees' safety paramount in all of our planning. We will follow all CDC and local health department guidelines and those of the Summit Reserve where we are staying. We anticipate that masks will still be required, and social distancing guidelines will still be in effect. All of our planning will center around these assumptions.

Since we all know that things can (and most likely will) change as time passes, we will give you exact information on what we will be doing as we get closer to the Rally. We are working with other Region Officers to share best practices from their Region and Local Club rallies to safeguard everyone and yet have a great time together (at a safe distance, of course). 😊

And if you still feel it is safest to remain at home, we understand. Each person must decide for themselves what they want to do. We want to promise you that your safety is our primary consideration. We do hope you'll choose to join us.

Karen J. Fisher  
(248) 672-0353



# 45<sup>th</sup> Region 4 Rally Hobby Show

Is there a hobby or craft you would like to share with others when you attend the 45<sup>th</sup> Region 4 Rally, May 19 – 23, 2021?

I am sure all would appreciate seeing and hearing about your passion for a particular craft or hobby.

This year there will not be judging or handing out of ribbons; instead, an hour set aside for those hobbyists and crafters who choose to be available at their display to share their passion and talent.

To make sure we reserve adequate resources and space for this event, please register.

## Registration Form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you plan to display? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been doing this hobby/craft? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you get started? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like the most about this hobby/craft? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your registration **by May 15, 2021**, to:

Sharon Bryant

17620 Bayberry Dr, Spring Lake, Michigan 49456 **OR**, email this information to [sbryantcrv@gmail.com](mailto:sbryantcrv@gmail.com) with the subject line "Rally Hobby Show and Flea Market."

## Oh yeah, we're having a flea market too.

Those who will be participating in the flea market, let me know:

I need a: \_\_\_\_ 1/2 table or \_\_\_\_ full table.

## Region 4 Membership

### Chair, Brad Briggs

At the Mid-Winter IBT, Cecelia Stansbury, Region 12 President, unveiled their region trifold brochure.

Karen, Fred, and I thought this was a good idea; so we, with permission, decided to steal the idea and format.

Shown here is the draft of the front page. The back page gives a blurb for each local club and displays their logo if they have one or a state outline with a blue star indicating the local club's location in their state.

The whole document has been sent to the Membership Chair and President of each Local Club for their final review and approval.

The brochure will be given to Airstream Dealers in our region, posted on the Region 4 Website, and be available to members who want to pass them out to non-WBAC Airstreamer they meet on their travels.

#### Congratulations on choosing Airstream, an American icon

Built since 1932, Airstreams have captured the heart and wanderlust of RV owners for decades. Wally Byam, the pioneer builder who created Airstreams, said it best, "To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end, and thus make your travel dreams come true."

In 1955 the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI), also known as the Airstream Club International (ACI), was formed and has been bringing Airstream owners together for Fun, Friendship and Adventure over the decades. Today, this international club is comprised of 12 geographic regions across North America and Europe.

Region 4 (Lower Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia) invites you to check out the various clubs in this region and find one that interests you. Enjoy camping around water? There are clubs for that. Region 4 includes three Great Lakes, the Ohio River, and the New River to name a few. Have your heart set on camping at festivals or special events? Yes, there are clubs that do that, and more! Visit the various club websites to find one that matches your wanderlust!

#### Jackson Center, Ohio

Airstreams are hand-built in Jackson Center, Ohio. Airstream, Inc., affectionately called, 'The Mothership', by Airstream owners, is a destination you'll want to place on your Bucket List. Here you can tour the state-of-the-art, 725,000 square foot facility and see how Airstreams are made. Visit [airstream.com](http://airstream.com) for more information.

#### Region 4 Websites

[AirstreamClub.org/Akron-Ohio](http://AirstreamClub.org/Akron-Ohio)

[AirstreamClub.org/Cincinnati-Ohio](http://AirstreamClub.org/Cincinnati-Ohio)

[AirstreamClub.org/Heart-of-Ohio](http://AirstreamClub.org/Heart-of-Ohio)

[AirstreamClub.org/Ohio-Lake-River](http://AirstreamClub.org/Ohio-Lake-River)

[AirstreamClub.org/Southeastern-Michigan](http://AirstreamClub.org/Southeastern-Michigan)

[AirstreamClub.org/Miami-Valley-Ohio](http://AirstreamClub.org/Miami-Valley-Ohio)

[AirstreamClub.org/Michigan](http://AirstreamClub.org/Michigan)

[AirstreamClub.org/Mid-Eastern-Michigan](http://AirstreamClub.org/Mid-Eastern-Michigan)

[AirstreamClub.org/Mohican-Valley-Ohio](http://AirstreamClub.org/Mohican-Valley-Ohio)

[AirstreamClub.org/Northern-Ohio-Virtual](http://AirstreamClub.org/Northern-Ohio-Virtual)

[AirstreamClub.org/Western-Reserve-Camping-Unit](http://AirstreamClub.org/Western-Reserve-Camping-Unit)

[AirstreamClub.org/West-Virginia](http://AirstreamClub.org/West-Virginia)

International Club: [AirstreamClub.org](http://AirstreamClub.org)

Region 4: [AirstreamClub.org/Region4](http://AirstreamClub.org/Region4)



*We are the longest rolling, single-branded RV club in the world!*

### Region 4 of the Airstream Club International

Airstream Clubs of Lower Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia



Join in the Fun, Friendship and Adventure!



## Community Service Update

### Chairs, Dan and Dawn Bihary

#### Work Rally at Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow May 13-16, 2021



Please contact Dan & Dawn Bihary with your intentions to attend.

[dbihary@hotmail.com](mailto:dbihary@hotmail.com)

Phone anytime 440-453-9782. (Please leave a voicemail and I will usually call right back.)

Thank you and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

All Airstreamers are invited to join in the fun while helping a great organization this May. We will be rallying together in Middlefield, Ohio, for a long weekend with Santa!

Last year, Region 4 was well represented when we readied a 30' Airstream for "Wally's Christmas Tree Farm." This year we plan to complete more work on the Airstream and help prepare other facility areas for the 2021 events.

Tasks will involve Air Conditioner replacement, general cleaning, cabinetry and countertop installation, and a considerable amount of exterior landscape and maintenance tasks.

This rally is a boondocking rally with no services available. Parking is on a large gravel parking lot. Punderson State Park is located about 15 minutes west for those wishing amenities.

May 13-17, 2021 – Work Rally Dates				
Thursday, May 13	Friday, May 14	Saturday, May 15	Sunday, May 16	Monday, May 17
Afternoon and Evening Arrival.	Optional All-Day Arrival.  Work will take place between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.	Optional All-Day Arrival.  Work will take place between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.	Optional All-Day Departure.  Work opportunities will be available for those staying.	Depart with thanks.  R4 Rally attendees can stay the night and caravan to the Rally.

### A Special Invitation for Region 4 Rally Attendees going to the Work Rally

If you are attending the work rally and would like to caravan to the Region 4 Rally location on Monday, May 17, you will be given early Rally parking on Monday. However, there will be no planned rally activities until Wednesday, May 19. You can use the extra time to explore or do other activities in the area. Please let Dan know when you register for the Work Rally that you will be caravanning into the Region 4 Rally.



P.S. I am also looking for a caravan leader for this one-day excursion. Contact me if interested.

Karen Fisher  
President – Region 4.

## 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, and the emails of your Local Club Officers are probably listed on their respective websites also.

The technical term for this criminal behavior is Spoofing. It is not a hacked email account. Hacked email accounts would show the actual email address of the sender. Spoofer are getting names and officer positions from the websites and send emails posing as the officer. As an example, 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 of a spoofed email 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**

## INTERNATIONAL

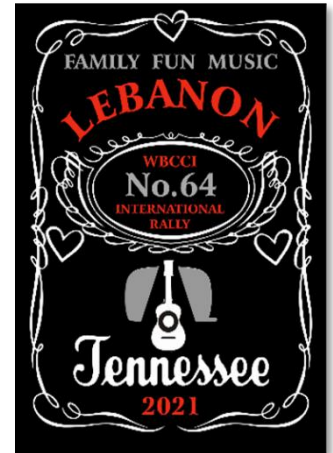
### 2021 International Rally

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 Wilson County Fairgrounds.

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

If you have not done so already, you are encouraged to read the articles and tour information published in the *Blue Beret* over the past six months. Back copies can be found in the [Membership Only](#) section on the ACI website.

Hope to see you there!



### Region 4 Brunch

### 2021 International Rally



You are cordially invited to attend the Region 4 Brunch at the 64<sup>th</sup> International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Sunday, July 18, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$16 per person.

RSVP by Friday, July 9, 2021, to Brad Briggs [bfbiggs57@yahoo.com](mailto:bfbiggs57@yahoo.com) or (614) 207-1241

Send your check payable to **Region 4** to:  
Steve Rhodes, 1121 Bogey Drive, Ontario, OH 44903

Note in the memo line: **IR R4 Brunch**

(This touchless buffet Brunch is after the Worship Service and allows plenty of time to mosey over to Building C)



## Region 4 Member Tips & Tricks

### Airstream Improvements

From Gary Flint, #3935

#### TV Upgrade

LG - 32" Class LED HD Smart webOS TV

Model:32LM620BPUA SKU:6334010

<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/lg-32-class-led-hd-smart-webos-tv/6334010.p?skuId=6334010>

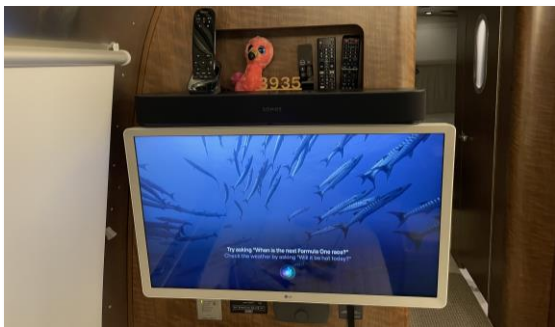


I was disappointed with the original Samsung TV installed in my 2018 Airstream 27FB. I searched for airstream addicts and found a discussion about making the upgrade, but short on a satisfactory method. The critical aspect of this change is the mounting bracket. In my case (in a Globetrotter), the mounting bracket is recessed in a pocket in the lounge cabinet that houses the refrigerator. I did not want to change the TV bracket due to the unique cabinet mounting base. The new TV had a larger pitch on the mounting attachments than the original TV (200mm vs. 100mm). I purchased an adapter bracket to both change the mounting attachment spacing and shifted the TV inboard.



[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07771JFVP/ref=ppx\\_yo\\_dt\\_b\\_asin\\_title\\_o08\\_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07771JFVP/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o08_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1)

The new LG TV has a tuner that is a cut above (better station reception) and is a smart TV if you have an Internet source such as a hot spot.



The new LG TV installed.

Finally, I kept the Samsung TV in the bedroom, which uses a different remote. Having unlike brands eliminated, turning both TVs on inadvertently. The picture quality is far superior to the original TV. Overall, this was a relatively low-cost and straightforward upgrade.

## 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.

## SPOTLIGHT: WHERE WE ARE GOING

### Vintage Travel Trailer Rally at the Gilmore

By: Steve Lee # 6462

[Airstream6462@gmail.com](mailto:Airstream6462@gmail.com)

DATE: May 15, 2021 (Saturday and stay overnight)

RESERVATION: To make your reservation with the Gilmore Car Museum, call Michelle Quesnel at (269) 671-5089 if you want to camp for more than one night. Otherwise, you can sign up and get more information [about the Vintage Travel Trailer Rally](#) on the museum's website.



Last year with so many events being canceled, we got together with some great friends and created our own little event. We were familiar with the Gilmore Car Museum and its beautiful 90-acre grounds, so we gave them a call. As it turns out, they are not only the country's largest automobile museum - they are also considered a park!

With the museum staff's help, we hosted 12 Airstreams for a weekend and enjoyed the museum's displays, grounds, and special events. Everyone wanted to do it again!

The museum is very proud of its campus, and partially due to our event's success, they will be hosting a vintage travel trailer rally Saturday, May 15th, 2021. Airstreams of all ages will be featured in this year's event. Additionally, the museum will host the "Corks and Crafts Season Opener" wine and craft beer tasting event on the same Saturday.

We will be helping the museum reach out to WBCCI Airstream club members, Tin Can Tourists, and other camping clubs for this event.

Check out the museum's website at [GilmoreCarMuseum.org](http://GilmoreCarMuseum.org) to get a feel for all the museum has to offer. Search for "Vintage Travel Trailer Rally" to check out the details. If you plan to attend Saturday and Saturday night, only you can register online via the museum's website. Otherwise, call the number list above.

What to expect – The Gilmore is one of Michigan's best examples of how to reopen under Covid-19 guidelines, so your safety is their top priority. The museum has ~3 miles of paved roads along with beautiful buildings and barns to house their car collections. A 1950's diner serves food during museum and special event hours.

Saturday's vintage (25 years +) event will be held on the main showgrounds, and longer-term camping and Airstreams will be parked near their oval track. This rally is a PRIMITIVE camping event with NO 110 V power or other hookups available (Quiet inverter type generators will be allowed during limited daytime hours). After preregistration (online or by phone), you will check-in at the museum entrance upon arrival. A daily museum entry fee is requested if you plan to take advantage of the museum or any special events beyond basic camping.



## Things to do with NOVA

**By: President Randy Shiplett # 3516**

Last year was a challenging year, to say the least. Many of NOVA's events were canceled or postponed due to an abundance of caution in dealing with a pandemic. We are hoping and planning for a better 2021, as you can see from the list below:



**April 15-19, 2021** - NOVA Rally's [SPRING IS IN THE AIRstream](#), Hocking Hills State Park Campground, OH.

**Host/Coordinator:** [Ella and Tom Brown](#).

This rally is a good opportunity to de-winterize your trailer and do an all systems check to prepare for the camping season.



**April 22-25, 2021** - NOVA Rally - [SPRING FLING at Mark Wahlberg Airstream & RV](#), Columbus, OH.

**Host/Coordinator:** [Suzie and John Couger](#).

A fun event to check out Columbus and to introduce prospective buyers to the Airstream Lifestyle.

**May 13-16, 2021** - WBAC Region 4 - Region 4 Community Service Work Rally at Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow.

**Host/Coordinator:** [Dan and Dawn Bihary](#).

Roll up your sleeves and work on an inspiring project.

## Silver on Silver Lake

**June 11-14, 2021** - NOVA Joint Rally with Southeast Michigan AC (SEMAC), [Silver on Silver Lake](#) at the Holiday Park Campground near Traverse City, MI.

**NOVA Liaison:** [Jane and Brad Briggs](#).

This event is an opportunity to camp with another club and to explore nearby Traverse City.

**June 21-28, 2021** - NOVA Rally - [Put-In-Bay Pirate Fest](#), South Bass Island State Park, OH

**Host/Coordinator:** [Dan and Dawn Bihary](#).

Relive the Pirate Fest era by joining in the activities or explore the island at your own pace.

Check out NOVA's website for additional information.

[CampNOVA.club](http://CampNOVA.club)





## National Parks and Historic Sites in Region 4

By: Jane Briggs #3080

Our Region 4 is blessed with many national parks and historic sites that make great home bases for using your Airstream. Because our region includes the states of Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia, no park or site is too far away, and they make great escapes for three- or four-day weekend trips. The National Park's Senior Pass makes visiting these protected areas much more affordable, too. For more information on the Senior Pass, visit <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/senior-pass-changes.htm>. When you think about places to go and things to do as travel starts up again this spring, consider the following as possible locations for your next get-away or rally.

In Michigan (Note that "Below the Bridge" is WBAC Region 4 and "Above the Bridge" is WBAC Region 7)

Michigan's National Park is the Isle Royale National Park which resides in the middle of Lake Superior. The isolated island is rugged and provides for solitude as well as adventures for backpackers, hikers, boaters, kayakers, canoeists, and scuba divers. Open from April 15 to November 1 annually, this trip is perfect for the Midwest's hot summers.



Figuring out how to travel to the park is half the fun. Whether you choose a ferry or seaplane, you have options from Michigan and Minnesota. At the website, [nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/directions.htm](https://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/directions.htm), you can see additional transportation directions. This picture details different departure and arrival points.

As you can see from the picture, leaving from the Upper Peninsula (which is actually in Region 7) can be accomplished from the Keweenaw (pronounced KEY-win-awe) Peninsula. The Keweenaw itself has many things to see and do related to copper mining in the area. Ft. Wilkins, a Michigan State Park, is located on the Peninsula and might make a good base for the Airstream. Check out this website for some ideas doable on a long weekend:

[https://midwestweekends.com/plan\\_a\\_trip/touring/scenic\\_byways/keweenaw\\_peninsula\\_michigan.html](https://midwestweekends.com/plan_a_trip/touring/scenic_byways/keweenaw_peninsula_michigan.html).

Michigan's other national historic parks, lakeshores, and battlefield parks both above and below the bridge include the following:

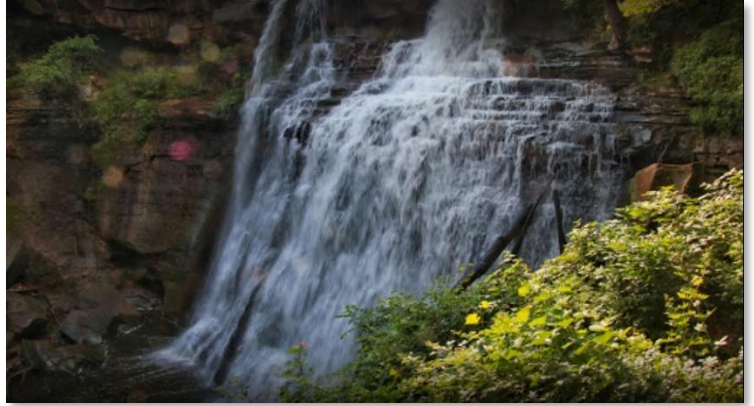
- Keweenaw National Historical Park - <https://www.nps.gov/kewe/index.htm>
- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore - <https://www.nps.gov/piro/index.htm>
- River Raisin National Battlefield Park - <https://www.nps.gov/rira/index.htm>
- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore - <https://www.nps.gov/slbe/index.htm>

### In Ohio

Ohio is blessed with many historic parks, memorials, and monuments--many of which were erected because of the eight U.S. Presidents who called Ohio home. The one national park does reside in the northeastern part of the

state, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, a short distance from Cleveland and Akron. The park boasts many native plants and wildlife as the Cuyahoga River winds through the park. The historic route of the Ohio & Erie Canal's towpath can also be experienced while in the park by simply walking or riding a bike on the Towpath Trail along the canal. Periodically, there are also train trips that occur within the park as well. See Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad at <https://www.cvsr.org/>.

Established in 1974 as the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, it was later designated as a national park in 2000. Most visitors to the park want to explore the outdoors--hiking and biking--taking advantage of the miles and miles of trails that take you through scenery that varies from marshy wetlands to mossy limestone ledges. There are even a few waterfalls! There are many things to see and do around Peninsula, Ohio, including museums and shops. For more on what to see and do and to help in planning your trip, check out this website: <https://www.nps.gov/cuva/index.htm>.



In terms of finding a base for camping with the Airstream, we recently traveled to Punderson State Park last fall. We enjoyed a 30- to 40-minute drive in the beautiful fall weather to Cuyahoga NP, where we spent the day hiking the Ledges area and picnicking. More on Punderson State Park's Campground can be found here: [ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/punderson-state-park-campground](http://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/punderson-state-park-campground)

Other national historic areas in Ohio include:

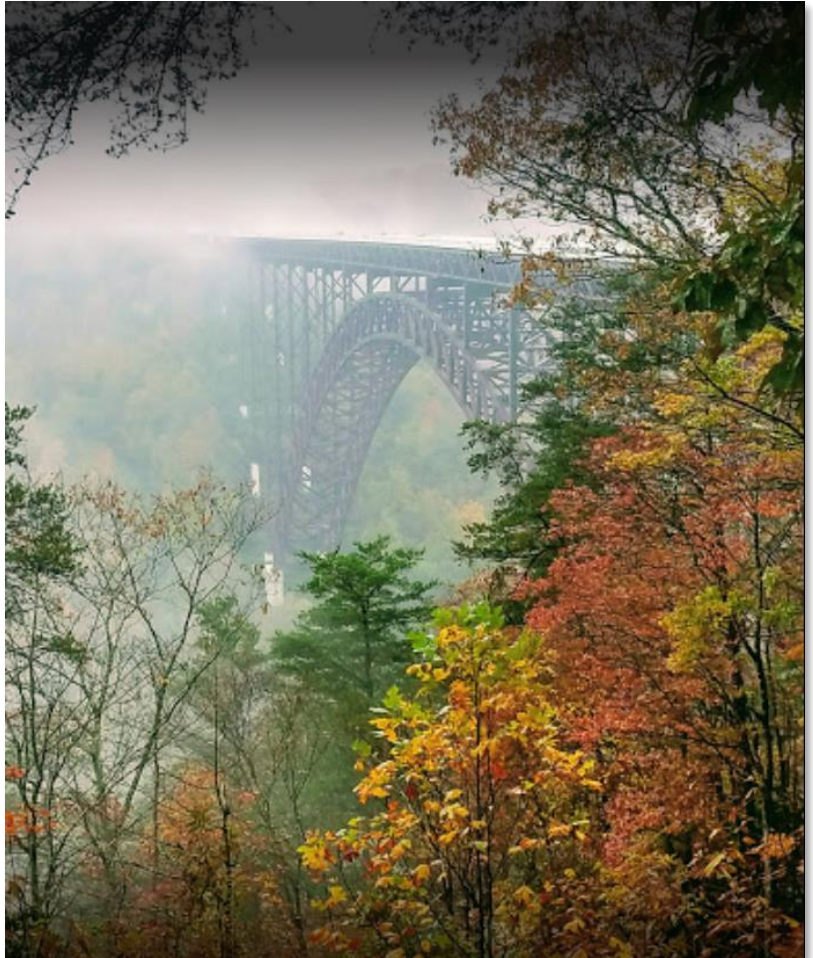
- Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument - <https://www.nps.gov/chyo/index.htm>
- Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park - <https://www.nps.gov/daav/index.htm>
- First Ladies National Historic Site - <https://www.nps.gov/fila/index.htm>
- Hopewell Culture National Historical Park - <https://www.nps.gov/hocu/index.htm>
- James A. Garfield National Historic Site - <https://www.nps.gov/jaga/index.htm>
- Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial - <https://www.nps.gov/pevi/index.htm>
- William Howard Taft National Historic Site - <https://www.nps.gov/wiho/index.htm>



## In West Virginia

Ah, the natural beauty of West Virginia! There is so much to see and do in this state, yet why is it we always seem to be driving through it versus actually making it a camping weekend? One of the most beautiful areas, the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, is not far from our 2021 Region 4 Rally, May 19-23, 2021 - "Peace, Love, and Almost Heaven!" (See the registration in this Newsletter.)

Established in 1978, the New River Gorge National River was redesignated as the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve in 2021. The park encompasses over 70,000 acres of land along 53 miles of the New River from Bluestone Dam to Hawk's Nest Lake. A rugged, whitewater river flowing northward through deep and spectacular canyons, the New River is among the oldest rivers on Earth. The New River has carved and continues to cut the deepest and longest river gorge in the Appalachian Mountains. Visitors to this national park will find hiking trails, rafting excursions, biking on rail trails, and simply spectacular scenery. More can be found on this beautiful park location at <https://www.nps.gov/neri/index.htm>.



It is important to note that this national park has a diversity of plants; it contains the most diverse flora of any river gorge in the south and central Appalachian Mountains. The forests are some of the oldest and most varied in the world. All types of habitats can be found here, including endangered species. Historically, one can learn about the railroads and coal mining and how families in those industries lived and worked by visiting area museums. The Thurmond Depot is one such place (<https://www.nps.gov/neri/planyourvisit/thurmond.htm>) And, if you like birding, this is a birder's dream (<https://www.nps.gov/neri/learn/nature/birds.htm>).

In addition, the following national scenic rivers, recreational areas, and historic parks can be found in Wild, Wonderful West Virginia!

- Bluestone National Scenic River - <https://www.nps.gov/blue/index.htm>
- Gauley River National Recreation Area - <https://www.nps.gov/gari/index.htm>
- Harpers Ferry National Historical Park - <https://www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm>



## RECIPES FOR THE ROAD

### Dishes for St. Patrick's Day

By: Jane Briggs #3080

I find when traveling, we often enjoy ONE pot, ONE pan, or ONE skillet meals. When only one pot, pan, or skillet becomes dirty, then washing is a snap and saves that precious, clean water in our tanks!



If you are traveling and want an easy meal for St. Patrick's Day (or any day), give this recipe a try in your skillet.

Enjoy!

From: <https://www.food.com/recipe/cabbage-potato-and-smoked-sausage-skillet-333780>

### Cabbage, Potato, and Smoked Sausage Skillet Supper

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep/Total Time: 1 hr. **YIELD:** serves 4.

#### Ingredients

- ½ large head of cabbage, roughly chopped (or an entire small one)
- 1 large mild onion, chopped
- 1 lb. smoked sausage, cut into 1/2-inch circles
- 3 -4 large potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 dash seasoning salt
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- 1 dash pepper 3 sweet pickles plus 1 teaspoon juice

#### Directions

Heat the pan and add onion, smoked sausage, and potatoes. Season with the seasoned salt lightly (because the smoked sausage is salty enough), and add the paprika. Cook and stir over medium heat until potatoes are cooked about halfway through.

Next, add the chopped cabbage and one cup of chicken broth. Cook, stirring occasionally until cabbage is crisp-tender and most of the liquid evaporates.



From: Taken from *Ohio Magazine*,  
Jan./Feb. 2021

As with most holidays, we check out the need for healthy food at the door. With our state of Ohio slowly opening up as people receive vaccines, there is the possibility of actually "gathering" again with small groups of people. Hoorah! Follow your state's guidelines and enjoy these St. Patrick's Day favorites:

(More recipes can be found at [frankskraut.com](http://frankskraut.com))



## Frank's Kraut Reuben Pretzel Bites

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep/Total Time: 40 min. **YIELD:** 8-12 servings.

### Ingredients

- ¼-pound corned beef, thinly shaved
- ½-cup Swiss cheese
- ½-cup Frank's Kraut drained and chopped
- 1-pound pizza dough, at room temperature
- ½-cup baking soda
- 4 cups water
- Coarse salt, for topping
- Melted butter, for finishing
- Thousand island dressing, for serving 24 grape tomatoes (about 1 pint)

### Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a small pot, heat water, and baking soda over low heat.

In a bowl, mix together corned beef, cheese, and kraut.

Divide dough into four pieces. Roll each piece into a 2-foot rope and cut it into 2-inch sections.

Flatten dough pieces and fill each with a teaspoon of kraut mixture. Pinch closed to ensure a tight seal.

Place filled dough balls into baking soda water for 10 seconds before transferring to a baking sheet. Top with coarse salt and bake for 20 minutes.

Brush pretzel bites with melted butter and serve with thousand island dressing.

Please help make this Newsletter interesting for all  
by submitting ideas and articles.

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*2021 Newsletter Deadlines and Publication Dates*

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Article Deadline</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>
<i>Summer</i>	<i>6-1-21</i>	<i>6-15-21</i>
<i>Fall</i>	<i>9-1-21</i>	<i>9-15-21</i>
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>11-15-21</i>	<i>12-1-21</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 (Unit Rally or Caravan  
already taken)

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

Healthy Airstream Cooking Recipes

Region 4 Member Tips & Tricks

Officer Articles

Announcements

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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...



45th Region 4 Rally  
Registration Coupon  
"Peace, Love, Almost Heaven"  
May 19-23, 2021



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**Rally Fee**

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

# in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$70 x .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$50 discount if postmarked on or before January 31, 2021

Discount .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to: WBCCI Region 4      Mail To: Steve Rhodes, 1121 Bogey Drive, Ontario, OH 44903-6526

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