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President's Corner

Hello to Region 4 members.

This is it. I guess the next two years will be a challenge with tons of activities and new experiences. Marian and I are looking forward to it.

We hope you all had a great camping season. With the International Rally taking place so close to our region, it wasn't hard. We ran in to many old friends and made many new friends. We will be making the trip to next year's International in Salem Oregon and hope you all will join us.

This summer went by in a flash. The buildup was quick as we attended local rallies with the Columbus, Miami Valley, Auglaize, and Cincinnati Units. The Region 4 rally was unique in that it was right near where I was born and raised. We had some really great tours, food and entertainment. As we drove past the closed steel mills they brought back fond memories of bike hikes as Boy Scouts that always seemed to end at the Hot Dog Shop. That's where we ended up too.

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After the International Rally we came down through Michigan only to return a few weeks later for a rally with the Michigan Unit at Greenville, MI for the Danish Festival (we ate our way through Denmark). Then, on we went to Pandora OH for another lovely weekend of tours and good food.

We're not done yet. We attended an Akron Unit rally complete with a visit to Zoar OH and a full scale Civil War reenactment. Guess what? We also attended the Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek Ohio, which was a fun filled week of almost endless fun, food and entertainment. It was a "wow" event. Then off to the Cincinnati unit's Turkey Rally. This was a rest up rally for us and our hosts made sure we and the other attendees were treated like royalty. The turkey was great too!!

You are probably wondering at this point why I listed all this travelling and rallying? I wasn't showing off my memory skills, we all know how those are. My intent was to remind you that if you are feeling a little overwhelmed about scheduling events for next season, please, take a look at the diverse activities of other units. They are doing it. Join in, reach out, use the calendar as a source for new destinations, switch things up by adding new venues, add in a rally at a nice state parks or someone's back 40. Big is great but not always better. If attendance has dwindled, pick a place that takes the load off the hosts but provides an enjoyable, interesting weekend for those that do attend (like a state park). If you want to go big or have run out of ideas, join in with the more active units. If you run out of rallies on your unit calendar and you just want to join another, give them a call or drop them an email to let them know you would like to attend. See what they are doing and what works. I did. It was great fun and educational.

Please register early for the Region 4 Rally which is coming up next May 15-20. It is a fantastic venue with easy access to Cincinnati Ohio, the Ohio River, and a very beautiful part of the southern Ohio countryside. Watch for the media links and registration coupons later in the newsletter.

Have a great Fall and Winter.
Don Hetzler
Region 4 President



Thanks Gary

You may have noticed on the first page no one is listed for the position of Membership Chair.

That's because after more years than any of us want to admit to, Gary Auman has decided to pass the torch to someone else. Gary promises you don't have to kiss a Camel to be the Membership Chair. (Of course, it worked for him, maybe you could try it?) Airstream is completing another record year so there are lots of new owners needing advice – and that's something we have in good supply. Make President Don Hetzler's day and let him know you want to walk in Gary's steps.



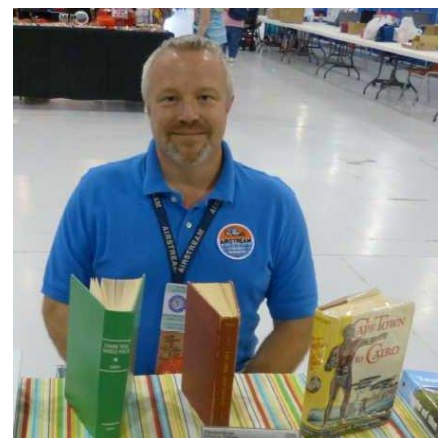
And a tip of the hat to Janet.

Must have been something in the water at Region this year? Janet Kendig has also decided to make room for a new Region 4 Secretary. In addition to her duties as Secretary, Janet served as the Chair of Community Service for International and kept us on our toes collecting knit hats, stuffed animals, children's books, and items for the animal shelters. Thanks Janet.



Hello Mark

And as one door closes another ... Say hello to Mark Kennedy, the new Region 4 Secretary. Mark is a member of the Cincinnati Unit as was our previous Secretary, Janet Kendig. Congratulations Mark and good luck with your new position.



Think 2018

Region 4 First Vice President Karen Fisher passed along this information on caravanning to the 2018 International Rally to be held in Salem Oregon.

MAC ACROSS THE TOP CARAVAN to Salem, 61st International Rally, 2018

Includes 12 stops and 24 nights starting at Pioneer Trail Park, Escanaba, MI, on May 28th. Additional stops include, but not limited to, Havre MT, West Glacier MT, Lewiston ID, Maryhill St Park WA.



We will be traveling during the week and staying over the weekends at a campground so if you want to go to church, do wash, or just sit back we will have a couple of free days for that. At **Havre, MT** there is the **Underground** to see. Interesting story behind it. **West Glacier** is a wonderful stop to see **Glacier NP** (Hoping that it is open). Up to **Bonner's Ferry ID**. Then down to Lewiston, **ID/Clarkston WA** on the Snake River's Hells Canyon and we will be doing the Jet Boat up the Snake River. **Maryhill, Washington** is one of my favorite sites. You know the term "What in the Sam Hill are you doing?" Well that came from Mary's husband, Sam when he was building the replica of Stonehenge. After building Stonehenge he built a beautiful museum. This is on the Columbia not far from Hood River and the locks. And if you need to be in Salem early, we will be arriving in the Columbia Gorge on June 15, in time for early region and international parking and planning on parking on the 20th at the rally site. Kitty fee will be adjusted if you have to leave early.

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Kitty Fee with 2 approx. \$2000 (TBD) Kitty fee with 1guest: TBD, Kitty fee subject to change. Registration deposit: \$250. Cancellation fee is \$50 before 2/1/18 plus non-refundable deposits. Leaders discretion after.

Please Note: **2018 Salem International Rally Registration Update**

Although the rally site has plenty of capacity remaining, the rally committee has suspended sale of registrations for 30 amp sites for the 2018 International Rally. At this time, you may choose to:

1. Register for a dry camping site (either solar or generator) on wbcci.org.
2. Place your name on the standby list for a 30-amp site AND register for either solar or generator sites on wbcci.org. Be sure to check YES for "Add to Stand By List" on the Registration Form.
3. Place your name on the standby list for a 30-amp site only, at no cost, by calling Julie Rethman at 937-596-5211 or email her at jrethman@wbcci.org. You will be notified if a 30 amp site becomes available. This does not guarantee you a site unless a 30-amp site becomes available.

Cancellations or added capacity will allow moving members to 30-amp sites in the same order they joined the standby list.

Ok, its November, let's talk Air Conditioning!

In 2015 while travelling in Arizona, the AC unit decided it would be a good time to quit. It doesn't take long at over 100° to figure out that replacing the unit is not optional. Well the Coleman unit that quit had worked for many years, let's put another Coleman on it.



If you run into the same situation there are a couple surprises in store for you. To start, the first time you use the new unit, you discover there is water running down the side of the trailer. Back to the installer to discover that they no longer connect to the tubing that drained the condensate to the bottom of the trailer. Yes, he can order the optional pan that can be installed and connected to the drain tube, and all we need to do is remove the new AC unit to put it on. (Would have been nice if they mentioned that during the installation) Maybe we can live with the water.

Next you may discover that the thermostat on the new Coleman is a little sloppy. In this case the unit would start to cool, then the compressor would kick out and refuse to kick back in until you go to the AC unit and twist it back and forth several times. Of course, this would only hold for a few minutes and you are back twisting the knob again. After struggling with this throughout 2016, the goal for 2017 became to eliminate this issue. Lots of searching reveals we are not the only one suffering with this and leads to a couple solutions.

If you like tearing things apart you can find instructions for removing the thermostat and making an adjustment that improves its performance. Trying that does help, but it's still not really working well. Then you find the thermostat can be totally bypassed and a wall thermostat installed. This is the solution that really works. And if you install one of the digital versions it is amazing how accurate it is.

Putting in the wall thermostat is not easy and will require adding some additional wiring, but when you're done you have a thermostat that actually works and as a plus you can control both the AC and Heater through the same thermostat.

Save Me, Save Me

Are you looking for a project? Well take a close look and count the number of segments on the front of this lost child.

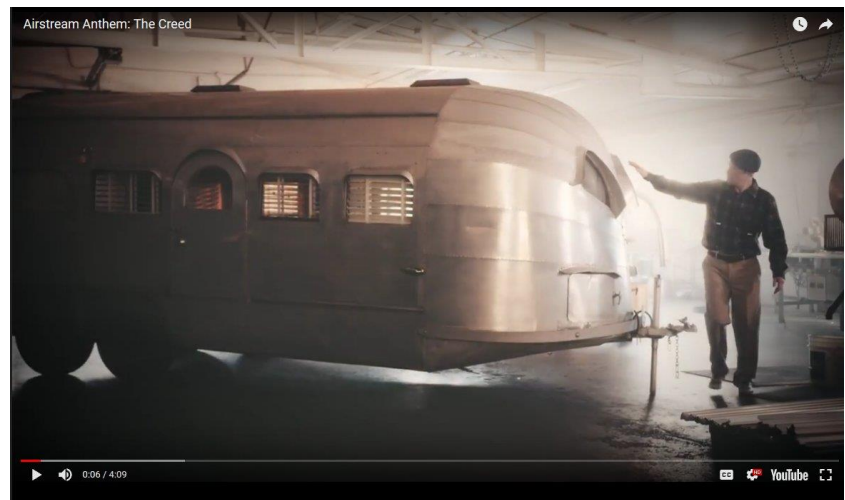
You can spot this across from the grocery store in Panguitch, Utah. You just know there has to be a story here.



The Creed

From time to time Airstream releases videos and they post them on You Tube. Many are how to types or of an advertising nature. But this year they posted one titled “The Creed”, that is more of a celebration of Wally and the history of the company. It’s only four minutes, but you’ll come away feeling good about your Airstream. You can check it out here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=vASTKJczJn4





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Mail Registration form and
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HELP HELP!!! PLEASE REGISTER EARLY—IT HELPS US PLAN — EVERYTHING!



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