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President's Corner

Greetings Region 4 Members!

I hope everyone is having a great summer. We (Marian and I) have done lots of travelling since our Winter WBAC Trustees meeting in Florida. Man was it cold through the south during the winter months.

Our newsletter has been the best in the WBAC for quite a while. We are going to miss having Dave and Nancy Brett at the helm and want to send out our sincere thanks for a long run. We also wish success to Dave as he pursues his teaching passion. Now, please help me welcome Jane Briggs as our new Region 4 Newsletter Editor. We are looking forward to working with her. I've seen her work and her ideas for moving our Region forward and have every confidence that she will keep us informed, connected and will create an interesting and fun newsletter. She'll be counting on us for content so, please, stay in touch.

We had an exciting Region 4 Rally near Cincinnati and I would like to send out a big thank you to all the folks that pitched in to make it a success, especially the tours committee and the parking/greeting crews. Ad Hoc volunteers stepping up to the tasks, tied the whole thing together. (Continued on the next page)

The weather cooperated, for the most part, and the crowd was very enthusiastic. Attendance was very low at around 60 trailers. That's something we need to work on.

So, we are going to a more rural setting at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds. The rally will be May 15-19. Designated early parking will be available on May 14 for select Parking Committee, Greeters and Region Officers. Others can come with a fee of \$30 per night (this is government driven) and may require advance reservations. We have very nice wooded and open camping areas, 30/50Amp power, water (most water posts are about 60-70 feet apart) and a nice new dump site. Our building is modern with showers, restrooms, a bar/refrigerator area and plenty big enough. This is the venue used for wedding receptions in the area. We will be a few miles from Port Clinton and the historic and fun areas of the North coast of Lake Erie. The registration form is available on the Region 4 Web site under the Region 4 Rally drop down and as a separate page (I think). Check out www.shoresandislands.com. Please have your registrations in by Jan 31, 2019 to avoid the penalty.

Volunteers! Yes Volunteers! We need YOU for the 2019 Region 4 Rally. I'm counting on the committees from 2018 to help with upcoming region rally. Everyone worked well together and the outcome was spectacular. I will be looking for solid commitments in some of the areas where we used ad hoc volunteers. No job is all time consuming and some actually end up having NO activity, but we have to be prepared, just like packing our "tools". You never know what might come up. The rally planning phase is already in motion so please get me some suggestions on activities, training needs and anything else you can think of to help make this a great 2019 Region 4 Rally. Now is the time to be planning your activities for next year. WBAC will need your 2019 activity sheets and the officer lists in November 2018. Please don't forget all the resources available on the WBAC web site www.wbcci.org. Check out the member documents, activities calendars, caravan information and renewal items. Help us keep everyone informed.

We implemented electronic distribution of the newsletter quite a while ago and are planning to continue with that method. The Region 4 web site also has it and an archive of past newsletters. Check it out. While you are doing that, take a moment and search out the Region 4 Facebook @Region4WBAC.

Set a goal for yourself to get involved with your home club this year. They need the support and the payoff far exceeds the effort expended. Attend your planned events and help make them a success. Volunteer to help or lead a Region 4 Rally Committee (you could win a piece of raison pie). Look for ways to communicate better among the club members (get your smart phones and computers going). Look to the future and use the new skills and capabilities you have to explore, organize, communicate arrangements and get out there and see the rest of the world.

I hope to see many of you this summer and fall. It has been a great year this year and is looking up for 2019!

Safe travels!

Don Hetzler, President
Region 4

From the Second Vice President

Live and Learn

This past summer, I didn't listen to my wife, Jane, when she said, "I smell a funny odor," as we were backing into a boon-docking site at a national park. When I asked her what she smelled, she said "It smells like Clorox or something similar." The next morning, Jane went to the refrigerator to fix breakfast and noticed the refrigerator and all of its contents were hot. Needless to say, we lost all of our food for the week. We were NOT happy campers!



Fast forward into the next month....I remembered seeing an Amish replacement unit for refrigerators on the web. After doing some additional Internet investigation, I found the manufacturer outside of Shipshewana, Indiana. After emailing the Amish owner, he suggested two options that allow you to keep the original refrigerator cabinet while just replacing the cooling unit: 1) replace the unit with a like unit that runs off gas and electricity called an absorption unit, or 2) replace the unit with a compressor model like a home refrigerator. The compressor model came in 12 volt dc or 110 volt ac versions.

I then needed to make a decision after weighing the pros and cons. I decided to select the compressor model and here is why. The pros of the compressor model are it cools quicker, and the trailer does not need to be level, including when traveling on uneven roads. The cons of the compressor model are that it runs on electricity only, which can make boon-docking difficult. In addition, there is a hum to the refrigerator like your residential refrigerator, which is a little more noticeable. The costs for the absorption unit and the 110 volt ac models were nearly the same. The cost for the compressor 12 volt dc model was about one hundred dollars higher. I chose the 12 volt model hoping that boon-docking might be easier because it would be more efficient running off of trailer house batteries.

As with all things Airstream, only time will tell if this option was the best one for us. Stay tuned for the next article as we try out boon-docking with the new refrigerator and report back to you.

Here's Living and Learning with our Airstream....

Brad Briggs
2nd Vice President
Region 4



UPCOMING REGION 4 CAMPOUTS—TAKE NOTE!

The units in our region have many great activities happening this fall! Get out your calendar and see if you can make these fun campouts! And, as always, you can find the most up-to-date information online at <https://wbcci.org/activities/calendar/calendar>

October 4-7	Franklin Co., IN Turkey Rally	Cincinnati Unit	Email: rmkennedy6@yahoo.com
October 4-7	Jackson Center, OH Terraport Homecoming Rally	Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream (NOVA)	Email: ellambrown1952@gmail.com
October 10-14	Osceola County FG Ewart, MI Installation Rally	Michigan Airstream Club	Hosts: Jeriel & Carol Jean Beard (231) 796-3470 or Jim & Cindy Conant (517) 783-2175
October 11-15	Kenisee Lake CG Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Rally	Western Reserve Camping Unit	Email: papabee@wowway.com
October 11-14	Pier-Lon Park Medina, OH Installation Rally	Akron Unit	Email nljackson@zoominternet.net
October 25-28	Oak Hollow CG, NC Buddy Rally	Appalachian Unit	Email: rwwork@citolink.net



**Region 4 Rally
Lake Erie Islands, Shores, and More!
May 15-19, 2019**

**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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Make your check out to:
WBCCI Region 4

Mail Registration (below) and Check to:
Steve Rhodes
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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

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



OUR PRESIDENT IS TALENTED!!



SAY "CHEESE"



LOOKING GOOD MOHICAN VALLEY!



POOPED PARKERS!



LOOKS LIKE A FUN BUNCH!! (Any popcorn left?)



PICK MY NUMBER, PLEASE!!



I LIKE THAT OL' TIME ROCK 'N ROLL!