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President's Corner



Hello, Region 4 Members!

We are returning from a week's stay at Walt Disney World. The purpose of the trip was to celebrate Jane's birthday from last January.

Jane wanted to celebrate her milestone birthday in conjunction with Walt Disney World's milestone 50th anniversary. Just like we don't talk about Bruno, we do not talk about which milestone birthday Jane had. Let's just say, if Walt Disney World was a child, Jane could have babysat it.

I want to give a shout out to our Region Membership Chair, Linda Smith. As you read this newsletter, she is recovering from shoulder surgery. I encourage you to send your good wishes to her and encourage her to listen to her physical therapist.

Linda did not get a chance to submit an article for the newsletter before going under the knife. If she had, I know

she would have given a spirited message about recruiting and retaining members to the Club. Had she just come back from Disney as we did, it probably would have lessons learned from the cast members who work there. Do your best to be cheery and welcoming. Always think of and be willing to do what can make the other person's day better. Although this might be easier with mouse ears on, I think we all can strive to make this happen.

Our members from Michigan have made plans for group travel for those of us going to the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine. Jackie and Lee Klare have organized a 'Tag-along' to the International Rally. Plus, Elyse and Steven White have planned an excellent activity-filled caravan to Fryeburg called the (Inland) Sea to Shining Sea Caravan. The Klare's Tag-a-Long plans are to meet up with the White's caravan so everyone can park together in Fryeburg. I hope Region 4 Members take advantage of these excellent travel opportunities. Who knows, you just might meet your new best friends. See what a 'Tag-along' is and more details about these group travel opportunities in the Where We Are Going section.

In the Winter issue of the newsletter, you were informed that the International Board of Trustees (IBT) had voted to send an amendment to the constitution about restructuring the International Executive Committee for membership approval. The April *Blue Beret* will have an article about why this is being proposed, the history of how this came about, and the work that has been done on this proposal.

Personally, I have worked on two of the three of these committees, looking into how this might be structured and operate. We have many people throughout the Club watching this, including several in Region 4. Some say the amendment is half-baked, and we are moving too fast. I assure you that many people are tasked to ensure that everything is being reviewed carefully, including those on the sidelines giving valuable feedback. Once a final draft is approved by the International Board of Trustees (IBT), you will start to receive detailed written and verbal information about this proposal. For now, you can see the 2022 International Board of Trustees Mid-Winter IBT Meeting in the International section for a thumbnail outline of this proposal.

We are a little over a month and a half from the 2022 Region 4 Rally in Wooster, Ohio! We hope you are getting as excited as we are! Your Region 4 Vice Presidents, Region Officers, Rally Chairpersons, Region 4 Members, and I are working diligently to make this rally a wonderful experience for you. On Page 5 is a list of some of the highlights for this year's Region Rally. The deadline to register is April 30, 2022.

Safe travels and I look forward to seeing you down the road and especially in Wooster,

Brad

Brad Briggs # 215
President, Region 4



From the First Vice President

Still Having Fun Despite High Fuel Prices

Hello Everyone,

Spring is officially here, the weather is warming up, and the time has come to get serious about camping season. Wait a minute, what about the fuel prices? Yes, that was one of the factors considered when we decided to postpone our Alaska trip. Other than our annual trip to the Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, for my brother Jim to run his 1932 race car, we plan on staying on this side of the Mississippi this year. If fuel prices are a concern, there are a lot of activities that you can attend that are closer to home. Don't let that stop you from having fun this year.



Speaking of local activities, along with your local club, we have the Region Rally in Wooster, Ohio coming up in May, the Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek, Ohio in September, and you could always attend activities with other Local Clubs in the area. To see what is happening around Club go to: <https://airstreamclub.org/events>

If everything goes right this coming week, we will be traveling in our Vintage Class A with its new engine and transmission. We've spent the last 6 weeks trading out the original Cummins diesel and Allison transmission with a newer version. Wiring and programming computers have been the biggest challenge. Hopefully, I've done well! The issue we've had with the coach is overheating in hot weather and also in elevations with lighter air. This engine gives us 90 HP more so it won't have to work it as hard.

We plan on traveling this year with the coach and hope to see everyone during our travels.

See you down the road,

Fred Kiehl, # 2544
Region 4, 1st VP

From the Second Vice President

Yeah! Spring is on the Way

Greetings,

It's the middle of March, and we're looking at the snow that fell this weekend, wondering when we're going to get our Airstream out of winter storage and prepare for this summer's various rallies. I just submitted my vacation requests for the different rallies on our schedule, so summer must be getting a bit closer.



Jill and I signed up for the Region 4 Rally in Wooster and the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine. We're also excited to be going to Traverse City in June with the SEMAC and MAC clubs. We are hoping to be able to go to some of the other rallies this summer and hang out with other Airstreamers.

We've spent the winter doing home improvement projects and ramping up training for some outside race events. Spending time on the treadmill and indoor bike can be challenging. Jill and I were discussing if we're taking bikes and kayaks to the different rallies.

I've now been an officer for Region 4 for half a year. Despite being in the club for over 20 years, I did not realize how volunteering makes the club great. What has become clear to me is that all of the people who volunteer at events are what make this group happen. I'm amazed at how many people offer to help out. It doesn't take a major commitment to help have a successful event.

I'm working on finding some volunteers to help out on some committees for the Region 4 rally, so if you're interested in volunteering, please let me know at mustang6147@gmail.com.

We are excited that we'll soon have the Airstream home and be on the road for new adventures.

Hope to see you soon.

Mike Pastva # 6931
2nd VP, Region 4



WBAC Region 4 Needs You

- 1) The Region 4 nominating committee is looking for a person to be our next Region 4 2nd Vice President. If you would like to have your name considered or would like to pass on a name to the nominating committee, please contact either Fred Kiehl or Mike Pastva.
- 2) Vice Presidents Fred Kiehl and Mike Pastva are looking for various Region 4 Rally Chairpersons and Region 4 Rally Chairpersons are looking for committee members. Please give thoughtful consideration to their requests.
- 3) Fred Kiehl is looking for people attending the Region 4 Rally who would like to put on a craft or information session. Please contact him if you are interested.
- 4) Community Service Chair, Jamie Kingseed is looking for volunteers at the Region 4 Rally as well. See his article on Page 10 for specifics.

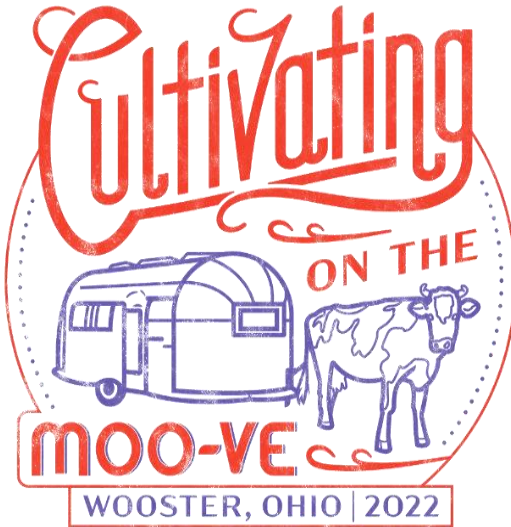
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Region 4 2022 Rally Registration

By: Brad Briggs, 2022 Region 4 Rally Director



Deadline: April 30, 2022



The 46th Annual ACI Region 4 Rally —Main Street Style— May 18-22, 2022 Downtown Wooster, Ohio

Join us for the **46th ANNUAL ACI REGION 4 RALLY--MAIN STREET STYLE!** The friendly people of Wooster, Ohio are closing their downtown streets and opening up their town to Airstreamers! Be a part of the first-ever Region 4 Main Street Rally, which provides attendees an opportunity to "cultivate" fun, friendships, and adventures! Included are professional entertainment, great food, interesting tours, and time to explore what interests you in this beautiful part of Ohio!

For more detailed information and to sign up, visit <https://airstreamclub.org/46th-annual-aci-region-4-rally-main-street-style>

Interested in learning more about Wooster? Visit <https://www.mainstreetwooster.org/>

It is time to get excited about going to the 2022 R4 Main Street Rally!

- Registration **Deadline** is April 30, 2022
- Interesting **Tours!** (See article on Tours)
- Informative and **Fun Sessions** for everyone!
- **Entertainment**
 - Thursday - A private performance by **Dave Powers** at the Best Western's New Ballroom after the included catered meal.

Dave Powers is a two-time EMMY® Award winner as a pianist, keyboardist, and vocalist. Considered one of the most successful musicians in the local spectrum, Dave manages to win over the hearts of all who hear him perform. He has been a vital part of the Columbus, Ohio music scene for over 40 years.

- Friday and throughout the Rally, there will be **jam sessions**. So, bring your musical instrument and join in. If you appreciate music but do not play, bring your enthusiasm and enjoy the music. Plus, GAM (Get Acquainted Meetings, AKA Happy Hours) sessions. Start your GAM by inviting your neighbors under your awning or to a local establishment.
- Saturday - An outdoor performance at the Wooster Downtown Pavilion by the **Aftermath** “Experience the 60s.” Bring your lawn chairs and your dancing shoes!

Aftermath recreates the sights and sounds of the 60s featuring authentic reproductions of some of the most memorable songs from the 60s. During the show, audiences relive the 60s listening to British Invasion, 60s Pop, Psychedelic and 'Everything Groovy.' From the Beatles, Byrds & 'Stones to the Monkees, Grass Roots, Turtles and Strawberry Alarm Clock, Aftermath is the 60s while performing the show.

Aftermath has shared the stage with the likes of The Hollies, 1964 The Tribute, Peter Noone, The Vogues, Gary Lewis & The Playboys, The Buckingham, 1910 Fruitgum Co. and several other national acts.

- If you have registered for the Rally and have not yet completed the **Pre-Rally Reservation** please do so at: <https://form.jotform.com/220276675433155> The Pre-Rally Reservation is where you let us know when you will be arriving, make your Wayne Co. Fairgrounds reservation (if needed), and verify you will receive future Rally news and information.
- **Theme Your 'Stream** decorating competition to raise money for the rally charity will be Saturday afternoon. For rally participants who wish to decorate their Airstreams, please bring a plastic milk jug so the judging public can place their voting tickets in the jug to show appreciation your creativity!
- There will be a **50/50 drawing** at the rally. The 50/50 drawing tickets will be used as the voting tickets for the Theme Your 'Stream decorating competition. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the Wayne Center for the Arts, the Rally Charity. The drawing will be Saturday evening before the entertainment. You do not need to be present to win.
- **Lots to see and do in and around Wooster!** This newsletter has the third and final in a series about Wooster and the surrounding area. If you missed the first two, past editions of the newsletter are on the Region 4 Website. (<https://airstreamclub.org/region4/region-4-newsletters>)

Region 4 2022 Rally Scheduled Group Tours

By: Jane Briggs, Tour Chair #215

At this year's Wooster Main Street Rally, the following scheduled Group Tours are being offered for our attendees. Sign-ups will be held during Thursday Rally Check-in and are required so hosts can plan accordingly. Should tours fill up, Wait Lists will be created.

Tour 1: War Memorabilia

First is a tour for war memorabilia enthusiasts hosted by Gregory Long held at 334 East South Street, Wooster. Note that this tour is within walking distance toward the east end of downtown Wooster. Interested participants can walk (or park in the new city parking lot next to the building) and enter by the side door. The host suggested that the easiest way to get there is to find Muddy's Bar and Grill on East Liberty Street. The building for the tour is located right behind Muddy's. Light refreshments and coffee will be served.

At press time, there are three times this tour is offered:

- Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Friday, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Tour 2: Secrest Arboretum

Second is a docent-led tour of the Secrest Arboretum, located on the edge of Wooster beside the Ohio State ATI campus. The curator, Jason Veil, will be organizing this event for attendees. Secrest Arboretum offers various theme gardens and amenities with paved walkways, seating areas, and a diverse collection of woody and herbaceous plantings. Note that this tour requires walking outside. Please remember to wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.

At press time, there are two times this tour is offered:

- Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tour 3: Minglewood Distillery Tour

Third is a specialty tour of a distillery in Wooster. The Minglewood Distillery is located at 437 East South Street, just a few blocks from the Best Western Plus Conference Center. The Minglewood Distilling Company is located in a historic ice house in downtown Wooster, Ohio. The building originally housed the namesake, the Minglewood Coal and Ice Company, which operated from the 1880s until the 1950s and delivered coal and blocks of ice to homes in Wooster. Today the Minglewood building houses the Minglewood Distilling Company, operated by Mark Morrison and his son, Andrew Morrison.

Attendees can tour the distillery for a charge of \$10/per person and will be offered a full tasting flight during the tour. Bottles for purchase will be available at the end of the tour.

At press time, there were four tours at these times:

- Friday, 4 p.m.
- Friday, 5 p.m.
- Friday, 6 p.m.
- Friday 7 p.m.



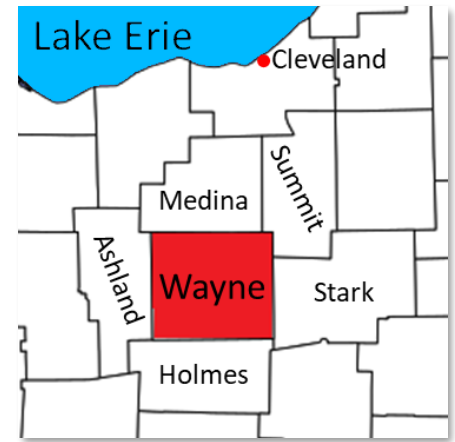
Note: If anyone is unavailable to attend the Distillery Tour on Friday, there will be tours available to the general public on Saturday. Please call Andrew directly at 330-601-1600 for information on the availability of the Saturday tours.

Series on Wooster and the Surrounding Area

Part III: Visiting Surrounding Counties

Jane Briggs, Editor

All it takes is a quick glance at a map—either online or on paper if you are "Old School"—to see that Wooster in Wayne County is centrally located amid agricultural counties in Ohio. Surrounding counties include Holmes to the south, Ashland to the west, Medina and Summit to the north, and Stark to the east. While visiting Wooster and Wayne County before, during, and after the rally, Airstream visitors may want to take in a few sites in these surrounding counties to see more of this beautiful area of the state.



Holmes County

One of the most popular areas of the state is Holmes County, Ohio, because it is one of the best places to observe and interact with Ohio's Amish and Mennonite families, whose dress, language, work ethic, and way of living often differ so much from our own. My maiden name was Hershberger, and you will see many Amish and Mennonites in the area with that last name as well as Yoder, Troyer, Schrock, Gingerich, Schlabach, and Hochstetler! To learn more about these people, their religion, and their beliefs that they live out each day, take an afternoon and visit the museum and genealogy center called the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Site, 5798 Co Rd 77, Berlin, OH 44610. This is one of the best places to begin. <https://www.visitamishcountry.com/> And, if time permits, make sure you try out one of the many Holmes County restaurants, bulk food stores, bakeries, and furniture stores. My favorites include

- Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen in Mt. Hope, 8101 OH-241, Mt Hope, OH 44660
- Ashery Store, 8922 OH-241, Fredericksburg, OH 44627
- Der Bake Oven, 4766 OH-39, Berlin, OH 44610
- Homestead Furniture, 8233 State Route 241, Mt Hope, OH 44660

Of special note....our Amish and Mennonite friends do not typically want any pictures taken of them, and it is against their religion to pose for pictures. Also, the rolling hills of Holmes County can present potential accidents because of the large number of residents who travel in buggies, so drive slowly and focus on the road. Pull off to view the beautiful scenery.

Ashland County

Ashland County lies west of Wayne County, and its largest city is Ashland, Ohio, home to Ashland University. The city's calendar of events lists a large number of diverse offerings including the Ashland Symphony Orchestra, music in the Myers Memorial Bandshell, Balloon Fest, and the Ashland Chautauqua. Two lakes border Ashland County, both part of the Muskingum Area Conservancy: Charles Mill Lake and Pleasant Hill Lake, which provide outdoor recreation. In and around the county, itineraries have been developed for exploring and can be found here: <https://www.exploreshlandohio.com/itineraries-to-explore-ashland-ohio>

Medina County

Moving north of Wayne County is Medina County whose county seat is the city of Medina, with its historic town square surrounded with shops and eateries. For some retail therapy, make sure to stop in at Root Candles, 623 West

Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio 44256. They create their candles, including hard-to-find tapers, in their original brick factory on Liberty Street. More information can be found here: <https://rootcandles.com/company-info/>. Also in Medina, Castle Noel features many wonderful things to see and do, most notably housing the world's largest privately owned collection of Hollywood Christmas movie props and costumes. Take some time in Medina County and follow one of the nine drive-it-yourself tours from their website: <https://www.visitmedinacounty.com/plan-your-visit/drive-it-yourself-tours/> and note that on May 18, there is a South Town Cruise-In as a fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity. More information here: <https://www.visitmedinacounty.com/event/2022-south-town-cruise-in/2022-05-18/>.

Summit County

Summit County has more to see and do than any day trip. Summit serves as home to the city of Akron and all that a larger city has to offer—museums, gardens, zoos, parks, etc. According to Trip Advisor, one of my favorite travel websites, the top three things to see and do in the area include the following:

- Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. This now cultural center was once the 1910 home built by F.A. Seiberling, co-founder of The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for his family. Stan Hywet is Old English for stone quarry — after the property's most prominent natural feature. This is a beautiful home set in luscious gardens, well worth a visit any time of the year. More information can be found here: <https://www.stanhywet.org/>
- Akron Zoo is located at 505 Euclid Avenue, Akron, OH 44307. Its website states that the zoo can easily be seen in about two hours and has some very natural displays and habitats for all types of animals. Their informational website can be found here: <https://www.akronzoo.org/>
- F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm consists of a 10,000 square foot Visitor's Center that has seasonal exhibits, kids' areas, live native animals, a naturalist-on-duty to help answer your nature and wildlife questions, and a gift shop. It is part of the Summit County Metro Park system. The grounds include a suspension bridge over a 45-foot-deep ravine, several gardens, plant identification, observation decks, two ponds, wetlands, hiking trails and a tall-grass prairie. More information can be found here: <https://www.summitmetroparks.org/nature-realm-visitors-center.aspx>

Stark County

Just east of Wayne County is Stark County whose county seat is Canton, Ohio. Canton is well-known as the birthplace of American pro football and each year Canton celebrates its sporting history with the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame as well as the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival. The latter features a hot air balloon fest, barbeque, parades and a football game. Off the field, the city is also home to a burgeoning local arts scene as well as acclaimed landmarks including the William McKinley National Monument and the National First Ladies Library. More information on what to see and do can be found here: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g50168-Activities-Canton_Ohio.html

- Pro Football Hall of Fame, 2121 George Halas Dr., NW, Canton, OH 44708-2699
- William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum, 800 McKinley Monument Dr. NW, Canton, OH 44708-4832
- First Ladies Library and Museum, 205 Market Ave. S, Canton, OH 44702-2105

Hopefully, you can take some time to visit some of these wonderful areas of Ohio while in the Wooster area for the rally. "Always take the scenic route; you never know what you may find."

Region 4 Community Service Update

By Jamie Kingseed, Community Service Chair, BRN 3824

Help needed at Region 4 Rally Downtown Wooster, OH, May 18-22, 2022

Everyone likes a win-win situation, and I believe this is a great example. The City of Wooster has welcomed us to move into their downtown area for a long weekend of Cultivating between the locals and Airstreamers.

To show our thanks and an example of how Airstreamers do good, we will have a Theme Your 'Stream competition to raise funds for a local charity.

To make this a success, volunteers are needed to help out. Volunteer opportunities include:

Selling tickets: (At various times throughout the Rally until Saturday at 4 p.m.)

Collecting and counting tickets at the end of Theme Your 'Stream voting: (Saturday at 4 p.m.)

If you are interested in helping out with these tasks, please let me know.



Work continues at Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow

The next event is scheduled for June 9-12, 2022. As in the past, please visit the Facebook group "Airstream Elves" or contact Dan and Dawn Bihary at dan@bihary.com or (440) 453-9782 for full details and updates.

If you would like further information on any of the above items, don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

If anyone has an idea for an event or needs assistance with an event that they are currently working on, as always, I would be more than happy to help out in any way that I can.

Also, if you have an event planned, or that took place in the past, that you would like posted in the Community Service portion of an upcoming Region 4 Newsletter, feel free to send me the information so I can add this to this update.

Save Your Pull Tabs!



Next time you see Jamie Kingseed, give him your aluminum pop can pull-tabs. If you miss him, give them to someone in your local club that is going to the International Rally in Maine.

The pull tabs will be used to raise money for the International Rally Charity. Your willingness to help out this cause is much appreciated!

Swiss Festival National Rally

By Fred Kiehl, Chairperson, BRN 2544

59th Swiss Festival National Rally

September 24 to October 1, 2022, Sugarcreek, Ohio



Join us for a week of FUN and FELLOWSHIP

Scan the QR code to register or go to:
<https://airstreamclub.org/59th-annual-swiss-festival-national-rally>

For additional information about the Swiss Festival National Rally, go to
<https://airstreamclub.org/swiss-festival-national-rally> or contact Fred Kiehl at Fred@KiehlBuilding.com



Region 4 Brunch

2022 International Rally



You are cordially invited to attend the Region 4 Brunch
at the 65th International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine.

Sunday, July 24, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person.

RSVP by Friday, July 2, 2022, to Fred Kiehl Fred@KiehlBuilding.com or
330-697-0463

Send your check **payable to WBCCI Region 4** to:
Elaine Barrick, 8073 School Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249

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

(The Brunch is after the Worship Service and allows plenty of time to walk to the venue.)

INTERNATIONAL

2022 International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine

We all are looking forward to the [65th International Rally](#) at the Fryeburg Fair Association, 1154 Main Street, Fryeburg, ME 04037.

Mark your calendars for July 23-29, 2022. [Registration](#) is now open.

There will be six days of fun-filled events--seminars, social gatherings, tours, food, and entertainment. Fryeburg is located between North Conway, New Hampshire, and Bridgton, Maine, on the west side of the state. Fryeburg also offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including the White Mountains National Forest, the Saco River, and numerous ponds and lakes nearby as well as other man-made sites of interest.



2022 International Board of Trustees Mid Winter IBT Meeting

As reported in the last Region 4 Newsletter, at the summer IBT meeting, the IBT (Board) approved a special committee to look at and make a proposal to restructure the International Executive Committee by going to two year terms. At the 2022 Mid Winter IBT, the Board voted to send a constitutional amendment to the membership.

This special committee looked at the issue, how the International Officers could better serve the Club, with fresh eyes. It suggested that the seven-voting-member Executive Committee, President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, Immediate Past International President, Treasurer, and Secretary be changed to a ten-voting-member Executive Council (EC) structured as a Corporate Board. On a Corporate Board, the board's members are elected by all the organization's voting members. Then the IBT (Board) decides who on the Executive Council will fill each office role. The new EC will still include the two nonvoting members; the WBCCI Executive Director and the Airstream, Inc. Rep,



This new International Executive Council would consist of the following: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Immediate Past International President, and five Executive Council Members. The final draft going to the IBT for review on April 6 has each of these positions as two-year terms with a maximum of six years on the Council and no more than four years in an office. If a person, Officer or Council Member, at the end of their two-year term, would like to continue to serve on the Council, they must be elected to the Council by the membership.

Why make this change? The planning and execution of the International Rally is now handled by Headquarters staff, allowing the President to concentrate on the business of the Club. Having two years in the office provides time to get acquainted with the office and allows more business to be accomplished than a one-year term. And, the possibility of having up to four years in the various offices means more experienced leaders at the helm.

As Region 4 1st VP, Fred Kiehl, says the President can now steer the ship instead of being a cruise director and spend all their time and energy planning an International Rally.

Region 4 Member Tips & Tricks

Easy to store and eco-friendly laundry detergent

By: Sharon Bryant # 30962

My daughter sent me a sample of Tru Earth Eco-Strips Laundry Detergent. Each laundry strip packs ultra-concentrated, hypoallergenic, eco-friendly cleaning power into a tiny, pre-measured strip of liquid-less laundry detergent that you toss in the wash. Its low-sudsing formula works in all types of washing machines, including front load high-efficiency. Tru Earth Eco-Strips are biodegradable and safe for septic and greywater.

Tru Earth recommends that the detergent be used within three years of purchase, which is much longer than the six to twelve months shelf life recommended for most leading-brand liquid and powder detergents. The detergent comes in two strengths: Standard and Platinum (heavy-duty to fight the dirtiest clothes) and three formulas: Fragrance-Free, Fresh Linen, or Baby (Specially formulated for baby's clothes.)

I love them! They are easy to use, with no plastic bottle or pods that stick together from traveling in the heat of summer. I am happy with the cleaning capabilities and how the laundry turns out.

These are so easy to store in the Airstream, and no worry about leaving them in the trailer during long-term storage.



First time out west

By: Mike Miller # 11936

A Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream (NOVA) member reached out via email to all the members, asking: "Hello NOVA, we're planning our first ever trip out west and looking for advice on where to camp along the way. We're going to the Black Hills first, then to Yellowstone, and south to Utah and Arizona before returning to Ohio. Any Ideas? Thanks in advance for any help. CB"

Here is my reply:

Not sure how you like to camp, but here are some tips I have learned from a few cross-country journeys. I have also visited your stated destinations.

1. Plan dead time into your itinerary. This will allow for random stops and for you to soak up more of the adventure.
2. Travel Lodging - I like to log miles, and sometimes it's just easier to sleep at rest areas. Most of the rest areas out west often have water sources, and some even have WIFI. I rotate one night at a rest area and then the next at a roadside campground. Solar power makes this more manageable and more comfortable.

3. Destination Lodging - be flexible! And plan this in advance. Sites fill up near national parks quickly, and this can be frustrating. Don't rule out staying in the National Forests. Rates are cheap, and the only downfall is that electric sites can be limited.

4. Things to see along the way -

South Dakota - Wall Drug Store, Deadwood, Badlands National Park, Mount Rushmore are all great options

Montana - I really like the town of West Yellowstone. It's an easy way to enter the park. Obviously, hit the big stuff--Old Faithful, and the geothermal stuff. The elk and bison will be all over. Sadly, Yellowstone's true beauty is best taken in on trails and not driving through.

Wyoming - If you have time, Wyoming would make the scenic drive from Yellowstone into Jackson Hole and check out Grand Teton National Park. Even if you can only drive through the park, the Snake River and Tetons are really picturesque, and the lodge there is really cool.

Colorado - not sure how much time you have, but if you go south through Colorado, plan a stop or two. The mountain towns are hospitable as you make your way to Utah. Grand Junction has a KOA I stayed at on my last trip into Utah. Fill up your gas tank in Colorado because when you enter Utah, it's a long stretch of lonely highway.

Utah - Moab has a nice KOA and is a great base camp to tackle Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Sadly, the campgrounds in Moab National Park are right off the main drag, but the convenience is worth it.



I left Moab and went to Zion, NP. There are many private campgrounds outside the park, and Zion limits its traffic inside the park. Buses make it easy to use and get around in the park.

Bryce Canyon is an incredible park and well worth the visit. Park rangers at Zion will need to close down a tunnel for you to exit the park with your Airstream in tow, but the drive to Bryce is beautiful.

Arizona - the Grand Canyon is the prize here. Just please plan to work your way to the canyon floor. The view from the South Rim is stunning but working your way down to the river is worth it. If you have time and you are active, hiking all the way to the north rim offers some cool bragging rights. Very few people visit the north rim. Buy groceries and gas before you get close to the park. The prices go up the closer you get. The south rim does have a grocery store, though. If you take bikes, this is a great place to use them if you stay in the park. It makes getting around easy.



Dixie National Forest
on the way to Bryce

Return route - if you want to travel back home on I-40, you can pretty much follow the old Route 66 route and clip through Oklahoma and Texas before heading north. Fun drive, old diners, and worth the experience, in my opinion.

Hopefully, some of my ramblings help and always Have fun!

SPOTLIGHT: WHERE WE ARE GOING

Michigan Airstream Club

By: Jackie Klare, President #5010

'Tag-along' to Fryeburg, Maine, July 19-22, 2022

What is a 'Tag-along'? It is like an informal caravan. Participants who can, start off together, and others join up along the way where convenient and tagging along the same route and stopping at the same spot each evening until we get to Fryeburg, Maine. Informal means there are no rally fees, no meals, no planned activities, and each participant makes their own reservations. However, we arrive at the International Rally together.



Our goal is to meet up with the (Inland) Sea to Shining Sea Caravan in Fryeburg (See SEMAC below), so we can enter together. If you arrive at the Rally together, you get parked together, which makes for a whole lot of fun!

Date	From	Miles	To
7/19	Traverse City, MI	296 mi	Maumee Bay State Park, Oregon, OH
7/20	Oregon, Ohio	292mi	Elkdale RV Resort, Salamanca, NY
7/21	Salamanca, NY	289 mi	Twin Oaks Campground, Schoharie, NY
7/22	Schoharie, NY	271 mi	Fryeburg, MA

For more details, go to: <https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2022-02/Fryeburg%20Tag%20A%20Long.pdf>

If you have any questions or are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Jackie and Lee at 707-337-4404 or ijklare1@gmail.com. If joining, I will need your BRN#.

Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club

By: Elyse and Steven White #8139

(Inland) Sea to Shining Sea Caravan, July 9-20, 2022

Caravan from Lake Erie in Ohio to the Airstream Club International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine

Join us as we make our way from the fresh waters of the Midwest to the saltwater of the Atlantic Ocean and the 65th Airstream Club International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine! We have planned an exciting adventure to see new places (or old places in a new way!), with something to appeal to everyone: exploring the wonders of nature, the greats of American literature, landmark historical sites, world-class live music, and scrumptious regional food and

drink. We would love to have you be a part of this adventure! We travel with our boys, Oscar (10) and Theo (8), and have been a part of the Airstream community since 2013.

Number of Rigs: 12-15

Starting at Lakeside Marblehead, OH and stopping at:

1. Niagara Falls: Tours via bus and boat; Erie Canal: Evening Cruise on the locks of the Erie Canal
2. Finger Lakes: Waterfalls and Hiking in Watkins Glen on Seneca Lake; Wine Tasting at a regional vineyard
3. Berkshires: See the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood (pending summer schedule); Hiking on Appalachian Trail
4. Boston area: Waterside camping in Salem; Whale watching boat tour; Visit Revolutionary War sites



More details and registration at: <https://forms.gle/hgRZgMZRqLtWzArx6> or contact ekemmere@gmail.com 734-945-2528 (Elyse mobile)

By: Linda Smith, President # 23588

Vintage RV Weekend at the Gilmore Car Museum

The Gilmore Car Museum is hosting a vintage RV weekend May 13 - 15, 2022. This is a fun event; the museum is spectacular, and the surrounding grounds are beautiful! Great start to the spring camping season.

For more information or to sign up, contact Michelle at mquesnel@gilmorecarmuseum.org or call 269-671-5089.

Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream (NOVA)

By: Randy Shiplett, President # 3516

As the daylight becomes longer and the temperatures increase, it is time to prepare for the 2022 camping season. NOVA will start with the Silver is in Bloom at Mark Wahlberg Airstream and RV in Columbus. Many members will be attending Wake Up Downtown in Logan, which has been postponed for the last two years. For those who have not experienced urban camping, the Region 4 Rally in Wooster is an excellent opportunity to try this unique style of camping. Sign up for the Santa's Hide-A-Way-Work Rally in June if you want to roll up your sleeves and help with a service project. Details and contact information are below.



- **Apr 29-May 1 - Silver is in Bloom at Mark Wahlberg**, Mark Wahlberg Airstream and RV, Columbus, Ohio. Continue the tradition of gathering for fun and fellowship and sharing our love of the Airstream life with Wahlberg customers. Host/Coordinator: Suzie and John Couger (sichazen7@yahoo.com).
- **May 5-8, 2022 - Wake up Downtown, Logan, Ohio**. The city of Logan will close streets to all motorized traffic, and Airstreams will line the historic downtown.
- **May 18-22, 2022 - Region 4 Rally in Wooster**, Downtown, Wooster, Ohio. Join us for the 46th Annual WBAC Region 4 Rally-Main Street Style. Wooster is closing their street and opening their city to Airstreamers.
- **June 9-12, 2022 - Santa's Hide-Away-Hollow Work Rally**, 15400 Bundysburg Rd, Middlefield, Ohio. Continuation of the service project work. Host/Coordinator: Dan and Dawn Bihary (dbihary@hotmail.com).

SPOTLIGHT: WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

WBCCI National Rose Parade Rally 2022

By: Jane Briggs #215

"Dream. Believe. Achieve." served as the 2022 Pasadena Tournament of Roses theme, and a more apt theme could not have been chosen! As far back as 2020, Brad and I had planned to attend one of our bucket-list rallies—the WBCCI National Rose Parade Rally 2021. This is THE oldest urban rally in WBCCI and a perfect opportunity to enjoy a national event from the comfort of our Airstream. Unfortunately, the 2021 rally was canceled because of the pandemic. Fast forward, and we once again found ourselves lucky enough to be on the registration list of first-time attendees to this one-of-a-kind rally in Pasadena, California, for 2022.



Once we knew for sure that the rally was a go from the Tournament of Roses Parade organization as communicated to us by our Rally Hosts, Tom and Hedda Smithson and Bob and Cecilia Stansbury, we were thrilled with the opportunity to enjoy our urban camping spot on an elementary school parking lot, three blocks from the famous Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena. The beauty of this event is really the fact that although you are going into a city with your Airstream, the location is perfect! Here is how we laid out our plans for this event:

- We decided first to stay for two weeks at a favorite park of ours, Rincon Country West RV Park in Tucson, AZ. This allowed us to make our way from Ohio to Arizona, stopping at various spots, but also catching our breath a bit in an area we have visited before. We were able to stock up on supplies, fill and empty tanks, check our equipment, and make sure all was well with the Airstream. At this point in the trip, we were about 8 hours from Pasadena.
- Prior to going cross country, I had researched where to stay in and around Pasadena so that we could get to the bull pen as directed by the rally hosts on the morning we moved into Pasadena. We highly recommend the 1975-acre Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort and Campground (<https://www.bonellibluffsrv.com/>) and actually wished we had come in a few days earlier than the rally just to enjoy this beautiful oasis sitting between I-

10 and I-210. Our perfect site backed up to a gorgeous lake where we enjoyed the morning sunrise. At this point in our trip, we were about 30 minutes from Pasadena.

- Then, as directed by our rally hosts' communications and bull pen parking directions, we drove the rig into Pasadena itself, parking at the bull pen at Pasadena State College as directed. Because we have a 30-foot rig, we were parked first along with the other larger Airstreams. Parking at the Elementary School lot is similar to working a jigsaw puzzle, except that some of the pieces (our trucks) had to be able to move about the city!
- Once parked, we walked across the street to cafes, groceries, and retail shops. On Colorado Boulevard (the old Rt. 66), we visited bookstores and ate at wonderful restaurants. At night, we felt very safe with the chain-link fence around the parking lot and spent Dec. 28 through January 2 (we stayed an extra day for the Rose Bowl Game).



We made new friends and visited with those we already knew. We helped each other with Airstream challenges and enjoyed food and fellowship as one does at a rally. All in all, a wonderful national rally that should not be missed. Although Region 4 may seem like a long way from sunny California, the experiences and friends made will last a lifetime.

One important thing to keep in mind, the time of year for this rally could easily mean traveling in January. When we left Pasadena and headed out to Needles, CA, toward home, we took time to winterize our rig the next morning as temperatures across Northern Arizona, Texas, Missouri, and Illinois plummeted. Because of our tight timeline, we stayed on I-40; others stayed further south on I-10 to avoid the cold temperatures.

The Pasadena area is really very beautiful and is very welcoming to visitors. A few must-see sites in the Pasadena area include:

- The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens (<https://www.huntington.org/>)
- The elementary school sits just a few blocks from Cal-Tech, which post-pandemic hosts Architectural Tours (<https://chats.caltech.edu/>)
- The Gamble House, another architectural gem, has a tie to Cincinnati, Ohio. The Gamble House was designed in 1908 by architects Greene & Greene and was commissioned by David and Mary Gamble, of Cincinnati, Ohio (<https://gamblehouse.org/>)

When organizing your next travel calendar, consider the Rose Parade National Rally—you will be glad you did!

Calling All 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 travel tips and sharing 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) for use in future newsletter editions.



RECIPES FOR THE ROAD

Healthy Recipes

Collected by: Jane Briggs #215

As we begin to plan longer travels once again (fingers crossed), I am perusing my online, magazine, and recipe books for foods that, well, travel well. If you have traveled for any length of time in your Airstream, you will find that there are times when instead of parking the Airstream, setting up camp, and then going back into the truck or other pull vehicle after a long day of traveling for dinner out or even grill or fire cooking may not seem worth it for one night out on the road, for example.

The recipes below are quick and easy to make and travel well. How much you eat of them is up to you; obviously, anything with bread and carbs means "counting" for me! I hope you enjoy these fun on-a-skewer recipes on your next outing:

Mini-Muffulettas

By *Taste of Home*

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/mini-muffuletta/>

Total Time: Prep: 25 min. + chilling

Makes: 3 dozen

Ingredients

- ☐ 1 cup pimiento-stuffed olives, drained and chopped
- ☐ 1 can (4-1/4 ounces) chopped ripe olives
- ☐ 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- ☐ 1-1/2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
- ☐ 1-1/2 teaspoons olive oil
- ☐ 1 garlic clove, minced
- ☐ 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- ☐ 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- ☐ 6 French rolls, split
- ☐ 1/2 pound thinly sliced hard salami
- ☐ 1/4 pound sliced provolone cheese
- ☐ 1/2 pound thinly sliced cotto salami
- ☐ 1/4 pound sliced part-skim mozzarella cheese

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine the first 8 ingredients; set aside. Hollow out tops and bottoms of rolls, leaving 3/4-in. shells (discard removed bread or save for another use).
2. Spread olive mixture over tops and bottoms of rolls. On roll bottoms, layer with hard salami, provolone cheese, cotto salami and mozzarella cheese. Replace tops.
3. Wrap tightly. Refrigerate overnight. Cut each into 6 wedges; secure with toothpicks.



Nutrition Facts

1 each: 119 calories, 8g fat (3g saturated fat), 16mg cholesterol, 537mg sodium, 7g carbohydrate (0 sugars, 0 fiber), 6g protein.

Lunch Kabobs (for Dinner)

Kristyn Merkley

Lil' Luna, November 4, 2021

<https://lilluna.com/lunch-kabobs/>

Prep Time: 8 minutes

Total Time: 8 minutes

Servings: 6 kabobs

Calories: 216 kcal

Ingredients

- ☐ 12 slices lunch meat
- ☐ lettuce
- ☐ 12 black olives
- ☐ 12 cherry tomatoes
- ☐ 12 cubes cheese
- ☐ 6 skewers



Instructions

1. Get all ingredients out in bowls.
2. Layer ingredients on skewers as desired making sure to add ones that will help keep everything on for the top and bottom (the cherry tomatoes and cheese cubes worked perfect!)
3. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Variations + Storing

Want to change it up? Here are a few ideas:

- **Pepperoni pizza** – Mozzarella, pepperoni, cherry tomatoes
- **Chicken quesadilla** – Tortilla pieces, chicken, cheddar cheese
- **BLT** – Bacon, tomatoes, cheese cubes, cucumbers
- **Salami Caprese** – Salami, mozzarella cheese, cherry tomato

Store the leftovers on or off of the skewer. Taking the ingredients off the skewers allows you to store like-ingredients together and prevent condensation from forming and ruining your ingredients.



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by submitting ideas and articles.

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This newsletter is for YOU, the Region 4 Member!

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