



# Region 4 WBCCI



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Hello to Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia

It has been a very busy summer for Karen and me. We have been able to attend quite a few of our unit's rallies. The joint rallies gave us an opportunity to meet with more of our members at one rally site, but all of the rallies were great. We went to Penn Wood Airstream Park with the Akron and Mahoning Valley Units. We ate Brats with the Land O Lakes Unit in Bucyrus. We enjoyed our visit with the 3 Michigan Units at the all Michigan Rally in Ionia, MI. and by the way Larry Kurkowski cooks a pretty good breakfast. Even though our visit was cut short, and we did not get to do the full rally for the Auglaize and Miami Valley Units we had a great time and really enjoyed the food and campfires.

**Enough about us and now to the unit presidents and the up coming events that must be taken care of. Don't forget to send your unit activities reports and your list of officers to Jackson Center by Nov 1st. if you want them included in the directory. Also please send a copy to the VPs and myself we need them for our files.**

**Well we are getting ready to go on the road again. First will be the Cinci Installation and then we will be going to check out next years rally site in Wauseon. We might go from there and check out a site for the 2011 rally. Then on to the Swiss Festival. If you haven't signed up you still have time and it is a great rally. After that we will be doing the Installation for the Akron Unit.**

**Last but not least stay on top of the changes in the WBCCI Blue Book. It is a lot easier to make the changes to the Unit Constitution every year rather than trying to play catch up after five years.**

**We have put our new numbers on the trailer - we are now #327. Toot your horns when you see us on the road.**

**Safe travels**

**John**

## **Region 4 Award of Excellence**

**President John Turner passes along the following message from Jim Haddaway along with a big Thank You to JJ & Sandy Johnjulo for their efforts securing this award for Region 4.**

*DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2009*

*TO: ALL REGION PRESIDENTS*

*FROM: JIM HADDAWAY, COORDINATOR*

*SUBJECT: REGION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE DUE*

*This is a reminder that all applications for the 2009 Region Award of Excellence are due to me by October 1, 2009. **The only application received to date is from Region 4 and it has qualified.***

*I would appreciate receiving your application even if your Region did not earn enough points to qualify. It will help me to better evaluate this new award program.*

*A copy of the Region Planning Guide (Application) is attached.*

*Thanks,*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Message**

Hi Region 4. The Season is changing we can now see the leaves are turning colors and I think the warm temperatures are just about done. Your Region 4 staff and our helper are deep into our installations. Some of us are getting ready to head south before the snow comes. President John and First Lady Karen are working hard getting ready for their first Region Rally springtime in Wauseon May 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are working on the menu and the entertainment and some tours that you will all enjoy or at least we hope you will.



I would like to wish you all a wonderful up coming holiday season. I am not sure if we will have another newsletter before we get to the holiday season. We hope you all have a peaceful and blessed holiday. Please remember to pray for our service men who will not be with their friends and family.

I will be in Florida for the winter and my address is 29129 Johnston Road, #1321, Dade City, FL 33523-6128 and you can also reach me at 586-214-1777.

See you down the road

**Karin**

## From the WBCCI Forums

The new WBCCI forum is up and running and is a great resource for finding information on Airstreams and the WBCCI. WBCCI President Tom Collier has dedicated a large part of his monthly newsletter to the forum – you will find his newsletter later in this issue – meanwhile here are some highlights from recent posts on the forum:

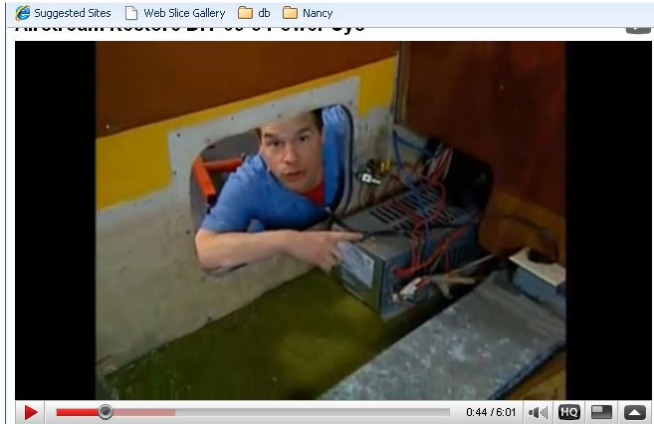


Figure 1

**Battery and Converter information.** Forums member “Cortez” has posted links to several sites that have information on replacing or servicing batteries and converters in Airstreams. If you are interested in restoration you should definitely visit the link to YouTube that provides a video record of the restoration of a 1970 Overlander.

### Jackson Center Visit.

Forum member “Silvertwinkie” has posted a photographic record of a visit to Airstream in Jackson Center

Be sure to give the Forums a visit.



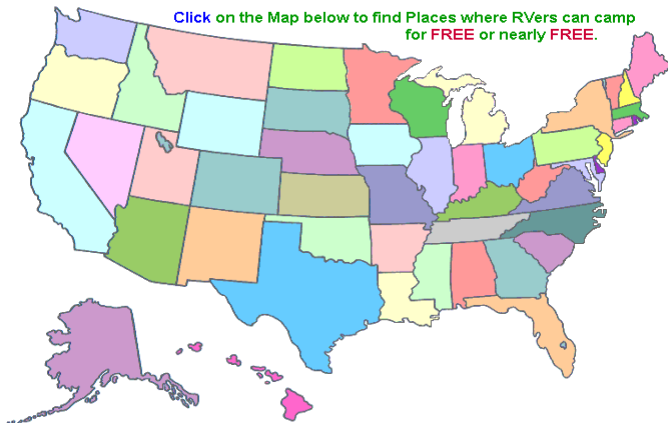
## Reminder to Unit Presidents

The annual Merit Award documentation is due to the Region 4 President within 60 days of the end of the Unit Presidents term of office. With Installation ceremonies currently being conducted it is time to wrap up the Merit Award report. The form is available at the WBCCI website under General Info.

## Camp for Free or Very Little!

Need a place to stay overnight or a few days without breaking the bank? The websites below were listed on the WBCCI Region 1 website.

There are 1887 campsites currently listed.



[www.freecampgrounds.com](http://www.freecampgrounds.com)

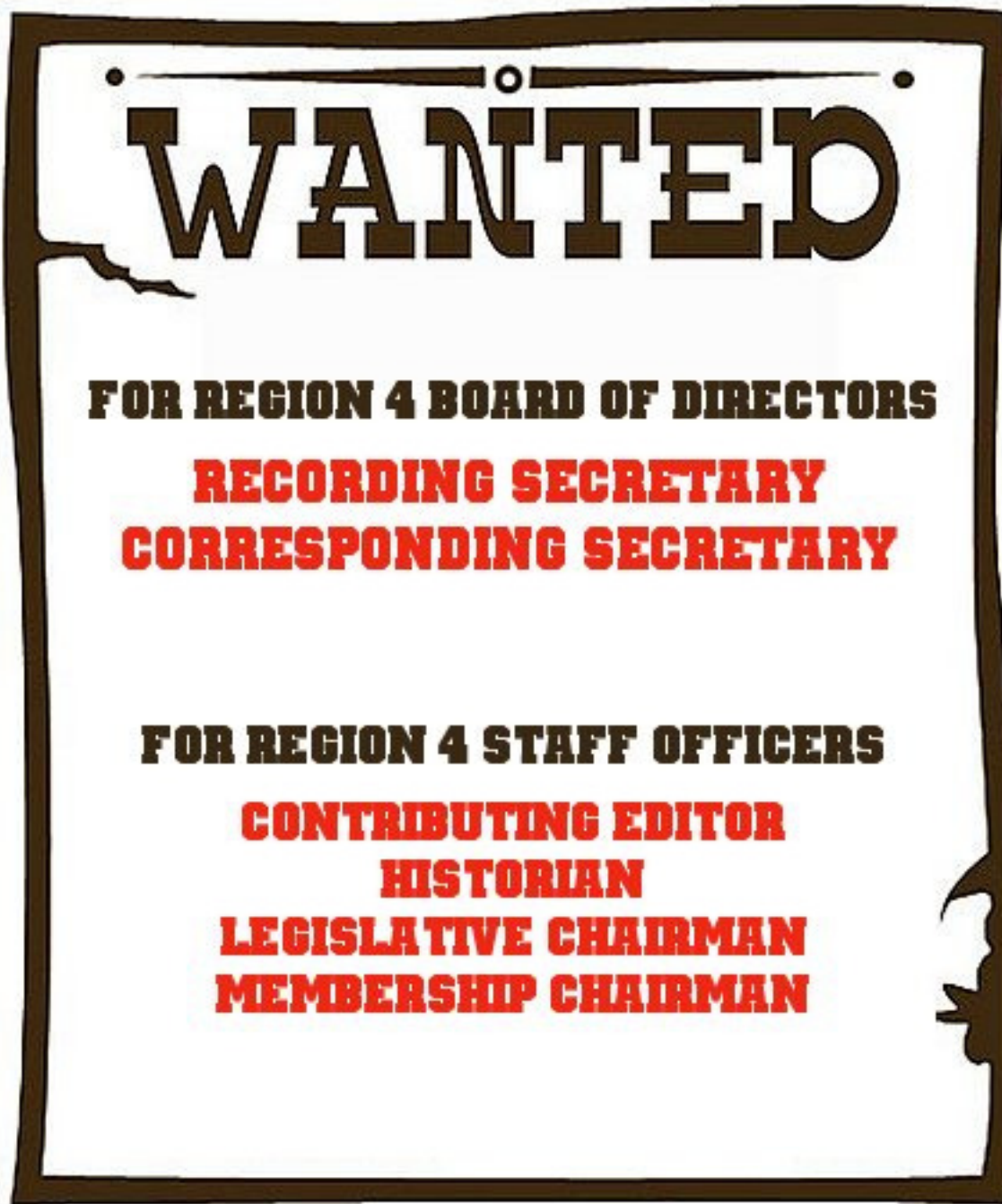
### FreeCampgrounds.Com

This website lists campgrounds throughout the country and provides reviews from folks that have stayed there. The website discourages “WalMart” camping and provides inexpensive alternatives.



OvernightRVParking.Com uses a map to show you both where you can and where you can't park overnight. You enter the zip code for the area you will stop in to start the map.





***Your Help is Needed  
to Fill These Region 4 Positions Now***

## Award Winners in Region 4

Region 4 members took home many awards from the International Rally - below are the names of the winners. If we missed your name please let us know at [region4@wbcci.net](mailto:region4@wbcci.net)

| Event                  | Category              | Award                      | Winner               | WBCCI # | Unit                      |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Art Show Adult         | Acrylic Still Life    | 1st Place                  | John Hice            | 8586    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Drawing               | 1st Place                  | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Acrylic Landscape     | 1st Place                  | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Acrylic Still Life    | 2nd Place                  | John Hice            | 8586    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Acrylic Landscape     | 2nd Place                  | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Mixed Media           | 2nd Place                  | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Acrylic Landscape     | 3rd Place                  | John Hice            | 8586    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Acrylic Still Life    | 3rd Place                  | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Watercolor            | 3rd Place                  | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Drawing               | Honorable Mention          | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Acrylic Landscape     | Honorable Mention          | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Acrylic Still Life    | Honorable Mention          | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Watercolor            | Honorable Mention          | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Art Show Adult         | Mixed Media           | Honorable Mention          | JoAnn Fluegeman      | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Hobby Show             | Collections           | 1st Place                  | Donald Kendig        | 23640   | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Hobby Show             | Cards                 | 1st Place                  | Shyrl Olinger        | 2959    | Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit |
| Hobby Show             | Miscellaneous         | 2nd Place                  | Al Flugeman          | 5309    | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Indoor Games           | Cribbage              | 2nd Place                  | George Hubbard       | 29184   | Columbus Ohio Unit        |
| Parade                 | Float Theme           | 2nd Place                  | Cincinnati Ohio Unit |         | Cincinnati Ohio Unit      |
| Pet Show               | Dogs-Best Looking     | 1st Place                  | George Scott         | 17213   | Michigan Unit             |
| Pet Show               | Dogs-Best Looking     | 3rd Place                  | Ron Carnein          | 9424    | Columbus Ohio Unit        |
| Unit Year Book         | Unit Year Book        | 3rd Place                  | Carol Lane           | 2928    | Miami Vally Unit of Ohio  |
| Vintage Airstream Club | Trailer & Tow Vehicle | Best Trailer & Tow Vehicle | Ken Faber            | 3113    | Michigan Unit             |
| Vintage Airstream Club | Bill Scott Best Bambi | Bill Scott Best Bambi      | Ken Faber            | 3113    | Michigan Unit             |

## Wally's Bars

**Pictured here are Wally Byam's spring bars. The bars have traveled for many years as part of the WBCCI Historical Collection. Recently International Historian Loretta Moss spoke with Region 4's favorite MC Larry Kurkowski to ask if he had any ideas on how to display them. Larry cleaned and polished the bars and built a beautiful oak cabinet for them. The cabinet and bars have been installed at WBCCI Headquarters in Jackson Center Ohio for all to see. Congratulations to Larry and Loretta for a great idea beautifully executed.**





## Coming Up in Region 4

Listed below are some of the events coming up in Region 4. If you have a rally or event you would like featured, please email to [region4@wbcci.net](mailto:region4@wbcci.net).



*September 26 - October 3, 2009*  
*Swiss Festival National Rally*  
*Sugarcreek, Ohio*  
*Paul Yahn*  
*Cell: 740-506-1860*  
*E Mail: [plyahn@aol.com](mailto:plyahn@aol.com)*

## **Land of Lakes Unit**

**The Swiss Festival National Rally is sponsored by the Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit. Loretta Moss, International Historian, provided this narrative on the Unit.**

**Land O Lakes of Ohio was a charter Unit of Columbus, Ohio, (that is the way new units got started) and Columbus Ohio planned the first Swiss Festival national Rally with LOL helping them. LOL had the second year and asked Cols. if they could just take it over and Cols. being further away from the Swiss Country said yes. This year will be the 47th National Rally.**

**The Amish have the largest settlement in the world in this area of Ohio. The Amish are really much more of a draw than the Swiss are. However there are still a few large farms that have cows for the cheese industry. After as many years as Jim and I have been working the Rally, the Amish treat us as friends. We have had dinner in their homes and watched their kids grow up. Their ways are wonderful and Christian about everything they do. I would have had to be born Amish to be as happy of people as they are. Their sons are allowed to go do almost as they please, meaning taking a job outside of the farm place and owning a car. This they do until the age that they are to join the Church. Another thing that is certainly unique is the oldest girl of the family gets the farm. It is their policy that the oldest daughter will take better care of her parents than any other child of the family. So the oldest switch houses with the young family growing in numbers and they go to the little house where they live and sometimes their porches are connected. We do talk to persons going to attend perhaps, that it is a two for one Rally. (Swiss and Amish) There is no sound nicer than getting to bed in Winklepleck Grove and a buggy goes by, hearing the hooves on the pavement and the wheels of the buggy, it represents a unique order of the Amish. Just because you are looked upon by the English (us) there are many sects within their community. From very strict black bonnets, dark clothing, no triangle signs on the backs of their more covered buggies to the ones that the ladies wear a lace doily atop their heads and about any color dress. These men usually wear the straw hat and maybe regular jeans.**

**The Swiss Festival Rally date is set by the Board of Sugarcreek Festival and they use a formula for the dates. It is therefore impossible for any other caravan to make their plans to arrive when the Festival and Rally are on. However they will tell us during the current year when 2010 festival will be.**

**Loretta Moss International Historian**

September, 2009

**Explore Discover**

in Gillette, Wyoming



## President's Monthly News

To be shared with WBCCI Members

Tom Collier, International President

### New WBCCI Forum

Hopefully you have found the new WBCCI forum linked to [wbcci.org](http://wbcci.org). The forum has a world of information including many topics, help, blogs and a place to ask questions and find answers. This new forum was developed by a couple of dozen computer heads that understand how to create things like this. You will find a WBCCI member only section where you will be able to see, read, and post to blogs with other members. As of the last of August, we have 325 registered, with the numbers growing daily. It may take a while to get comfortable using the new forum (I am still learning), but there is much information available for members or anyone else interested in the Wally Byam Caravan Club International or Airstreams. Go to [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org) and click "forum."

### New Members:

Be sure and check the current Blue Beret for the listing of the new members who have joined WBCCI during the past month. If you see a name of someone in your unit or in your area, be sure and try to contact them with a warm, positive welcome. In August, there were eighty 80 new members listed. Twenty-two (22) of these new members joined as members-at-large (MAL). These new MALs have not joined a unit for one reason or another. It is important that unit members and membership chairmen contact each of these new MALs and invite them to join your unit members in the Fun, Fellowship, and Adventure of a unit activity. Sometime all it takes is a contact.

We are all responsible for increasing our membership. Give these new members a call; you may be surprised at what you can accomplish for WBCCI.

### Cyber Etiquette

Keeping good manners alive in this digital age is not easy, but it is as important as ever. Things have certainly changed since blackberries grew only on bushes! Good manners have always been important when interfacing with others, and they will never go out of style.

Hiding behind a computer does not provide an excuse for forgetting ones manners. Think before you press "send" and be thoughtful about what you send.

If you are angry or feel a need to rant about something, read your comments over several times. Ask yourself three questions before sending anything out over the vast internet space.

1. Would I say this to a person's face?
2. Would I want this information printed in The local paper where I live?
3. What would my grandmothers and mother think about this?

If you answered "yes" to all three of the above questions, then press the "send" key. Remember the nursery rhyme, "Sticks and stones may break my bones"? In the real world, words can kill a persons spirit.

### Gillette International Information

The Settle Inn (across the street from our rally site) has been selected as the Official Host Hotel. This hotel is brand new and ready to take your reservation. Details will be published in the October Blue Beret' BB

Chairmen needed:  
Games, Outdoor  
Geocaching  
Judges Acquisition  
Parade  
Sound  
Talent on Parade  
RV Flyers AMA

### Registration Numbers

As of 8-31 376

Off site 8

Break even #  
750



# Springtime in Wauseon 34th Annual Region 4 Rally May 18th-23rd, 2010 Wauseon, Ohio

**Games**  
Hospitality  
Hobby Show  
Golf

**Entertainment**  
Line Dancing  
Dinners  
Ice Cream

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Flea Market  
Seminars

**Tours**  
Games  
Dump Site  
Sunday Worship

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Or Karin and Larry 1-586-210-1777 email [klkurkowski@wmconnect.com](mailto:klkurkowski@wmconnect.com)

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**1469 Trackwood Dr.**  
**Lapeer, MI 48446**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Handicapped Parking** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total # in Party** \_\_\_\_\_

|                    |                 |                       |                 |       |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------|
| <b>Rally Fee</b>   |                 |                       |                 |       |
| <b>2 Persons</b>   | <b>\$175.00</b> | <b>After 4/1/2010</b> | <b>\$185.00</b> | _____ |
| <b>1 Person</b>    | <b>\$135.00</b> |                       |                 | _____ |
| <b>Extra Adult</b> | <b>\$35.00</b>  |                       |                 | _____ |
|                    |                 | <b>Total</b>          |                 | _____ |







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**Convention/Rally Fees** for registrations received prior to **January 1, 2010**, will be **\$480** for couples, **\$380** for singles, and **\$120** for each additional adult. **Convention/Rally fees for the first 1000 to register include 30 amp electricity, water, and sewer (No 3 amp electricity or generator section available).**

**Rally Fees** received after **January 1, 2010**, will be **\$500.00** for couples, **\$390** for singles, and **\$130** for additional adults.

Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members pre-registering on or before January 1, 2010, will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of **\$2,000.00** in awards. The award may be redeemed at any Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Facility for parts and service.

**Free parking in the Bull Pen, with no services**, is permitted only for the one night before your parking date. Additional nights in Bull Pen parking prior to your parking date will be at the rate of \$20.00/night, with no hook-ups.

**FEE REFUND POLICY** All convention/rally fee refund requests must be postmarked by **May 15, 2010**, and **must** include the complete pass receipt. All cancellations will be assessed a \$30.00 administrative fee. There will be no refunds if postmarked after May 15 except as approved by the International Rally Committee.

**Convention/Rally Parking Pass Receipts will be mailed beginning January 15, 2010.**

Make checks payable to: **WBCCI**  
Mail to: **WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334**  
Canadian Checks must be stamped "US Funds"

For registrars only:  
Amt: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Recd. by: \_\_\_\_\_

**53rd International Convention/Rally  
Gillette, Wyoming  
June 27 - July 4, 2010**

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST/PROV \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**RALLY FEES INCLUDE FULL HOOK-UPS (30 AMP ELECT, WATER, SEWER)**

| <u>Number</u>   | <u>Fees</u>     | <u>Fees</u>     | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
|   | prior to Jan. 1 | after Jan. 1    |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airstream w/2 adults             | @ \$480.00      | @ \$500.00      | _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airstream w/1 adult              | @ \$380.00      | @ \$390.00      | _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional adult in Airstream    | @ \$120.00      | @ \$130.00      | _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Youth (Ages 4 - 19)        | @ \$ 60.00      | @ \$ 60.00      | _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth after two full youth pmts: |                 |                 |               |
| _____ Youth (Ages 4 - 19)                                 | @ FREE          | @ FREE          | _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not bringing Airstream           | DEDUCT \$200.00 | DEDUCT \$200.00 | _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WBCCI Life Members               | DEDUCT \$5.00   | DEDUCT \$5.00   | _____         |

**Mark boxes that apply:**

First International

Staying Off Site

Bringing a Dog

Vintage Parking

Handicap Parking  
Application on file at Headquarters

TOTAL FEES INCLUDED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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For registrars only:  
Amt: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Recd. by: \_\_\_\_\_

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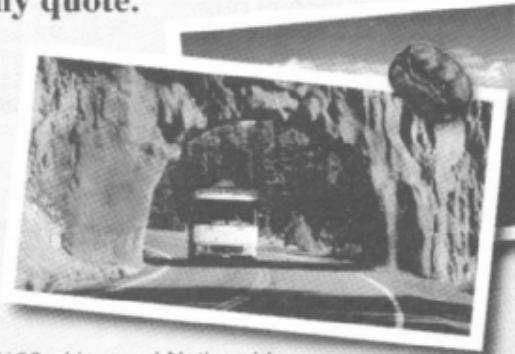
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