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President's Corner

Happy Spring Region 4!

It's time for the camping season to begin. The plans for the 2012 Region 4 Rally are coming along. We will have three meals and one catered dinner. The tours are being set up and all but one night's entertainment is set.

We are planning time for discussion on the business for delegate's meeting. There are amendments and revisions to the constitution proposed this year. Please bring your questions and we will try to come up with the answers.

The parkers will be ready to park you on Monday afternoon so we can get started on the business discussions on Tuesday. Larry and I and the Region 4 staff look forward to seeing each and every one of you and we hope that you have a great time while you are here.

Karin

2nd Vice President's Message

Our thoughts go out to our fellow Airstreamers who are no longer part of WBCCI.

In a few short weeks we will be meeting in Coldwater, MI for our Region Rally. I am sure there will be much discussion on the Revision of the Constitution and the Motor Home Amendment. During this rally, each member will have the opportunity to express concerns and opinions which will provide a clearer understanding of what is being voted on at International. Hopefully your delegates will vote for what is best for WBCCI to meet the future with certainty and conviction.



**Gary Olinger
2nd VP, Region 4**

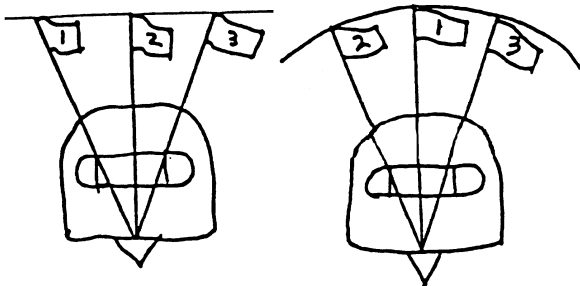


Will You Be Flying Your Flags at Region?

There's nothing like a row of Airstreams with their flags jumping in the breeze. But what order is correct when you are displaying multiple flags? You can find the answers in the appendix of the Blue Book available on the WBCCI website.



Three Flag Order While in the US
 There are two acceptable orders depending on whether the poles are set at equal height or are set on a radius with the center highest:

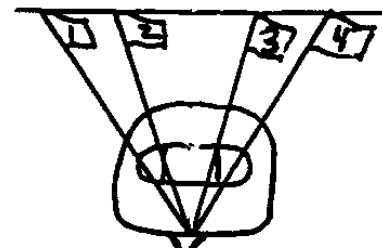


- 1: US Flag
- 2: State, WBCCI, Current Office
- 3: Current Office, Prior Office

When more than one flag is listed they are in order of priority.

The Blue Book lists the equal height option as the preferred method.

Four Flag Order While in the US



- 1: US Flag
- 2: Canadian, State, WBCCI, Current Office, Prior Office
- 3: State/Province, WBCCI, Intl Office, Region Office, Unit Office, Prior Office
- 4: State/Province, WBCCI, Intl Office, Region Office, Unit Office, Prior Office

When more than one flag is listed they are in order of priority.

New and Improved Photo Scavenger Hunt at Region

It seems like almost everyone has a camera and enjoys taking pictures to share with family and friends. The past three years Region 4 has tried to capture that interest with a photo scavenger hunt. With so many activities to attend during this rally it was difficult to take, print and display ten photos. With that in mind, the NEW and IMPROVED Region 4 Photography Scavenger Hunt will start in Coldwater.

This year you can enter the contest with only 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 photos. All you have to do is choose *one* of the captions and select *one* of your photos that best fits that caption. Since each caption group will be judged separately, you will have 5 opportunities to win. There will be five caption display posters for you to attach your photo(s). Judging will be during the Hobby Show with winners announced that evening.

Hopefully these changes will help make it easier to enter and more fun to judge. Remember to take a lot of photos during the rally in Coldwater, enter the contest, and make this the best photo contest yet. Don't forget, only photos taken at this rally are eligible.

Shyrl Ann Olinger

Scavenger Hunt Captions

1. Spring into Coldwater
2. Adventure on Tour
3. Where Friends Meet
4. Red, White & Blue
5. Entertaining Moment

See complete details of the contest on the rules page near the end of the newsletter. Questions and/or comments are welcome to:

Shyrl Ann Olinger #2959 Land-O-lakes unit
Cell phone: 740-603-3677

Here are some tips from the pro's to help improve your photos:

- **Rule of Thirds**

Imagine that your image is divided into 9 equal segments by 2 vertical and 2 horizontal lines. The rule of thirds says that you should position the most important elements in your scene along these lines, or at the points where they intersect. Doing so will add balance and interest to your photo. Some cameras even offer an option to superimpose a rule of thirds grid over the LCD screen, making it even easier to use.



- **Fill the frame.**

You can rarely go wrong by filling the frame with the main subject. Many of the best pictures are the simplest ones. You don't have to add background for the sake of adding background.



- **Framing**

Frame the center of interest with objects in the foreground. This can give a picture the feeling of depth it needs to make it more than just another snapshot



Region 4 Merit Awards

Congratulations to these Region 4 Units that will receive Merit Awards at Coldwater.

Unit	Award
Appalachian West Virginia	Superior Merit Award
Cincinnati Ohio	Superior Merit Award
Land-O-Lakes of Ohio	Superior Merit Award
Mahoning Valley Ohio	Superior Merit Award
Miami Valley Unit of Ohio	Superior Merit Award
Michigan	Superior Merit Award
Mohican Valley Ohio	Superior Merit Award



Time for the Spring Checkout

Have you prepped your unit for the season? In addition to the annual de-winterizing, here are a few more items to check as you get ready to rally.

Windows, Doors, & Vents	Check operation. Lubricate rubber seals and all exterior locks & latches.
Batteries	Check water level of coach batteries and top up. Reconnect and charge. Replace dry cells in devices such as smoke detectors and clocks.
120V System	Clean and Inspect Shore Cable. Look for cracks in cable, broken plastic on fittings, loose connections. Test GFI breakers/outlets.
Fire Extinguisher	Check date and have serviced if required.
Fresh Water	De-Winterize per Airstream instructions. Check operation of sinks and shower faucets. Inspect fresh water supply hoses and fittings. (Is your Y fitting there? Do you have enough hose length?) Replace water filter elements if needed.
Waste Water	Check operation of gate valves. Inspect drain hoses for tears and tighten clamps on fittings.
LP System	Inspect fittings and hoses. Leak test connections at tanks, water heater, fridge, stove.
Water Heater	Check for spider webs in burner tubes and plenum.
Refrigerator	Check for signs of ammonia leakage or excess heat behind fridge.
Air Conditioner	Clean or replace filters in interior shroud.
Running Gear	Pack wheel bearings and check brake linings. Adjust brakes on drum style. Check undercarriage for lines and wires that are sagging or broken loose. Tighten lug nuts and adjust tire pressure. Check condition of spare tire and pressure. Lubricate stabilizers.
Hitch	Check condition of receiver, ball mount, hitch latch, clips, torsion bars, snap ups, and chains.
On Board Generator	Change oil and filter. Clean or replace spark plug. Check tail pipe. Start and load test with air conditioner.

Region 4 Rally Plans

Time to start packing for Region! Some of the highlights this year include a picnic supper, spaghetti dinner, catered supper, and a pancake breakfast. The entertainment will feature country music, a barbershop chorus, and a four piece band. There is also a rumor Elvis will be stopping one evening. Tours include The Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing featuring an exhibit on 100 years of Girl Scouting; The Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve; Satek Winery; and The Tibbits Theatre. As always there will be a Hobby/Craft show, Flea Market, nightly drawings for the Unit Gift Baskets and 50/50 raffle. And oh yeah some guy in orange doing a stand-up routine at the start of each evening.

2012 Region 4 Events

Date	Event	Location/Contact
May 14-18, 2012	Region 4 Computer Rally	Van Wert, OH grgreenway@embarqmail.com
May 22 – 27, 2012	Region 4 Rally	Coldwater, MI klkurkowski@wmconnect.com
June 6 – 10, 2012	Spirit of Cleveland National Rally	Cleveland, OH tchristopher@tcgco.com
June 27-July 4, 2012	WBCCI International Rally	Sedalia. MO
June 28, 2012	Region 4 Luncheon at International Rally	Sedalia. MO
August 8 – 12, 2012	Michigan All Units State Rally	Frankenmuth, MI raa3846@aol.com
September 22 – 30, 2012	Swiss Festival National Rally	Sugarcreek, OH jocubbison@yahoo.com

Region 4 Computer Rally



Would you like to make the Region Rally last twice as long and pick up some computer skills at the same time? If so you should consider the Region 4 Computer Rally held May 14th – 18th in Van Wert. You can spend the week at Van Wert and then take a leisurely ride into Michigan for the May 22nd start of Region. For more information or reservations: grgreenway@embarqmail.com

Michigan State Rally



The Michigan Units invite you to the 2012 Michigan State Rally running August 8-12, 2012, in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Attractions at the rally include a swap meet, craft/hobby show, evening entertainment, and golf. A registration form is included in this issue of the newsletter. Questions may be directed to Rhonda Asselin: raa3846@aol.com

REGION 4 PHOTOGRAPHY SCAVENGER HUNT

New and improved

Rules of the game:

1. You may enter one (1) photo for each scavenger caption for a total of five (5) photographs.
2. Each photo must be taken during this rally and no larger than 4x6.
3. Make sure to write your name, unit and WBCCI # on the back of each photograph.

Balloting during the hobby show by your fellow Airstreamers will determine the winner in each category. The person with the most wins will be declared the Grand Photography Scavenger Hunt Winner.

Scavenger Hunt Captions

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2. "Adventure on Tour"
3. "Where Friends Meet"
4. "Red, White & Blue"
5. "Entertaining Moment"

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WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC. 55TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION/RALLY

June 27 – July 4, 2012 --- Sedalia, Missouri

REGISTRATION

Convention/Rally Fees for registrations received prior to **January 1, 2012** will be \$475.00 for couples, \$375.00 for singles, and \$120.00 for each additional adult. Rally fees include **3 point hook-up**, 30 amp electric, water and sewer.
(Note: **NO 3 amp. electric or generator section available**).

Rally Fees received after January 1, 2012 will be \$500.00 for couples, \$400.00 for singles and \$130.00 for each additional adult. Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc, all members pre-registering on or before January 1, 2012 will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of **\$2000.00** in awards, These awards may be redeemed at any Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Center for parts and service.

Free parking in the Bull Pen, **with no services**, is permitted for one night before your assigned parking date only. For arrival before your parking date and parking with services, the parking fee is \$20.00 per day.

FEE REFUND POLICY: All convention/rally fee refund requests must be postmarked by **May 15, 2012** and must include the complete pass receipt, and FREE picnic tickets if applicable. All cancellations will be assessed a \$30.00 administrative fee and price of FREE picnic tickets if not returned. There will be **NO** refunds if postmarked after May 15, 2012 except as approved by the International Rally Committee.

Convention/Rally Parking Pass Receipts will be mailed beginning January 20, 2012
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: _____

55th International Convention/Rally Sedalia, Missouri June 27 - July 4, 2012

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ WBCCI # _____

SPOUSE _____ E-mail _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST/PROV _____ ZIP _____

RALLY FEES INCLUDE 3 point hook-up (30amp ELECTRICITY, WATER AND SEWER)

Number	Fees	Fees	Amount
	Prior to Jan. 1	after Jan 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Airstream w/2 adults	@ \$475.00	@ \$500.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Airstream w/1 adult	@ \$375.00	@ \$400.00	_____
<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 payments: _____ 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Vintage Parking <input type="checkbox"/> First International <input type="checkbox"/> Staying off Site <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to park in Dog Section <input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped Parking Applications on file at Headquarters

TOTAL FEES INCLUDED \$ _____

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Make checks payable to: WBCCI

Canadian checks must be stamped US FUNDS

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Amt: _____	Check# _____
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“The Spirit of Cleveland National Rally”

Come join us for the Cleveland Unit's 2nd National Urban Rally to be held at the beautiful Burke Lakefront Airport located on the shores of Lake Erie, June 6th through June 10th, 2012. This year's fun filled event will be held immediately following Alumapalooza (only 168 miles away) likely enroute to your next destination!

The rally fee will only be \$195.00 for two in an airstream trailer/motorhome (\$125.00 for singles). Rally fee includes, 3 full catered breakfasts, 3 full catered dinners (one of which is a \$100 dinner cruise on the Goodtime II), parking for 4 nights, daily & evening entertainment, and a rally goodie bag! Due to donations and sponsorships we are able to provide this incredible event at such a low price!

There will be planned, private tours/excursions of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, The Cleveland Browns Stadium, The West Side Market, The Science Center, Burke Lakefront Airport, The Mather Ore Freighter, The “Cod” WWII Battle Submarine, Lolly the Trolley City of Cleveland Tour, and many other exciting places in and around Downtown Cleveland. There will be other activities for folks to do on their own during the day (e.g., fishing charters, helicopter rides, fixed wing tours, boating, and many others).

There will be 24/7 security in a gated parking area. There will be no electric service available. Bring your generator if desired. There will be free water refill service and a dump service available. Arrivals will start after 12:00 noon on June 6th.

We will limit the rally to the first 100 Units so make reservations by contacting “Sammy” at 440-953-9559 or send your check made payable to Cleveland Unit WBCCI, Attn: Paula Christopher, 4230 State Route 306, Willoughby, OH 44094.

*****WE SUGGEST BOOKING QUICKLY AS BASED ON LAST YEAR'S OVERHWELMINGLY POSITIVE FEEDBACK WE ANTICIPATE SELLING OUT QUICKLY***.**

(see www.cleveland.wbcci.net)





”Streaming in Michigan’s Little Bavaria”

Michigan State Rally
 August 8th- 12th, 2012
 Early Arrival Tuesday, August 7th after 1:00 p.m.
 St. Lorenz Campground – Frankenmuth
 400 Churchgrove Rd
 Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Join all the Michigan Units as we gather in Frankenmuth to celebrate the unique heritage of the area. Tours are planned to major attractions in the area. A Ladies Luncheon, Past Presidents’ Luncheon, evening entertainment and golf tournament as well as youth activities are all part of the fun. A swap meet and craft/hobby show are also planned. The rally officially opens at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8 and the rally fee includes 1 dinner and 1 full breakfast. Hospitality each morning and evening is also included. Early parking is available on Tuesday evening, August 7 for an additional \$20.00 parking fee. A workers dinner is planned for Tuesday evening, early arrivals are welcome to attend the dinner for \$3.00 per person.

GPS Location: 43.342293,-83.748356

Directions from I-75: Take exit 144 east towards Frankenmuth/Bridgeport (0.4 miles), turn left onto Dixie Hwy (2.0 miles), turn on Junction Rd (3.8 miles). Junction becomes W. Genesee St (0.5 miles). Turn left on Churchgrove Rd (0.4miles). Campground is on the left past the school.

Rally Contact: Rhonda Asselin 734-347-9154, email- raa3846@aol.com

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Address, City, State, Zip

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Rally Fee				
Airstream w/2 adult Wed-Sun	\$165.00		=	\$ _____
Additional adults	\$100.00	x	=	\$ _____
Children	\$ 15.00 each	x	=	\$ _____
Tuesday dinner (non-workers)	\$ 3.00 each	x	=	\$ _____
Optional Tuesday parking	\$ 20.00			\$ _____
Total				_____

Make checks payable to: WBCCI Michigan State Rally
 Send registration form and check to: Don Bates, 19952 Indian, Redford, MI 48240-1634



**36th Annual
Region 4 Rally
May 22-27, 2012**



Spring into Summer in Coldwater!

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Make your check payable to **"REGION 4 WBCCI"** and mail with bottom coupon to:

Maury Runyan
1469 Trackwood Dr., Lapeer, MI 48446



RALLY PARKING ON MONDAY, MAY 21: 12:00-5:00PM

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ SPOUSE: _____
 WBCCI # _____ UNIT: _____ UNIT # _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
 STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____ CELL: _____
 E-MAIL: _____ # IN PARTY: _____ HANDICAPPED PARKING? _____

RALLY FEES:	Pre Feb 29, 2012	After Mar 1, 2012	PAID
2 Persons:	\$175.00	\$185.00	\$ _____
1 Person:	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$ _____
Extra Adult/No RV:	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ _____
Child (6-12 yrs):	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00 x _____	\$ _____





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