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President's Corner

Where did the time go? My grandmother always said "the older you get, the faster the times go". The German saying is "the hurrier I go the behinder I get". Both are applying to me.

Winter is almost over and spring is almost here. Between the ALMOST over and here, it is time to pull that Airstream out of its storage, dust it off, gas it up, and get ready to go. I have received many newsletters with the most interesting things coming up in the units. Remember, you can attend any unit's functions, meetings, or caravans in any location you happen to be in.

One of the first items on the calendar is our Region 4 Rally being held in Mansfield, OH on May 18-24, 2015.

The reservations are coming in really slow and it is so difficult trying to plan an interesting and fun rally at the last minute. We have been signing contracts, ordering items, and making plans to have a really great week for you. Haydocy, our Columbus dealer, is going to go out of their way to make your rally interesting and fun. Please take the time **NOW** and send in your reservations. (*Coupon is attached at the end of the newsletter – ed*)

Guy and I have had so much fun traveling to the units and meeting so many wonderful people. We have enjoyed the Michigan, Swiss, and unit rallies so much. If we were unable to join the other units, we would never know all the friends (that have become like family). Would you believe that I even have my own phone /address book of no-one other than Airstream friends! Soooooo, watch out, I may show up on your doorstep someday.

Marjorie Lotz
President
Region 4

Tours, Tours, get your Tours here

Mike Pierce of the Mohican Valley Ohio Unit has been busy arranging tours for the Region 4 Rally. Here are a few hints on what's brewing.

The Shawshank Redemption. Adapted from a Stephen King novella, much of the filming of the Shawshank Redemption was filmed at the Ohio State Reformatory, Mansfield, Ohio. Built between 1886 and 1910, the reformatory remained in operation until 1990 and was scheduled for demolition when the film was made, but the striking Administration Building lives on as a tourist attraction.



There will be several tours to Ohio State Reformatory. The charge is \$7.00 for seniors and we are requested to bring ones.

Malabar Farms State Park. Home of Louis Bromfield, well-known author and conservationist, and location of the wedding of Humphrey Bogart to Lauren Bacall. The tour occurs in two parts. A tractor drawn wagon tour of the grounds will be narrated by an Ohio State Park Naturalist. Following the wagon ride, the tour continues on foot through the home, documenting the life of Bromfield and viewing the locations where the Pulitzer-prize winning novelist wrote his famous books 'Pleasant Valley' and 'Malabar Farm.'

D. Picking & Co. It's been 140 years since Jacob Geiger and Daniel Picking expanded their hardware business to make room for the creation of copper kettles, and today, D. Picking & Co. is still going strong.



The hardware started their kettle line by producing copper kettles for making apple butter. Later the line expanded to include kettles for the Swiss Cheese industry. When the cheese makers switched to stainless steel for their kettles, Picking switched their production to popcorn kettles.

In addition to the group tours, there are many attractions in the area for self-guided tours. Be sure to check out these suggestions while you are at the Rally.

Mansfield Fire Museum and Education Center.

Kingwood Center (Arboretum).

Ohio Bird Sanctuary.



Are you out of your Gourd?

There will be no shortage of crafts this year at Region. Pat Badgero is heading up the Gourd Painting class.



Come have some fun with gourds! No artistic talent needed! We will be decorating small gourds with paint, dye, pens, stick-ons and many other items.

The decorated gourds can be used for Christmas ornaments or a decoration for your home or trailer.

Cost per person is \$4.00 and all materials will be provided.

Ladies' Tea and Decorative Craft Class

Shyrl Olinger has passed along information on the Ladies Tea and Craft Class at Region. Here are a couple items to bring along and some ideas for you to consider.

1. Bring a favorite salt or pepper shaker and any old large buttons you have to create your own table decoration. If you forget there will be salt/pepper shakers available for sale and plenty of buttons to use. (\$2)
2. There will also be time and materials to make a one of a kind card to give or keep and try your hand at Teabag folding. (\$2)
3. Once again you can decorate your own Tea Party Hat



Photo Contest

For several years the photo contest has been a popular event at Region, here is the latest on the contest for this year.

For all you shutterbugs out there, here is your chance to show others what you love about Airstreaming! Take your favorite photos that match up with the five categories we have chosen and submit them at the Region 4 Rally. We need each entry to be a 4" X 6" print with your return address label on the back.

Theme: Fun with Airstream Friends

Categories:

1. Alumalove
2. Favorite Campgrounds
3. Flora and Fauna
4. Beautiful Vistas
5. Caravan Adventures

Please submit your pictures to
 Marian Hetzler
 WBCCI #23610
 Cell Phone 937-689-8301



All the news that fit to print and some that isn't ...

From the rumors and propaganda department comes this news. Don Hetzler, Region 4 Second VP, will be doing a workshop on Unit Newsletters at Region. The aim is to help Units improve their newsletters and will include information on getting content, formatting the newsletter, and tools for creating the newsletter. Don is lining up Newsletter Editors from Region 4's Units to help out and share their best practices.

Soup Rally

The Cincinnati, Columbus, and Miami Valley units are pleased to be offering the annual Soup Rally as a Joint and Buddy Rally. Region 4 members are invited to join in April 23rd to 26th. Janet & Don Kendig describe some of the plans.

The Soup Rally theme this year is "HOBO". You will get a letter thru the mail about the rally but I wanted to give you a heads up on one item that we will be doing. Thursday



evening or Friday morning you will be given a red or blue hankie, (large). The object is to make up a HOB0 pouch, containing things you have found, dug out of the garbage bin or anywhere else you can come up with "items you think you would need if you had to sleep under a bridge tonight". Be creative or sensible, your choice.

We will judge these and award wonderful prizes (categories yet to be determined.) It's intended to be a fun thing and I

hope all will participate. There will be at least one craft, very quick and something a Hobo would surely have a use for. We plan to have a short tour, games and a fun weekend.

The first rally is always good and the soup will be hot. Remember, if you sign up for the Friday night dinner and you are unable to attend, you unit will have-to pay for that dinner. See all you Hobo's in April. To let us know if you are coming call 1-937-572-1725 or email:

jkendighatlady@cs.com

Thanks, Donald & Janet



Recall

Airstream has issued recalls for several models of 2014 and 2015 trailers. Additional details and any updates are available on the WBCCI website:

<http://wbcci.org/maintenance-info/airstream-recall-notice>

Feb 11, 2015 SUMMARY:

Airstream, Inc. (Airstream) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Land Yacht, Eddie Bauer, International, Flying Cloud, and Sport travel trailers manufactured August 1, 2013, to February 4, 2015. The screws that secure the tray for the liquid propane (LP) tanks may fail and the LP tanks may fall from the trailer.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the screws that secures the tank to the trailer fails, the tank can separate from the trailer becoming an object that can impact another vehicle on the road. There is also an increased risk of a fire.

REMEDY:

Airstream will notify owners, and dealers will install new attaching screws to secure the LP tank tray, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 2, 2015. Owners may contact Airstream customer service at 1-937-596-6111.

NOTES:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Thanks to Vicki Ettenhofer for bringing the recall to our attention.

Alienware Airstream

For those of you that are not gamers, the name Alienware may not be familiar, but within the gamer and high end computer industry, everyone knows Alienware, and that extends worldwide. Several years ago Alienware outfitted an Airstream Trailer with the latest gaming systems and uses it to tour the world.



In addition to the gaming systems set up inside the rig, the trailer itself is also used as part of an extensive multi-media presentation. The photos show the Airstream in action at some of the shows in Australia and New Zealand.



I say Bee Hive you say

B-52's of course you silly goose. The photo below is from one of 6 Airstreams



parked in the desert near Joshua Tree National Park in California by Kate Pierson, singer with the B52's. Kate rents the "retro-chic silver bullets" for \$200.00/night. Each has been styled by the singer and given names such as Lava," "Tiki", and "Planet Air."

Thanks to Rick Richardson for sharing the article.

2015 Region 4 Events

Date	Event	Location/Contact
May 18 – 24, 2015	Region 4 Rally	Mansfield, OH mloetz@gmail.com
June 26-July 4, 2015	WBCCI International Rally	Farmington, NM http://wbcci.org/activities/international-rally/2015-farmington-nm
August 5 - 9, 2015	Michigan State Rally	Ravenna, MI Fisherjjan23@sbcglobal.net
August 23 – September 6, 2015	Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights National Caravan	Michigan Upper Peninsula cdeleeuw@comcast.net
September 26 – October 4, 2015	Swiss Festival National Rally	Sugarcreek, OH SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com



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Rally Fees received after January 1, 2015, will be \$450.00 for couples, \$375 for singles, and \$135 for additional adults. Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members pre-registering on or before January 1, 2015, 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 for one night only before your parking date. **Additional nights prior to your parking date will be at the rate of \$25.00/night, payable at verification.**

FEE REFUND POLICY All convention/rally fee refund requests must be postmarked by **May 15, 2015**, 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, 2015.

Make checks payable to: WBCCI
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For registrars only:
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<input type="checkbox"/> Youth after two full youth pmts:				<input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Parking
_____ Youth (Ages 4 - 19)	@ FREE	@ FREE	_____	Application on file at Headquarters
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<input type="checkbox"/> WBCCI Life Members	DEDUCT \$5.00	DEDUCT \$5.00	_____	

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Make checks payable to: WBCCI **Canadian checks must be imprinted US FUNDS**

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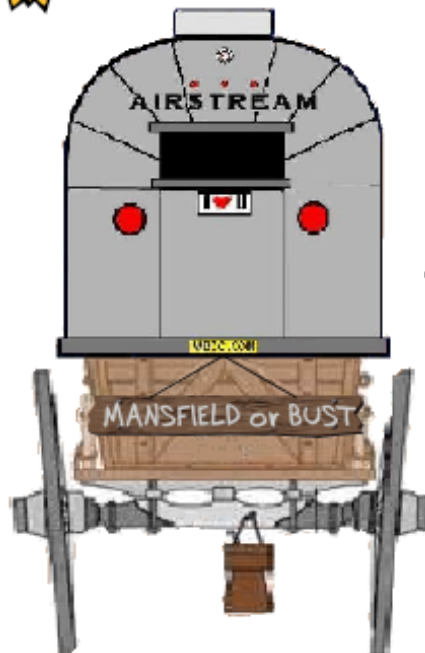
39TH ANNUAL REGION 4 RALLY

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS -- MANSFIELD, OHIO

MAY 18-24, 2015

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RALLY PARKING:
MON: 12:00-5:00PM

- Water & Electric*
- Dump Site*
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- Hospitality*
- Games*
- Golf*
- Line Dancing*
- Raffles*
- Door Prizes*
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- Ice Cream*
- Popcorn*
- Hobby Show*
- Flea Market*
- Sunday Worship*

Make your **check payable** to "REGION 4 WBCCI" and mail with **bottom coupon** to:
Karen Fisher, 899 Tanview Dr., Oxford, MI 48371



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

RALLY FEES:	Pre Feb 28, 2015	After Mar 1, 2015	PAID
2 Persons:	\$175.00	\$185.00	\$ _____
1 Person:	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$ _____
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