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## President's Corner

### Greetings from the Region 4 President

The 2016 International Rally in Lewisburg, WV had over 1400 individual members, which was an eight year high, in attendance. The Flag Ceremony was impressive, especially with Region 4 marching in with 12 of our Units flying flags in the ceremony. What a good looking group of Airstreamers we have.

The rally was marred by the drenching rain which caused flooding, loss of homes and lives in Greenbrier County. Our Silver City once again showed the compassion and generosity of the WBCCI membership. Over \$40,000 was raised, members helped fill a semi with cleaning supplies and other needed items while others even physically helped clean, move and rebuild. The citizens of Greenbrier, were in awe of the response by members of the Airstream community and many members were thanked with hugs in the various businesses. In spite of the tragic events, the rally was highly successful and fun filled.

**Don't forget to check out Escanaba, MI July 22-29, 2017**

**I want to thank Don Hetzler, 1<sup>st</sup> VP for setting up the delicious Region 4 Luncheon and organizing the July 4 Picnic. The tours headed by Karen Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP offered members many choices for seeing what the area had to offer. Every club needs an angel and Susan Stigleman was ours along with her husband Ron and Kathy Teige. When Karen had to leave early, Susan and her team went into overdrive at the expense of their own plans to make sure the tours were successful. A huge hats off to them. The information table was covered by Wayne Barth and members of the Appalachian Unit who provided information to members about the Greenbrier area.**

**The second International Tea Party with our own Hostess with the Mostest, Marian Hetzler was another huge success. Don's men servers looked so professional and handled the teapots with great care. To all of the other Region 4 members who chaired a Committee, worked on one, played in the bank (which is awesome), participated in one of the contests or displayed your craft or hobby, you all did an outstanding job.**

**ShyrlAnn and I wish each of you safe journeys in attending rallies and caravans.**

**Gary Olinger  
Region 4 President**



The WBCCI Website reports all Electric/Water/Pumpout sites have been reserved for 2017. They are maintaining a standby list and also have openings in the Solar and Generator areas. Solar and Generator sites have water and pumpout.

## From the First Vice President

### Volunteerism is Alive and Well

I thought about writing a short blurb for the newsletter and including all the folks from Region 4 that support the International Rally but as I thought about it a little more, it dawned on me (I say that, but really I knew it all along) that it goes way beyond just the International. Our club operates on the good will and more often than not, the hard work of volunteers. Think about it. No one gets paid to do what gets done.



I guess I was thinking of the International Rally (IR) because it was so big, so recent and if you think about it, such a huge production. It is a great example to draw from. From the rally's inception, long before registration, the volunteers are busy doing site survey's, planning the business meetings, recreational events, tours, parking, operations, entertainment, seminars and all the other things we expect and enjoy at our annual event.

And you know what? What? Our Region 4 people are everywhere in that effort. We have a wide variety of Committee Chairs, multitudes of worker bees on the committees, people leading seminars, people engaged in organizing local community interaction, hospitality, our people keep track of all the club on-site property (start to finish), they supply refreshments to people working the parking, shuttle folks to and fro across the encampment, support several days of registration, play in the band, sing in the choir, provide messenger and computer services, conduct workshops, drawings, line dancing, communications, arrange tours and vendor displays. All people from across our Region.

I won't say that we do it all but we lead the effort in many, many areas. The Club counts on us, Region 4 folks, and we deliver. It just couldn't go on without the efforts of our Region 4 volunteers. Thanks again for your efforts. For Marian and me, I can say, we are very proud of our Region 4 crew. They are excellent examples of how volunteerism can work.

**Don Hetzler**  
First Vice President



## Scenes from the Region 4 Rally in Coldwater.



## Make Mine with Swiss Please!

Hmmm, are you trying to think of a place to go that is kinda out in the country but with really nice restaurants and shops, that is steeped in tradition while handling modern challenges. Oh Yeah, and it would be good if you could pick up some Swiss Cheese while you're at it. Where to go, where to go?

If that sounds interesting you need to get your reservation in for the 54<sup>th</sup> Swiss Festival National



Rally, starting September 24 and running through October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As of this writing there are still openings, but it is not unusual for the rally to fill up.

If you haven't been there, it is held in Sugarcreek, Ohio which is just one of the greatest areas in the

world to Airstream. (Maybe that's why it's a National Rally) Parking is in Winklepleck Grove, smack in Amish territory, so expect to share the roads with their buggy's.

During the rally, there is a full schedule of events including visits to local attractions, horse and buggy rides, and of course the Swiss Festival in downtown Sugarcreek. Oh, and there are 8 Swiss Cheese factories.

There is more information available on the Land-O-Lakes website:

<http://landolakesohio.wbcci.net/>  
and a coupon is attached to this newsletter and on the website.



## The Big Apple

**Rick Richardson has been in touch with Per Hamnqvist of the New England Unit. Per does the coordination for the NYC Rally at Liberty Harbor. Here are the plans for 2017.**

**NYC Rally  
June 8-11, 2017**

**Come and join fellow WBCCI members from New England, Connecticut, New York and Ontario for a long weekend of fun in New York City from Thursday June 8th thru Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2017.**



**There's no need to list everything you might do – there's something for everyone in NYC!**

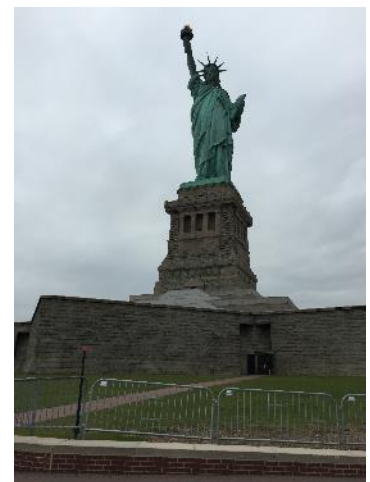


**This is the 4<sup>th</sup> time for this Rally, which is based at Liberty Harbor Marina in Jersey City, NJ, very close to NYC. The campground is basically gravel with somewhat narrow electric and water sites. But it's clean and there's a shared dump station and a decent shower house.**

**If you look up Liberty Harbor Marina on Google Maps you'll get a feel for its fantastic location. A commuter ferry to Wall St leaves the dock by the campground on week**

**days. A second ferry leaves on weekends from Warren St (short walk) for the World Financial Center. And the Grove Street subway station which takes you to the World Trade Center and beyond is just a 15-minute walk from the campground.**

**Although this Rally has no formal program other than coffee in the morning and a happy hour in the late afternoon there will be help available to coordinate your interests and excursions with other participants. This has worked really well in the past. Everyone ends up doing things they want to do, at their pace, often sharing the experiences with old and new Airstream friends.**



**Any individuals, or groups, from Region 4 who are interested in next year's NYC Rally should contact Rick Richardson – e-mail [rickelaineHQ@gmail.com](mailto:rickelaineHQ@gmail.com) or phone 440-812-6490 to receive further information as it becomes available.**

## Pure Michigan

**This year's Michigan State Rally is in the books. If you couldn't attend here are some highlights.**



**We had plenty of sunshine, fun and fellowship at the 2016 Michigan State Rally. There were 30 units in attendance this year. We toured Meijer Gardens, where we viewed the gardens and many statues via a guided tram ride. Afterwards we were free to roam the grounds at our leisure.**

**Later that evening our drive-in theater, showing "Grease", was forced to be moved inside due to the extreme heat (95 degrees).**

**The guided tours of the historic Hackley and Hume Homes in Muskegon gave us the opportunity to step back in time and view the craftsmanship of an era gone by.**

**That evening we listened and danced to tunes from the 50's and 60's at our sock hop. Let me tell you there were some pretty great dancers in this group.**

**Saturday morning started with a pancake breakfast that was delicious and ended with a pig roast dinner, followed by Carnival Night. The entire group seemed to enjoy Carnival Night, whether you were playing a game, were one of the barkers, or just watching the games, there was something for everyone. Carnival Night was Ken's inspiration and he built the games himself. We had wanted to try some new ideas at this year's rally, while some were okay, it seemed everyone thought the carnival was a success. Each unit in attendance went home with a linen pillowcase with an Airstream-like trailer on it as a remembrance of the rally.**



**Left to right Michael Selenich, Peter Selenich, Andy Neumann and Mike Harrison playing Whitebox Wipeout at Carnival Night.**

**Susan & Ken Stigleman  
President & First Mate Metro-Detroit Unit #137**





## Have You Been Thinking Smaller Might Be Better?



Earlier this year Airstream announced the acquisition of Nest Caravans, a fiberglass trailer design built in Oregon. Airstream President Bob Wheeler said “We’ve been imagining a small, well-thought-out fiberglass travel trailer for quite some time and are very confident about its potential.”

A prototype trailer exists at Jackson Center, and production is targeted for 2017.

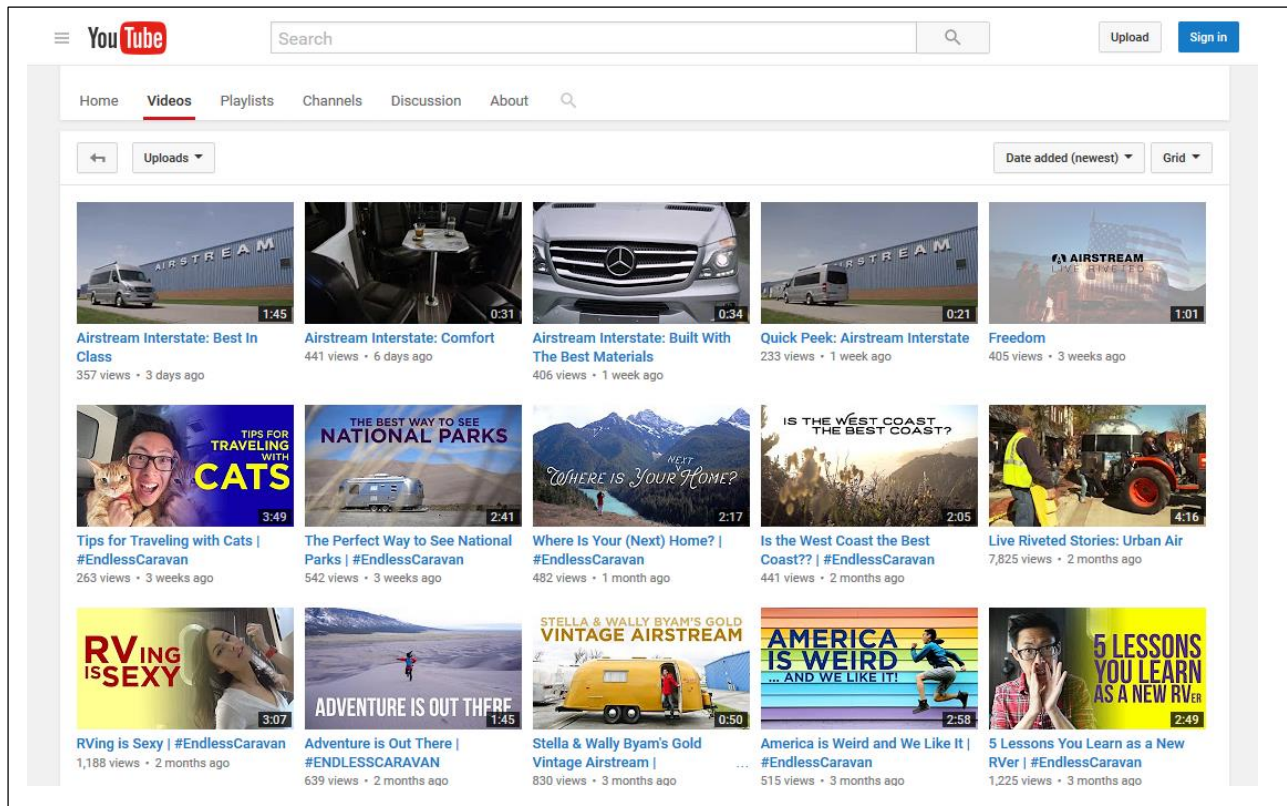


The Nest was designed by Robert Johans who describes it as having a European influence and made to appeal to empty nesters.



## The Airstream YouTube Channel

For those that enjoy the videos on YouTube, you may want to check out Airstream's YouTube collection. In addition to the product reviews there are also a number of less corporate selections and links to some sites only casually connected to Airstream. (Check out OnAirstream in the Channels tab)



From 2016 Region Rally



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## The Easy Way

Zip Dee is now offering electric awnings as a retro-fit package for Airstreams with existing Zip Dee awnings.

In addition to the convenience of electric awnings, there are also options for remote control and wind sensors to close the awning when wind threatens.

The kit is an upgrade that uses your existing roller, case, and fabric. New arms and hardware convert you to electric operation. The electric awnings also allow you to use the awning in partially open positions.

Zip Dee sells the package as the Relax 12V Automatic Awning and you can find it on their website:

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# 54<sup>th</sup> Annual SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY

*"In the Heart of Amish Country"*

September 24 - October 2, 2016 in Sugarcreek, OH

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Our "DAY IN THE PARK" on Thursday features some homemade Amish baked goods, Amish craftsmen, and free horse 'n buggy rides, along with our own Airstreamers' Hobby/Craft show, Flea Market, Golf Tournament, homemade ice cream, fresh popcorn, and a ham and bean dinner cooked in huge kettles over open fires. We'll put you in a toe-tapping, festival mood after the Joey Tomsick Orchestra entertains us before their annual downtown performances at the Swiss Festival.

SUGARCREEK, OHIO is located in the rolling hills of Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover (I-77) and 18 miles east of Millersburg (Holmes County) on scenic Route 39. It is surrounded by a prosperous farming community and populated largely by the Amish. With eight Swiss cheese factories located in the area, Sugarcreek is recognized worldwide as the center of some of the finest made Swiss cheese produced in the USA.

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 Rally e-mail: [SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com](mailto:SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com)

Register before March 31, 2016 to be eligible for a special drawing during the rally.  
 Rally Parking starts Saturday, September 24 at 9:00am from the Rally Bulpin; early individual rally parking Friday (1-6 pm) for a \$25 fee.  
 Caravans arriving with 5 or more pre-registered RVs may park one day early at no extra charge on Friday, Sept. 23, from 1-6 pm.  
 Cancellations: 10% service charge before August 31, 2016. Refunds after September 1 are at the discretion of the Rally Chair after rally's conclusion. All refund requests should be submitted in writing to the Rally Registrar and accompanied by your Acknowledgement Card.

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