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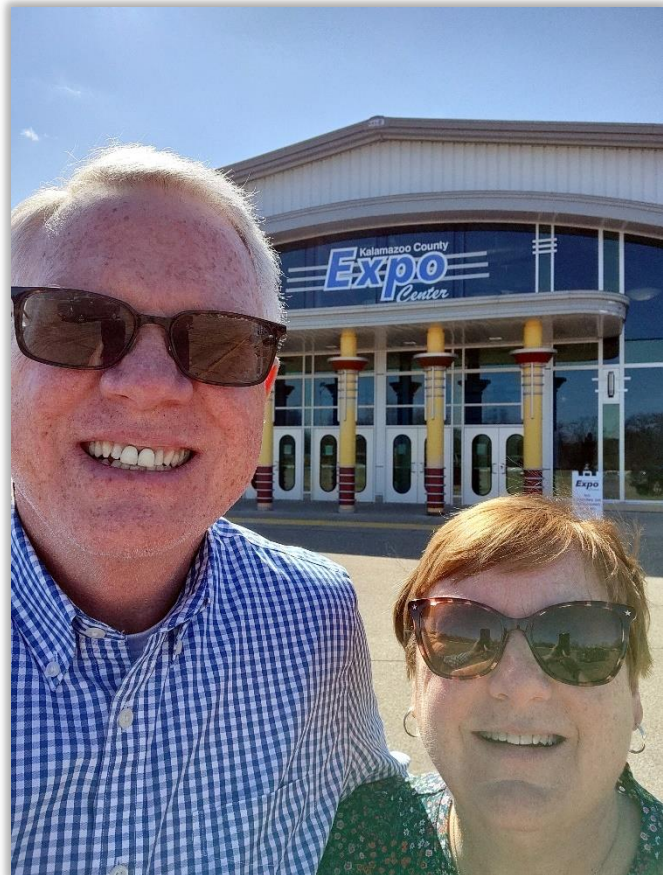
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President's Corner



Hello, Region 4 Members!

47th Region 4 Rally 47th Region 4 Rally

You guessed it; this issue of the *Region 4 Newsletter* is mostly, but not all, about the 47th Region 4 Rally in Kalamazoo, Michigan!

This week Jane and I have been to Kalamazoo to wrap up the final details of **Rendezvous in Kalamazoo!** As you can see from our selfie, the sky is blue, and Kalamazoo is ready for YOU.

Elections of Region 4 Officers are underway. If you have not already, you should see a ballot from your Local Club. I am sad to see no one has stepped up to run for region second vice president. Even though Region 4 is the sponsor, the Swiss Festival National Rally is run separately from the Region. There is no expectation of the Region Officers to run the national rally. Fred and I are involved because we did not want to see this historic rally go away.

In this edition of the Region 4 Newsletter, I want to draw your attention to a few things.

2023 Region 4 Rally: If you have not registered for the Region 4 Rally, the Deadline is April 15. See registration information in this newsletter!

In this newsletter are articles about the rally, including a final installment of our three-part series on what there is to do in and around Kalamazoo. Additional information can be found about the Expo Center and their alcohol policy. Announcements will come out in the form of reminder emails with information specific to the rally leading up to the rally, starting April 1 and continuing on April 15 and May 1. (Or, as I like to say, NO Fooling, Region Rally Registrants will start receiving information emails on April 1! Groan....)

We are very excited to share that Woodland Airstream is joining us at the rally! They are providing goodie bags for each Airstream, bringing 2023 Airstreams, conducting some seminars, and donating a wonderful door prize. Mark Wahlberg Airstream has committed to donating a large door prize also. We are waiting to hear back from Airstream of Northern Michigan.

If you remember, one of my goals for the region was to work on communication. And, with the help of Barb Derian, for the first time, Region 4 will be using an online communication tool for this rally called WhatsApp. This will allow attendees to post questions and discoveries in real-time. It also allows Rally Leaders to post updates of various events. Also, follow the region on the Facebook page--[Region 4 Airstream Club](#).

Community Service: Jamie Kingseed has revealed the community service rally coming in October. If it is popular, the service project will move to different locations in the Region each year. Please read more about it in his article and plan to participate. Airstreamers are awesome; in the second part of Jamie's report, you will read that Santa has requested our Airstreamers return to Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow as well!

Swiss Festival National Rally: Registrations have already starting coming in for this historic national rally held in our region in beautiful Amish country. Although our Region 4 officers are not in charge, it takes a village to put on a national rally and many helpers and volunteers are needed. Director Fred Kiehl has been working hard to ensure this is once again a "rally to remember" for all attendees. If you have never attended, this is your year as the rally celebrates 60 years!

International News: I need your feedback on a motion that is before the IBT about Big Red Numbers (BRN). I have a strong opinion about this, but I represent YOU, and I need to hear from YOU.

I look forward to seeing you down the road,

Brad

Brad Briggs #215
President, Region 4



From the First Vice President

Keep Making Plans, Even If You Do Not Know What the Future Brings!

Hello Everyone,

Have any of you seen the commercial about the girl and her father skydiving out of a plane? The girl has had some health challenges from the commercial's script, but the overall message is the same: "Keep Making Plans."

As all of us make travel plans for the coming year, none of us can take into account all of the possible challenges we may face. Even though life sends us curve balls and messes with our plans, we need to adjust and keep making plans. Look for the activities that interest you and register to attend, even if you may need to adjust your plans closer to the event.



Here in Akron, it's been a slow winter, but as you can see, even the cat is getting itchy to get out for the season. Kathy and I did take advantage of the warm weather in February and took a short trip to Delaware to visit some Airstream friends, so we have used the Airstream this winter!

So, how will you "Keep Making Plans" this year? Will we see you at the 47th Region 4 Rally in Kalamazoo May 16-21? We will see you at the 60th Swiss National Festival Rally September 23-October 1? And, what about the 48th Region 4 Rally in 2024? Will we see you there? Make it a point to get it on your calendar, join us and keep making those plans!

Save the dates! April 7–11, 2024

Where will the 2024 Region 4 Rally be? Come to Kalamazoo for the big reveal at the 2023 Region 4 Rally!

I received positive feedback about moving the 2024 Region Rally to April to coincide with the total Solar Eclipse. The Eclipse will be on April 8 and viewable from West Central Ohio to Northeastern Ohio. I have found a venue located in an area close to "The Mothership" where we can tour the factory and Heritage Center and also close enough to the museum at Wright-Patterson AFB and other attractions. Want to know the Rally Location?

In a nutshell, we would be moving the Region Rally from the 2nd or 3rd week of May to Monday, April 7, through Thursday, April 11, 2024, to take advantage of this incredible experience!



Fred Kiehl, #2544
Region 4, 1st VP

From the Second Vice President

Let this Year's Parties begin! — and meet more new friends.

Greetings,

Here we are at the beginning of March, and spring is in the air. We're looking forward to getting our Airstream out of winter storage and preparing for this summer's various rallies.

Our spring shake-down trip isn't even an Airstream rally. We're heading to Bowling Green, Kentucky, to the Corvette Museum and Motorsports Park in late March. Jill's son is doing some car racing, and I'm taking some classes so I can race my new Miata later this summer. Hopefully, this will get us ready for all the summer camping trips.

Jill and I signed up for the Region 4 Rally in Kalamazoo and are excited to travel to Michigan again this year. We hope to visit some of the clubs in the region this summer and attend a wide variety of rallies. It's always fun to hang out with other Airstreamers.



I've just ordered a new bike rack for my truck, so we're preparing to bring our bikes and maybe our kayaks with us this summer. I seem to spend my winters thinking up new ways to organize our travels. If we're not actually traveling, we're still thinking about it.

What I like the most about Airstreaming is having fun. We travel to places we might never go to, see things we've never seen, and make friends along the way. One way I've made friends is by working with fellow volunteers. I hope you'll consider helping out this summer.

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

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

Hope to see you soon.

Mike Pastva #6931
Region 4 2nd VP



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The Time is Now to Register for the 2023 Region 4 Rally



The 2023 Region 4 Rally will be held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, starting Tuesday, May 16, through Sunday, May 21, 2023. Parking on the drive-in day, Tuesday, May 16, begins at 9 a.m.



The Registration Deadline is
April 15, 2023!

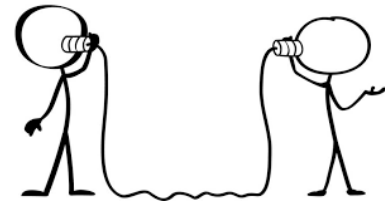
Rendezvous in Kalamazoo!
2023 Region 4 Rally
May 16-21, 2023

Go to <https://airstreamclub.org/region-4-rally-2> for online registration or to print out a paper registration form available on the last page of this newsletter.

Rally Communications

Pre-Rally Communications

By: Brad Briggs, # 215, R4 Rally Director



An important part of any rally are communications and the Kalamazoo Rally is no different. Pre-rally communications have actually started with the *Region 4 Newsletters* and are now supplemented with a new [Region 4 Facebook page](#). Thank you, Barb Derian, for your work in setting up this social media communication!

The [Fall 2022 Newsletter](#) and continuing with the [Winter 2022 Newsletter](#) provided the first pieces of pre-rally communications. We are finishing the pre-rally pieces with this issue as this edition has the final installment of the Series on Kalamazoo and the Surrounding Area articles. If you missed any, click on the links above. Each issue gives tidbits of what you can see and do while attending the Region 4 Rally.

Also, beginning April 1 and continuing on April 15 and May 1, we will email out additional rally information to those who have registered. Anyone registering after April 1 will also receive the emails. These will come from the rally registrar's (r04registrar@gmail.com) email. Please watch for these and make sure they do not end up in your spam folder! Begin to look for these emails starting April 1--No Fooling!

During the Rally Communications

By: Barb Derian, #10826



For the first time, Region 4 will use an online communication tool, WhatsApp, to spread the word about daily activities and events, schedule changes, and emergency alerts during the Rendezvous in Kalamazoo. Of course, we will continue to have a board for updates where morning hospitality is served. Still, an online tool provides quicker notification and a way to communicate more broadly. Sometimes we know that you have questions and don't know where to ask them – this Chat group will provide that opportunity! As a Region 4 Rally group member, you can ask questions about events or schedules and find ways to volunteer/help. You can use the chat group to help locate a lost item, find friends to head into town or to an event, or even express how much fun you are having!

WhatsApp can be downloaded for both Android and iPhone. With end-to-end encryption, our messages will be secure. Only those invited to the Region 4 Rally Group Chat can read or listen to them. No one else, not even WhatsApp, will be a part of the communications.

Closer to the start of the rally, we will send you the link to join the chat group. Also, upon registration, we will have assistance in joining the chat group if needed.

Swap Meet and Hobby Show

By: Fred Bryant, # 30962, Swap Meet and Hobby Show Chair

As part of this year's rally, we will have a Swap Meet and Hobby Show on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. There is no charge for your table; the signup sheet will be at the registration table when checking in for the rally. I want to give you a heads-up if you wish to sell or give away any treasures as this is the time and place to do so!

The Hobby show will not be judged; it is simply an opportunity to let you share your love of your hobby and find kindred spirits.



Get Your Scavenger Hunt Team Organized, and Let's Rendezvous

By: Barb Derian, #10826, Rally Scavenger Hunt Coordinator



What better way to explore the city of Kalamazoo? Sign up for the Rally today and organize your team for the K-Zoo Scavenger Hunt.

Teams will be 2 to 4 people. Signups will be during the Rally Check-in.

Your team will embark on this epic scavenger hunt over two full days while learning about Kalamazoo's art, culture, and history. Walking from landmark to landmark, you will learn interesting facts, complete challenges, and have some laughs along the way. Team members will take many photos you can download, and we'll share them throughout the Rally. And for those of us with a competitive spirit, teams will have a chance to earn points and top the leaderboard! There will be a prize for each person on the winning team.

The Kalamazoo County Expo Center Alcohol Guidelines

By: Brad Briggs, # 215, R4 Rally Director

The Kalamazoo County Expo Center is part of the Kalamazoo County Parks system, and as with all county, state, and/or federal parks, there are rules about alcohol use. In general, Kalamazoo County Parks have a no alcohol rule in any of their parks. The good news is that since the Kalamazoo County Expo Center has a campground, the staff will turn a blind eye **up to a point**. As with any state or national park, please make sure if you consume alcohol outside of your Airstream, use non-descript cups and glasses. We all need to follow the guideline of no alcoholic beverage containers out in the open and in plain sight. We appreciate everyone following this guideline!



Please note: In the first pre-rally email, registrants may sign up for a Paint and Sip session. The Paint and Sip is where you BYOB and paint your custom design on glassware. This activity will be held in the Expo Center, so we must be very discrete and again, use non-descript cups and glasses.

2023 Rally Charity

By: Jane Briggs, #215, Newsletter Editor

Animal Rescue Project, Kalamazoo, Michigan

The Animal Rescue Project focuses on saving at-risk pets in pound facilities. They save homeless pets, one at a time, give them medical care and a safe temporary home, and provide responsible adoption services to those seeking pets.



As a non-profit organization, they rely solely on private donations and receive no funds from local, state, or federal governments. Their goal is simply to ensure as many dogs and cats as possible get a second chance at the life they deserve.

Animal Rescue Project personnel work jointly with other Kalamazoo animal-related charities to share donations, so there is no worry about items expiring or not being used by this or other closely-related animal charities.

Here's the process! Look at the list below and determine what items you can bring to donate at the Region 4 Rally in Kalamazoo. There will be a time when the Animal Rescue Project volunteers and staff will be there with some of their animals. Please bring your donations to that event and place them in the back of the empty pickup truck (hopefully, we have a volunteer who has an open truck bed!). The items will be driven to the Animal Rescue Project 5-10 minutes from the Expo Center. *If you can volunteer your truck to gather/delivery the items, please let us know!*

Special Note: All individuals who donate an item (or more) to the cause, will earn a special ticket for our door prize drawing on Saturday night. Items Needed:

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| ✓ Canned adult dog food | ✓ Scoopable/clumping cat litter | ✓ Dawn liquid soap |
| ✓ Canned puppy food | ✓ Crates of all sizes/types | ✓ 13 gal. garbage bags |
| ✓ Kitten dry food | ✓ Bleach | ✓ Paper towels |
| ✓ Kitten canned food | ✓ Sheets (old or new) | ✓ Towels for drying off animals |

Series on Kalamazoo and the Surrounding Area

By: Jane Briggs, #215, Newsletter Editor

Part III: What to See and Do in Counties Surrounding Kalamazoo

Sharing a county line with Kalamazoo County, Michigan, are the following counties: Allegan, Barry, and Van Buren. Each has its own identity, with exciting and interesting things to see and do. While traveling to the Expo Center for the Region 4 Rally, while staying at the Expo Center, and/or when returning home or to your next destination, take some time and explore this beautiful area of lower Michigan. You will be glad you did!

Allegan County

Allegan County is an overall quiet county bordering Lake Michigan to the west of Kalamazoo County. According to TripAdvisor, here are some of the "Traveler's Favorites" in Allegan County:

Saugatuck Dune Ride (<https://www.saugatuckduneride.com/>). If you have ever traveled to any of the Lake Michigan shore areas, you know that riding over the dunes is fun! This ride does not disappoint! Opening in early May and driven by a guide, you will learn the history and fun facts about the dunes as well as experience a 40-minute dune ride over their 300+ private acres!



Oval Beach. Being on the water is what Western Michigan is all about! The Oval Beach location is perfect for those who enjoy their beach time. The beach is located at Perryman Street and Oval Beach Drive, Saugatuck, MI, 49453, and is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Celebrated around the world for its beautiful sweep of shoreline and backdrop of rolling dunes, this is the main beach in town and the most happening place to soak in the sun. Its impressive pedigree of awards (*Condé Nast Traveler's* Top 25 Beaches in the World, *National Geographic Traveler's* Top Freshwater Beaches in the USA, and MTV's Top 5 Beaches in the USA) is proof of its status as a summertime favorite and natural beauty spot. Easy parking, concessions, and a picnic area will keep the whole group happy until the sun goes down (<https://saugatuck.com/business-listings/oval-beach/>). Note that parking is \$10/car, and cash and credit cards are accepted.



Butler Street, Saugatuck. According to City-Data.com, William Gay Butler founded the town of Saugatuck, Michigan, and its main street honors him with its name. The street and the area combine small-town charm, 19th-century architecture, and an abundance of specialty shopping, dining, and artistic flair. *Midwest Living* magazine ranked the Saugatuck-Douglas area #5 on its list of Best Small-Town Getaways. Together the towns of Douglas and Saugatuck, they are known as "The Art Coast of Michigan," thanks to the number of artists who have taken up residence and operate studios and galleries in the area. (<http://www.city-data.com/articles/Butler-Street-Saugatuck-Michigan-a.html>)

Barry County

The Gilmore Car Museum. At 4.9 stars, the Gilmore Car Museum is a "must-see" on any car enthusiast's list. Located in Hickory Corners, Michigan, the museum exhibits over 400 vintage and collector vehicles and motorcycles from all eras in several vintage buildings situated on a 90-acre campus. The museum claims to be the largest automobile museum in North America.



Because of the large number of exhibits, touring the facility as a group is difficult. The suggestion is that individuals or small groups (2-4?) may better see those cars of interest. The museum has a fee, and up-to-date ticket prices can be found at their website: <https://gilmorecarmuseum.org/visit/hours-admission>. Keep in mind there are over 435 cars to see on 90 acres (not all acreage has buildings). There are food vendors on site, and be prepared for a great deal of walking. If you have not visited the museum, now is your chance!

Van Buren County

This county is all about getting outside! This beautiful county borders Lake Michigan and provides opportunities for getting outdoors and exploring the area. There are trails to hike and bike, sand dunes to climb, lighthouses to see, and small lakeside towns to explore.

South Haven Lighthouse. If you love to tour lighthouses, then Van Buren County has you covered. The town of South Haven, Michigan, is home to the South Haven Lighthouse, whose pier is an easy walk (weather permitting). More about the Historical Society of South Haven's red and black lighthouse can be found here: <https://southhavenlight.org/>



Michigan Maritime Museum. Another treasure in South Haven is this museum, which highlights the maritime history along with part of the Lake Michigan lakeshore. They recently completed Phase I of their complete update and remodel of the museum. From hands-on exhibits on the authentic waterfront campus to historically immersive experiences aboard their on-water fleet, the Michigan Maritime Museum has something for every Great Lakes enthusiast. <https://www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org/>

Kal-Haven Trail. Although passing through more than one county, the Kal-Haven Trail is actually linking Kalamazoo with South Haven. The 33-mile former railroad bed has a limestone/slag surface, crosses over bridges, passes through small towns, and passes by historical interest points. The Kal-Haven Trail is a preferred destination for those who enjoy hiking, biking, as well as cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. Use of the Kal-Haven Trail is completely free through donations, grants, and state/federal funds, and no permit is needed to utilize the trail. <https://www.michigan.org/property/kal-haven-trail-state-park>



Region 4 Community Service Update

By Jamie Kingseed, Community Service Chair, #3824

In early January, Fred Kiehl, Katherine, my wife, and I went on a trip to scout out a potential location for a Community Service Event. This location was at the Mountaineer Food Bank in Gassaway, WV. We also visited a campground 5 miles away to serve as a home base while in the area.



Mountaineer Food Bank (mountaineerfoodbank.org) looks to be a great organization that helps communities throughout the state. In the past conversations and during our visit, it was explained that our efforts would be most helpful in filling the approximately 5,000 boxes of food distributed to seniors each month.

A small group will be volunteering at the Food Bank at the end of April to prepare for a larger, Region-wide event planned to take place in October.

Here are the tentative details for the October event, as I know them now.

- Wednesday, October 18, 2023: Arrive at Elk River Camp and RV (elkrivercampandrv.com)
- Thursday and Friday, October 19 and 20: Volunteer at Food Bank
- Saturday, October 21: Day to explore the area.
- Sunday, October 22: Depart

Once I return from the late April event, I intend to understand the details of the October event completely. I can put a more formal itinerary together for those interested in reviewing it. I will post this itinerary in the Quarter 2 Newsletter, and those interested can reach out to me to get put on the list of those intending to attend.

If you have any initial questions about this planned event, please feel free to contact me for further details.

Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow

By Jamie Kingseed, Community Service Chair, #3824

Dan and Dawn Bihary recently attended the 2023 planning meeting for Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow. From Dan, "The Airstreamers have been specifically invited and requested to come back this year to assist in getting the facility ready for the year. The group leaders value us and know we are a great group of experienced people."

"We will concentrate on improving the Airstream by waterproofing and converting the rear into a Comfort Station where guests can clean up and change as needed. Additional work needed for the facilities includes installing termination outlets to the new underground electrical lines and many other tasks we can pick from."

There is currently no set date for this event; the current thought is about the end of May/first of June. As in the past, we will arrive Thursday, work Friday and Saturday, and depart Sunday. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Dan at dbihary@hotmail.com for more details if you are interested.



Swiss Festival National Rally

By Fred Kiehl, Chairperson, BRN #2544

**Register
NOW!**

60th Swiss Festival National Rally

September 23 to October 1, 2023, Sugarcreek, Ohio

Join us for a week of FUN and FELLOWSHIP in the heart of Ohio Amish Country! Note that this is the 60th year for this historic rally!

To register, go to: <https://airstreamclub.org/swiss-festival-national-rally>.

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



INTERNATIONAL

2023 - 66th International Rally in Rock Springs, WY

The Rally is full!

If you are registered, here is some food for thought.

What's the rally schedule? A preliminary program can be found [here](#).

When should I get there? Saturday, June 24, is the general parking day included with the base RV registration cost. You may choose to arrive up to three days before this general parking date for an additional \$50 per day beginning Wednesday, June 21. If you aren't sure when you want to arrive yet, you can register for the base rate and then fill out [this form](#) later if you decide to add any extra days.

When should I leave? The rally will go through Friday evening, June 30. Depart day is Saturday, July 1. However, the Sweetwater Events Complex (SEC) has arranged a [Stay and Play package](#) to allow you to stay parked (or move to a different spot at the SEC) for a reduced rate through July 16.

Caravan to the Rally? Groups with five or more rigs must register as a caravan to be parked together. To establish your group as a caravan, register your group by emailing rally@airstreamclub.org.



Save the Date for the 67th International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri

Saturday, October 5, through Friday, October 11, 2024. The 67th International Rally will be the first fall international rally, and a Fall timeframe intends to take advantage of cool temperatures.

Region 4 Breakfast at the 2023 International Rally



You are cordially invited to attend the Region 4 Breakfast at the 66th International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Sunday, June 25, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

(Exhibit Hall East)

Tickets are \$20 per person.

RSVP by Friday, June 2, 2023, to Fred Kiehl

Fred@KiehlBuilding.com or 330-697-0463

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

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

International Board of Trustees (IBT) Meeting

By: Brad Briggs, #215, Region 4 President

Highlights of the February 23, 2023 meeting:

Lori Plummer - corporate manager

- 8712 memberships, BRN, today
- Rock Springs reservations 1258 with additional 74 boon dockers
- 2024 International Sedalia, MO
- 2025 International at York, PA
- Lori is working with Goodyear for a trailer tire benefit for members



Recent survey results completed by our Airstream Club International members will soon be available to every member.

Matt Hackney - International Treasurer

- Renewals for the club have been better than the forecast
- Blue Beret/Directory Production is to finish 123% of the forecast

Mark Kruer, Grapes, and Grains Intra Club President

- 558 members - fastest growing Intra club, membership greater than VAC
- Special tasting event being planned at the International Rally
- Several "Taste of" rallies are being held around the USA

John Becker - International Caravan Chair

- 19 National Caravans (two new - Cruzin' the Natchez Trace and The Mother Lode of the Mother Road)

Cory Barger - Family/youth Committee

- Workbooks are in the making for suggested activities with kids while traveling in Airstream. It will be housed for free on the ACI website when complete.
- Please email Cory with any ideas/activities for kids - cjbarger76@gmail.com
- Youth Camp will again happen at the International Rally

Full minutes and video recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://airstreamclub.org/IBTFEB2323>

Your Feedback Is Wanted About **BRN** Policy

At the February 23 IBT meeting, a motion was presented regarding Big Red Numbers (BRN) that has been tabled until the next meeting in May so Region Presidents can get feedback from their members.



The motion attempts to bring the display of BRNs in Policy 16.6.10 in alignment with current practices. It acknowledges that not everyone wants to permanently display their BRN on their Airstream. It also clarifies that members have alternate ways to show their BRNs other than the preferred affixed centered above the front and rear windows.

Two schools of thought revolve around whether the policy should continue to require the display of BRNs in some fashion at all WBCCI events.

The current policy states:

16.6.10 Airstream Numbers (7/19/21)

16.6.10, D, 2. 4, a. The display of Airstream Numbers is required during club activities to assist with the identification and location of club members for logistics and safety (e.g., first responder) considerations.

The proposed motion states:

"The display of Airstream Numbers is encouraged and is required for participation in some club activities to assist with the identification and location of club members for logistics and safety considerations."

Personally, my perspective is:

- Caravan leaders may require BRNs displayed at all times during the caravan with expectations clearly stated in the caravan description and the registration process.
- Event leaders may require BRNs displayed when arriving to be parked with expectations clearly stated in the event description and the registration process.
- Members must clearly display their BRN once the Airstream is parked and set up at an event.

My rationale is that BRNs are like name badges or house addresses for our Airstreams. We all know that name badges are helpful for new members to get to know people and for those of us (like me) who quickly forget names and faces. Having the BRN displayed and the ability to look up the members is a massive help. Displaying BRNs on caravans and events eases the burden on directors/hosts, and volunteers and can provide an important safety piece when our Airstreams all look alike at rallies and caravan events.

Displaying BRNs is vital to me both as a participant and an event leader. Wally Byam came up with BRNs for excellent reasons that have not changed, and it is a visible legacy that connects him to our Club to this day.

Please email Brad at r04president@wbcci.net with your thoughts. There is a Region Officer's Forum to discuss this on April 18, so it would be helpful to know your thoughts before then.

Calling All Region 4 Members for Tips & Tricks



As a Region 4 member, you have undoubtedly worked 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.

SPOTLIGHT: WHERE WE ARE GOING

West Virginia Airstream Club

By: Shelba Tucker, # 8200, President



Rally in the Valley

June 21 through Sunday June 25, 2023

Come to the Greenbrier Valley and join the West Virginia Airstream Club in Lewisburg, “coolest small town in American”, a registered historic town and one of West Virginia’s most walkable cities. It was featured in Fodor’s Travel as one of “America’s 25 Cutest Main Streets in Small(er) Towns” and a call-out in Southern Living’s “Best Small Towns to Retire.” Boutique shops, antique stores and art galleries line its main street.

Airstream parking is at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds having full hook-ups for a total of \$31.80 (includes tax) a night. If you wish to add extra days to your visit, no problem. No reservation necessary; pay upon arrival.

Plans include:

- Wednesday, June 21 - arrival, dinner is hot dogs and burgers, courtesy WVAC
- Thursday morning, June 22 - hiking/biking on the Greenbrier River Trail
- Thursday evening, June 22 - live music at 6:30 p.m. at Carnegie Hall for the Ivy Terrace celebration
- Friday, June 23 - tour the Greenbrier Resort and Bunker
- Saturday, June 24 - West Virginia Renaissance Festival
- Sunday, June 25 - goodbyes and break camp

To register contact: Al Akers (304)346-3900 aakers@osteo.wvsom.edu
Shelba Tucker (304)542-0120 WVAC_115@aol.com

“The **Greenbrier River Trail** is a 78-mile former railroad line with uninterrupted hiking, biking and horseback riding opportunities. The trail cuts through some of the most remote areas in the state making this the perfect escape from reality.”

Carnegie Hall, one of only four still open in operation worldwide, showcases a wide-ranging repertoire of music from all over the globe.

The **Greenbrier Resort** is a “National Historic Landmark and world-class resort that has been welcoming guests from around the world since 1778. The bunker at **The Greenbrier Resort** would house Congress should there be a nuclear fallout. During its Eisenhower-era use it could accommodate 1,100 people in the 112,544-square-foot space. Today, you can tour the facility to get an in-depth look behind the hidden doors.”

West Virginia Renaissance Festival showcases equestrian performances, circus acts, comedy, live music, and magic. The festival is held at Hollow Hills Farm, around 10 minutes from the fairgrounds. For additional information on the Renaissance Festival check out their website at www.wvrenfest.com.

This Is How We Roll!

West Virginia Airstream Club

By: Gina Busch, # 25304, Recording Secretary



Join the West Virginia Airstream Club overlooking the Ohio Valley at the new RV park at Grand Vue Park, Moundsville, West Virginia.

Park activities:

- Outdoor adventure park
- Zipline and aerial course
- Water park & pool
- 13 miles of hiking and mountain bike trails
- Disc golf courses
- Miniature golf
- Relaxation on the mountain, enjoying the view

Area tours:

- Tour the former State Penitentiary built in 1866
- Palace of Gold, "One of the 30 most beautiful places to visit in the USA" by *Business Insider*.
- Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex is among the most famous and prominent of the Adena Burial mounds. Construction from about 250-150 B.C.

For detailed information, visit the Parks website at <https://grandvuepark.com/>

The Park Management is very accommodating and will offer discounts on several activities.

One perk is a 20% discount on the RV site; the current rate is \$75, and the discount rate is \$60, plus tax.

The **Ultimate Marshall County Adventure Package** costs \$336 and includes tax:

- 1 night RV Site stay other nights at 20% discount.
- 2 Zipline tours with picture package
- 2 Penitentiary day tours
- 2 Palace of Gold tours
- Free appetizer at the Vue Bar and Grill at Grand Vue Park

To make your reservation, call Grand Vue at **(304) 845-9810 Ext. 403** and request the 20% discount using the code: **WVAIRSTREAM23**. We have secured 20 sites, #28-40 and #1-13, available exclusively for our Rally until July 1, 2023. The cost for three nights with the discount should be \$205.80. The cancellation policy is a fee of \$20.00, with no cancellation date restriction.

The West Virginia Club will host a Welcoming Happy Hour on Thursday evening, August 10th. A BBQ Buffet is scheduled for Saturday, August 12th, catered by River City Ale Works of Wheeling. The Rally fee is \$20 per person.

For additional information, contact Gina Busch at (304) 542-1269 or email her at ginarbusch@aol.com.

Michigan Airstream Club (MAC)

By: Pegeen Smith #8039, Newsletter Editor

What's happening with MAC!

Some of us want to keep the camping fun going after the Region 4 Rally in Kalamazoo this May. Tom Cobb, MAC Treasurer, put together an informal "tour" that takes us down to Ohio, then back to Michigan until Memorial Day weekend. May 21–25, we will stay at Maumee Bay State Park in Ohio. Then we head to the Lighthouse County Park in Port Hope, Michigan, from May 25–28, 2023. Make your own reservations at the respective campgrounds. If you are interested in joining in on all or part of this short tour, contact Tom Cobb via email at tjcobb1950@gmail.com or text/call 616-295-4742.



SPOTLIGHT: WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

Michigan Airstream Club

By: Pegeen Smith #8039, Newsletter Editor

We Rally Together!

Winter can be long and lonely when your Airstream is in storage and you are waiting patiently for the next rally in the spring. In the spirit of promoting fellowship for those who do not seek warmer climates in the winter, the Michigan Airstream Club scheduled lunch meetups around our great state.

Here we are, enjoying lunch at 'Harringtons by the Bay' in Traverse City on February 4th. We had such a great time that we didn't leave until 2:30 and then some of us spilled over into the parking lot.

It was all FUN & Fellowship!



Please contact, Jackie Klare, at (707) 337-4404, if you have a restaurant location suitable for future gatherings. Hope to see you at a location near you!

RECIPES FOR THE ROAD

Salads that Travel Well!

Collected by: Jane Briggs #215

Over the years of camping, it seems to me one of the best ideas for having ready-to-go food upon arrival at your next destination can be a hearty salad. These salads are also great for potlucks, which have started showing up again at rallies and local club events. I often prep the ingredients for the salad before we leave home, making it a snap to put together once we arrive. Here are a few of my favorites, and as we are heading to Region 3's State Rally in a few weeks and a potluck is on the menu one night, you can bet I will make one of these to share!

Make-Ahead Taco Salad

https://www.organizedisland.com/wprm_print/30971

Ingredients

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 pkg Taco seasoning, any brand
- 1 head of lettuce shredded
- ½ cup red onion chopped
- 1 small can of kidney beans rinsed & drained
- 1 avocado peeled and diced
- 1 tomato chopped
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ bottle Catalina salad dressing, any brand
- 1 bag of corn or tortilla chips



Directions

1. Cook ground beef in a frying pan over low-medium heat until brown.
2. Add taco seasoning mix packet, but do not add any liquid.
3. While beef is cooking, combine shredded lettuce, onion, beans, avocado, tomato, and cheese in a bowl.
4. Add ground beef to the mixture. If you are going to serve this Taco Salad the next day or later today, cover the bowl and refrigerate until serving time.
5. When you are ready to serve, add salad dressing (I use about ½ of a bottle, but you can add more if you like). You can also use a light Catalina dressing, which is really good. The sweetness of the dressing is a nice offset to the mild spices in the meat seasoning.

Nutrition Facts

Calories: 365kcal | Carbohydrates: 8g | Protein: 32g | Fat: 23g | Saturated Fat: 9g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 2g | Monounsaturated Fat: 9g | Trans Fat: 1g | Cholesterol: 99mg | Sodium: 265mg | Potassium: 760mg | Fiber: 4g | Sugar: 2g | Vitamin A: 613IU | Vitamin C: 11mg | Calcium: 224mg | Iron: 3mg

Food-Wine-Travel's Chopped Salad

<https://beinspired.au/recipe-chopped-salad/>

Serves two as a main course or six as a side dish. Chopped, grilled chicken or grilled salmon can easily be added to make this a heartier, more protein-filled salad as well.

Ingredients

- 1 Lebanese cucumber (any cucumber will do)
- 3 spring onions (green onions)
- 4 small red radishes, quartered
- 200g grape tomatoes, halved (about 1 cup)
- 1 tablespoon finely sliced mint leaves
- 1 tablespoon parsley leaves, torn
- ½ lemon
- Extra virgin olive oil for drizzling
- Salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper, to taste



Directions



1. Quarter the cucumber lengthways, then cut it into thick slices.
2. Thinly slice the spring onions and separate them into rings.
3. Combine cucumber and onion with radish, tomato, mint, and parsley.
4. Add a squeeze of lemon juice, a drizzle of oil, salt, and pepper, and toss well.



Macaroni Coleslaw

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/macaroni-coleslaw/>

This recipe is a *Taste of Home* recipe award winner. The next time I make this, I might try adding in canned tuna or diced imitation crab meat to make it a heartier pasta salad with more protein.

 **Total Time** Prep: 25 min. + chilling  **Makes** 16 servings

Ingredients

- 1 package (7 ounces) ring macaroni or ditalini
- 1 package (14 ounces) of coleslaw mix
- 2 medium onions, finely chopped
- 2 celery ribs, finely chopped
- 1 medium cucumber, finely chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 can (8 ounces) whole water chestnuts, drained and chopped



Dressing:

- 1-1/2 cups Miracle Whip Light (Don't love Miracle Whip? Use mayonnaise instead.)
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions

1. Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. Transfer to a large bowl; add the coleslaw mix, onions, celery, cucumber, green pepper, and water chestnuts.
2. In a small bowl, whisk the dressing ingredients. Pour over salad; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Nutrition Facts

3/4 cup: 150 calories, 5g fat (1g saturated fat), 6mg cholesterol, 286mg sodium, 24g carbohydrate (12g sugars, 2g fiber), 3g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 1 starch, 1 vegetable, 1 fat.

Kool factoid: The term "coleslaw" is derived from the Dutch word "koolsla," literally translated as "cabbage salad." The term has evolved to refer to many types of crunchy, shredded-vegetable salads that hold up well after being dressed.

If you have a favorite recipe or several that make a delicious meal, submit it to Jane Briggs, Region 4 Newsletter Editor

Please help make this Newsletter interesting for all
by submitting ideas and articles.

Newsletter Deadlines and Publication Dates

Issue	Article Deadline	Publication Date
<i>Spring</i>	<i>March 1</i>	<i>March 15</i>
<i>Summer</i>	<i>June 1</i>	<i>June 15</i>
<i>Fall</i>	<i>September 1</i>	<i>September 15</i>
<i>Winter</i>	<i>December 1</i>	<i>December 15</i>



FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

This newsletter is for YOU, the Region 4 Member!

Feel free to submit information of interest to our members!

Newsletter issues typically include the following:

Spotlight: Where We Have Been (Unit Rally or Caravan already taken)

Spotlight: Where We are Going (upcoming Unit Rally or Caravan)

Healthy Airstream Cooking Recipes

Region 4 Member Tips & Tricks

Officer Articles

Announcements

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**47th Airstream Club International
Region 4 Rally
May 16-21, 2023
Kalamazoo County Expo Center
Kalamazoo, MI**



REGISTRATION

RALLY FEES

- \$115 for each Airstream, Includes 5 Nights, Electric, Water, and One Pump-out
- \$110 for each Adult (18+); \$25 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under)

PET POLICY – All pets must be on a 6-foot, non-retractable leashes when outside the Airstream. Please always check collars and leashes to ensure they fit correctly and are working properly. Owners may use a size-appropriate pet containment system can be used at the campsite. Except for working service animals, pets are not permitted in the buildings or during a meal in outside dining/food preparation areas. Well-mannered dogs are welcome to play and exercise in designated dog parks. Always clean up after your pet. And make sure your pet has an ID tag.

STAGING AREA – Rally parking starts at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests sent to the Region 4 Rally Registrar in writing (email or U.S. mail) and postmarked by March 31, 2022, will receive a refund less a \$50 administrative fee. Refund requests postmarked on or after April 1, 2022, will receive a 50% refund. No refunds after May 1, 2022.

HOW TO REGISTER – Fill out the registration coupon below, make a check payable to WBCCI Region 4 (U.S. Funds Only), and mail it to R4 Rally Registrar, c/o Brad Briggs, 1659 East Glenhurst Dr. NW, Lancaster, OH 43130. Or register online: <https://airstreamclub.org/region4/region-4-rally>

QUESTIONS – Send general questions to r04president@wbcci.net or registration questions to r04registrar@gmail.com

47th Airstream Club International, Region 4 Rally, May 16-21, 2023, Kalamazoo, MI

First: _____ Last: _____ Email: _____ Vegetarian: Y N

Address: _____ Phone (c): _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Second Adult:

First: _____ Last: _____ Email: _____ Vegetarian: Y N

Phone (c): _____

**** Use the reverse side of this coupon to list additional names. State: Name, Age (Adult or if under 18 their age), Vegetarian (Y/N)**

BRN: _____ Type: TT MH Length: _____ Slide: Y N

This is the first Region 4 Rally I have attended I need accessible parking

I am bringing a pet(s) to the rally (If yes, see the Pet Policy above)

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$ 115	
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 110	
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 25	
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		FREE	
GRAND TOTAL				