



# Region 11 News

## WBCCI Airstream Club International



Beautiful Arizona desert ablaze at sunset at Picacho Peak State Park. Just some of the beauty we enjoy as we glamp in State Parks!

*Photo courtesy of 4CU*

## President's Corner

**By Steven Parr, Region 11 President**

This year looks like another blowout camping season for our Clubs/Units. Check your emails and your local Club/Unit websites/newsletters for all of the Rallies scheduled, so far, for 2023, and I'm sure you'll agree. Many Clubs/Units are already booking Rallies into 2024.

On behalf of the Region Leadership, I would like to welcome the 2 new Members to our Region team. Sam Brandes, the new President of the Arizona Airstream Club, and Dave Rose the new President of Colorado Airstream Club.

The 2023 first quarter (Jan. 28) Region Leadership Zoom call Highlights:

- Region Officers and Club Presidents attended.
- Approval of the 4th Quarter 2022 Meeting minutes.
- Review of the 4th Quarter 2022 Region 11 Financial statement.



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# Arizona Airstream Club

**By Sam Brandes, Arizona Airstream Club President**

What do you get when you cross beautiful state and national parks, and diverse places to camp with a LOVE for camping and socializing? The Arizona Airstream Club (AAC). Not only do we enjoy incredible scenic views from 35 state parks, natural areas, and monuments creating varied camping experiences and fun activities, but we also love cooking, eating, and being together as a club as much as possible! AAC schedules at least one rally per month, which is NOT enough, and because Arizona sports both mountains and desert, we can camp year round.



Our first rally of the year was dry camping at Organ Pipe National Monument. We enjoyed wonderful food, great social hours, and incredible scenery.

Monthly rallies means lots of opportunities to host, and we try to make planning and hosting as easy as possible for our hosts. Our 1st VP is tasked with setting up rallies for the next year, so by the time January hits, we know the entire rally schedule for the new year. Additionally, our 2nd Vice President is the host liaison and supports each host helping them coordinate rally activities, planning, and budget. They also help recruit new hosts. We never want our hosts to feel intimidated or stressed.

We understand that camping and the Airstream experience looks and feels different for each person or family. So, the Arizona Club tries to vary the types of camping and the

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White Tanks, in February, was another dry camping experience. We had a great time of socializing, eating (like usual), Instant Pot demo of Dirty Rice and Cheesecake, and lots of time around the fire pit.

locations so everyone can find a rally that fits their preferences. For example, some prefer campgrounds with full hookups and others would rather boondock. Some like lots of planned activities, and some prefer more spontaneous adventures. So, we try to mix up the rallies to accommodate all experiences. What we do find, however, is that our members preferences center more around getting together and having fun than whether or not they have water and electric hookups. People who may have shied away from boondocking in the past develop the knowledge and confidence to seek out more opportunities to get away from the traditional RV parks.

We were grateful we had our resident engineer and host, Big Tongs aka Jim Rumbo, design the parking! Rumor has it he used sugar packets to figure it all out!

Our membership has grown significantly over the past few years. But, even more importantly, our participation has increased. All too often, our rallies fill up quickly forcing us (happily) to find more campsites. Additionally, our members have been stepping up to volunteer to host rallies and help in rally activities. It doesn't hurt, either, that we have a dedicated mixologist on hand providing specialty, theme-based, beverages at our happy hours!



# Four Corners Unit (4CU)

By Bonnie Bowman, 4CU President

4CU rallies are as diverse as our members! Dry camping with thirty trailers is as successful as a full-service RV park. You'll find 4CU rallies on a lake, by a river, open in the desert, and in the mountains. It's always a group effort where members are encouraged to participate and create activities at the event. You never know what will happen at a 4CU rally!

We have annual rallies in addition to various other rallies planned throughout the year. One tradition is the Tucson Unplugged rally at Catalina State Park that takes place in November. Here, we take time to rest and enjoy before Thanksgiving and get a chance to wish each other a happy holiday.

Our last Tucson Unplugged brought 25 boondocking trailers with members who came as far as Washington State and Iowa. Sunny skies and cool nights had everyone hiking and biking and doing what we should be doing: hanging out under the ramada and catching up with fellow Airstreamers. Our chefs extraordinaire brought pizza ovens, and we made individual pizzas for lunch! The bags of dough were prepared in the morning and after the dough had time to rise, the toppings bar came out! Everyone contributed to the selection and one by one, creative, and delicious pies went into the oven. In minutes, the ramada was transformed into the 4CU Pizzeria!

Spontaneous conversations of members going to Rock Springs and other rallies, sharing travel plans filled the afternoons. Not surprisingly, time floated seamlessly into happy hours.

The spectacular Arizona sunsets provided the perfect backdrop as we put our dinners on group barbecues. The stars came out and the campfires began.



Toasting in the New Year at Picacho Peak State Park.



Bonnie Bobman and Sophia Rodgers share a New Year's Moment! Stunning artwork by Sophia!

By the end of the rally, we were ready to face the busy 2022 holiday season and many of us didn't say goodbye, but rather just "See you at Picacho!"

Before we knew it, it was the end of 2022, and our annual New Year's Picacho Peak Rally was here!

The weather was terrific as 37 members drove in from the four corner states and Michigan, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada. After daily bike rides and hikes in the park, the sunsets continued to impress. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual 4CU service project was a success when 64 pillowcases were completed for Cases for Smiles. Our 4CU artists shared their talents including an impromptu poetry reading. Highlighting our weekend, the well-known 4CU White Elephant exchange provided laughs and good times in the afternoon sunshine.



The 4CU White Elephant is legendary!

Informal gatherings with new members and old, continued to show the strong commitment to our Airstream community. See you again at Catalina and Picacho next year! I hope you'll join for a future rally! A happy and healthy 2023 to all!



Top Right—Moonlit Airstreams are always a gorgeous sight!



Bottom Right—Buon appetito! A Catalina Pizza original!



Annual Community Service Project. This year was a successful 60 pillow cases sewn for [www.smiles.org](http://www.smiles.org) on 60 machines and two outlets!

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- Approval for purchase of 1000 Region 11 Logo stickers to present to Region members.
- Request for volunteers to staff the Region 11 Information Table at the WBCCI 66th International Rally (see below).
- Approval of the Region 11 Mini Rally to be held at the WBCCI 66th International Rally (see below).
- WBCCI 66th International Rally Region 11 Breakfast sign-up reminder to local Club/Unit members.

Speaking of the 66th WBCCI International Rally, it will be held in Rock Springs, Wyoming “**IN OUR REGION**”!! We have 167, Region 11 Airstreams or to look at it another way, 304 Region Members signed up already, and more on the waiting list!

We are having a Region Breakfast on June 28 at the 66th WBCCI International Rally and as of January 30, 2023 we have 71 members signed up. The breakdown per Club/Unit is:

- Arizona Airstream Club - 17
- Colorado Airstream Club - 31
- Four Corners Unit - 8
- New Mexico Unit - 2
- Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club - 11
- Wyoming Unit - 0
- Other - 2

For more information about the Breakfast and/or to signup, go to <https://airstreamclub.org/region-11-breakfast-2023>.

We have more Region 11 activities planned at the 66th WBCCI International Rally. We are having a “**Mini Region Rally**” - (**Happy Hour (BYOB) Meet and Greet**). This will give all our Members an opportunity to meet your Region, Club/Unit Leadership in person and fellow Region Club/Unit Members. More to come on this later.

We need volunteers to staff our Region 11 Information Table for a few hours for the first days of the International Rally. For more information, or if you're interested, please contact your local President.

Also, the International Rally Committee is looking for volunteers to help at the Rally. If interested please go to this website: <https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023/acirally2023-volunteerscommittees>.

Our Region Logo and Flag was approved by the International Board of Trustees (IBT).

Safe Travels.

# International Airstream Club Rally - Rock Springs

## Region 11 Events

Are you planning on attending the 66th International Rally in Rock Springs, WY? Well, if you're there, Region 11 has two fun events, a Member Breakfast and a Mini Region Rally. You will need to register and pay to attend the breakfast. See the information below.

### Region 11 Member Breakfast

You are invited to participate in the Region 11 Member Breakfast Buffet, catered by Santa Fe Southwest Grill.

Where: West side of the Exhibition Hall  
 When: Wed, June 28  
 Time: 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
 Cost: \$20.10/person (non-refundable)

Traditional Breakfast Buffet

BREAKFAST BUFFET Menu includes:

- Bacon, scrambled eggs
- Scrambled eggs with ham
- Biscuits, gravy
- Hash browns
- Homemade green chili
- Tortillas
- French toast with syrup,
- Orange juice, coffee, and water.

To reserve your spot and pay, go to [www.airstreamclub.org/region-11-breakfast-2023](http://www.airstreamclub.org/region-11-breakfast-2023) no later than June 20, 2023.

Questions? Email Steven Parr at [airstream222@icloud.com](mailto:airstream222@icloud.com)

### Region 11 Mini Rally

Join us for the Region 11 "Mini Region Rally" at the International Rally in Rock Springs. With over 300 Region 11 members attending, this is a great opportunity to get together and to meet your Club/Unit and Region 11 officers!

Where: Exhibition Hall - West Location"  
 When: Thurs, June 29  
 Time: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Cost: No charge

You do not need to register to attend.

The "Mini Rally" is a happy hour, so please bring a munchie or light appetizer to share. BYOB and your own plate and flatware.

