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President's Corner



Hello everyone,

Instead of a picture of me, I thought you might like to see Kathy's new puppy. Her name is Remy and is 16 weeks old. She is a mid-sized Poodle and should top out at 20 pounds. This is our first inside dog and quite an adjustment from our cats and for our cats.

Remy joined us in Moundsville for the joint rally with the West Virginia and Akron clubs. Remy took to the Airstream life. She will be with us at the Swiss Festival National Rally this month.

Speaking of the Swiss Festival National Rally (SFNR), there are a few spots left if anyone is looking for a fun event on short notice (23 Sep- 1 Oct). Register online or call me 330-697-0463.

It's about time to start planning for next year, so here is the Region 4 calendar:

7 – 11 April 2024 Eclipse National Rally in Greenville, Ohio

21 – 29 September 2024 61st Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek, Ohio

21 – 25 May 2025 48th Airstream Club Region 4 Rally in Lewisburg, WV

Registration for the Eclipse National Rally opened in July and we've had a great response. There are still openings so please register soon if you want to join us.

Put next year's SFNR and the 2025 Region 4 rally on your calendars and stay tuned for registration information.

As the new Region 4 President I feel that I should have something profound to say, so here it is. Just remember that being a member of this club is about "FUN and FELLOWSHIP".

See you down the road,
Fred Kiehl, #203
(Yes I have my new number)



Vice President

Here it is, September already and the end of the camping season is in sight.

Hello Everyone. What a great year we've had. First the Region 4 rally in Kalamazoo, and a couple of rallies in West Virginia. We went to the Rally in the Valley in Lewisburg and then to the Rally on the Mountain in Moundsville, WV. This was a joint rally between West Virginia and Akron.

We enjoyed all of our travels. Both Michigan and West Virginia are beautiful states. We got to experience a variety of climates and locations. Thank you to the different clubs for hosting us.

Jill and I are heading to Pentwater Michigan in October for what is probably the last rally of our year. We'll have visited Michigan in May and in October, firsts for both of us. We're looking forward to seeing a new area of Michigan.

Fred mentioned the Region 4 calendar. We've already signed up for the Eclipse National Rally in Greenville, OH. I know this is going to be fun and it will be great to have a rally early in the spring. I'm enjoying any chance I get to extend the camping season.

We also registered for the 2024 International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri, which is in October. Next year is going to be a lengthy camping season for sure.

Fred is the new Region 4 president and I have assumed the First Vice President duties. We were initiated into our new positions at the rally in Kalamazoo. Brad and Jane did such a great job with that rally and in hosting the initiations.

Thank you, Brad and Jane, for such a fantastic rally. Thank you to Brad also for providing me with a great role model in leading the region.

Fred and I have some great plans for the next couple of years and we're looking forward to seeing all of you at various rallies and events.

On a personal note, our Airstream had some problems late this summer, so I ended up having to redo the interior. Fortunately, I caught the problems before any real structural damage occurred, but it was a lot of work to get us back in action. Our trip to Michigan is going to be both a trailer shake-down trip and the season finale.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm and fellowship throughout the region.

Mike Pastva #6931

Region 4, 1st VP

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Region 4 Community Service Update

By Jamie Kingseed,
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The Region 4 Community Service event is just over a month away. See the attached flyer for full details. If you have not yet signed up for this, I would encourage you to do so. I believe all that attended the last event would agree that this is both fun and rewarding.



As stated in past Newsletters, this volunteer work is intended to be moving location from year to year. If anyone has an idea or location that they would like me to investigate, please let me know.

If anyone has an idea for an event or needs assistance with an event that they are currently working on, as always, I would be more than happy to help in any way that I can.

Also, if you have an event planned, or that took place in the past, that you would like posted in the Community Service portion of an upcoming Newsletter, feel free to send me the information so I can add this to this update.

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REGION 4 COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT

Mountaineer Food Bank “Serve Your Seniors” WE NEED YOUR HELP

Mark your calendar and plan to participate in the Region 4 Community Service Event at West Virginia’s largest emergency food provider distributing over 23 million pounds annually and providing food and other household items to over 460 feeding programs in 48 counties in West Virginia.

- **What:** **Assembling boxes of food** for needing Seniors in the Mountaineer Food Bank distribution area-
mountaineerfoodbank.org.

OUR GOAL FOR THIS EVENT IS TO ASSEMBLE 1500 BOXES

- **Where:** **Mountaineer Food Bank is located in Gassaway, Braxton County, West Virginia.** Braxton County is the geographic center of the State and the Food Bank is just off I-79 exit 62.

Camping accommodations are reserved at the **Elk River Camp & RV** – water and electric - less than 5 miles from Food Bank. The sites are located on the river offering fishing, kayaking, and biking on the Elk River Rails to Trails. Sites are \$30 a night. (elkrivercampandrv.com)

- **When:** **Wednesday October 18th – Sunday October 22nd, 2023**
 - Arrive Wednesday
 - Work Thursday and Friday
 - Free day to explore the area on Saturday ***
 - Depart Sunday

*** Saturday, October 21st, is an opportunity to attend West Virginias largest single-day festival located in the newest National Park. **The New River Gorge National Park.** Thousands of people gather on the New River Gorge Bridge in Fayetteville, West Virginia to watch daredevils BASE jump 876ft into the New River Gorge below. Travel time from campground to the bridge is approximately one hour, 61 miles on 4 lanes. Check Out [A Visitors Guide to Bridge Day: The Largest Single Day Festival In West Virginia — Mountaineer Media](#)

For more information or to sign up please contact:

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Tips and Tricks

AC Gasket Tip from Dave Brett, BRN 1315

One of the joys of owning an older Airstream (ours is an 88 Excella) is getting to replace your air conditioner.

In our case, the air conditioner failed during a heat wave in Tuscon, AZ. There is no getting by when it's 100+ outside so we had a new one installed.

Several things bother me about the new AC. One thing is the fit of the interior cover to the ceiling. The curve of the Airstream ceiling is enough that there are gaps between the edge of the cover and the ceiling. Over time, the air escaping through the gaps creates dirt trails around the cover.

I tried several solutions to make a gasket and it turned out the easiest solution was the best.

I had some automotive vacuum hose on hand and found it was very easy to split one side of the hose with a razor knife. The tubing could then be pushed over the edge of the cover to form the gasket. Vacuum hose is typically black and I'm ok with the appearance of it, but if you prefer a different appearance, you can probably accomplish the same thing with the clear vinyl hose such as found at Home Depot or Lowes.



Calling All Region 4 Members for Tips & Tricks



Thanks, Dave, for your tip about making a gasket.

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 Jill McCauslin for use in future newsletter editions.

SPOTLIGHT: WHERE WE ARE GOING

Cincinnati Ohio Airstream Club

Turkey Rally

Soon, it will be time for our annual Turkey Rally, which will be held from Thursday October 12 - Sunday October 25 at the Franklin County 4-H Fairgrounds in Brookville, Indiana. We will enjoy the beautiful fall weather, do some touring of the southern Indiana countryside, and finish the weekend with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. If you would like to attend, then please let Mark Kennedy know; more details will be provided to those attending!

Akron Airstream Club

Akron Airstream Club October "Fall Foliage" Rally: October 12-15 at Pier Lon Campground, Medina featuring a fall foliage tour. Stay tuned for sign up details.

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

Thank you to Jane Briggs for her years of service, editing this newsletter. I've taken over and discovered there's more to this than you might think. I will appreciate any submissions you'd like to make.

Hats off to Jane for her dedication to this newsletter.

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: I am looking for a volunteer to submit recipes. If you have one recipe to suggest, great. If you'd like to become the Region 4 food editor, let me know that too.

Region 4 Member Tips & Tricks

Officer Articles

Announcements

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