



# Region 4 WBAC



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## President's Corner



Hello Everyone,

I'm writing this while sitting in our Airstream at Jackson Center. Airstream, Inc. is allowing our club's Board of Trustees to hold a Strategy Session at their beautiful facilities.

This is the time that we discuss what course correction that we feel needs to be made in both the short term and long term to maintain Member Value.

The Board of Trustees unanimously supports sending the following change to the membership for a vote. Our finances have grown and need more than a "Treasurer" to help advise and guide us to keep the club's financial wellbeing intact.

Currently a Treasurer is picked from the member of the Council voted in by the membership. The issue that we see that can happen is that we don't always have a member on the Council with the financial expertise needed.

In early June a ballot for a constitutional change will be sent to the membership. A YES vote will change the position of Treasurer to Financial Director. The Financial Director will not be picked from the Council. The club will come up with a list of qualified candidates using a similar process as it does for Council members. The International Board of Trustees will then vote to fill this position from that list. Since this new position will not be voted in by the membership this will be a NON-voting position on the Board. A NO vote will leave things the way they are currently structured.

Here is the key point. Because this is a Constitutional Vote it takes 20% of the membership to VOTE, or the results will not count. Now, 20% sounds like an easy target, but the last vote by the membership, less than 19% of the membership voted. SO HERE IT IS: VOTE Yes or No, but please VOTE!!!! You will receive a ballot around June 1 so please watch for it and then vote.

Okay, the camping season is close. I'm excited to see a lot of you next month at The Eclipse National Rally. (There are still a few sites available, so if thinking about joining us, go online and register or reach out to me)

The Region 4 Community Service Rally is at the end of May, and we still have room for more. Mike and I have decided that we would like to thank the volunteers at this rally by having the region sponsor the campground. Let us know if you want to join us. See Jamie's article below.

Mike and I are looking forward to visiting a lot of the Local Clubs this season. We know there are lots of rallies planned for the next several months.

When we went to the ACI website ([airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org)) to make our schedule, we found that some of the Local Clubs don't have any events listed.

Airstream, Inc. is supporting the new Explorer Membership Program. These new club members are being directed to the ACI website to see the activities they can join in on. Please make sure that your club calendar is on our website. Many of these new members have not yet selected a local club so the ACI website is their main resource.

After all that please remember that it's all about FUN & FELLOWSHIP.

Fred Kiehl #203  
Region 4 President

## Vice President

This year is shaping up to be another fun busy travel season. In only a few weeks the Region 4 camping season kicks off early this year with the Great Solar Eclipse National Rally being held right in our backyard. Fred and I are looking forward to seeing many of you there. If you haven't yet registered, there may still be spots available.



Greenville, OH, Darke County, where we will be rallying, is planning a number of different events during the time we'll be there. Check out some of the options.

We are organizing tours of the Airstream factory. Other attractions in the area include the Neil Armstrong Museum and the Air Force Museum along with so many more.

I want to encourage all members of Region 4 to check the international website for rallies within the region or elsewhere in the country. Remember, you can attend rallies as a visitor. You are not limited to your club or region. There are many interesting and fun events being held by different clubs so be sure to check them out. Jill and I found it interesting to see how different clubs hold their rallies. They all have different personalities.

Early in my Airstream adventures, many rallies included a golf outing at local courses. I've recently blown the dust off my Pings and am hoping to play some rounds throughout the region this summer. Let me know if any events have organized outings or if you just want to join me for a round of golf and a beer.

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

Mike Pastva #6931  
Region 4, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

## REGION 4

### REGION 4 COMMUNITY SERVICE QUARTER 4 2023

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Please see the attached flyer for the official announcement of the 2024 Region 4 Community Service Rally. Official Rally dates are Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, but you have the option to stay until the morning of Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> if you would like.

To date, we have 8 trailers signed up and a few people, local to the area, that will be driving in for the day(s).

About a month before the event, I will send out an update to all that have signed up with any final information.

**Thank You!** to those that reached out, after the last Newsletter was released, and gave me feedback on the thoughts for the 2024 event. This feedback helps more than you may know.

### 2025 Plans/Thoughts

Well, we have provided our services in West Virginia and soon the same will be true for Michigan. So, this leaves Ohio on the radar for next year.

- If anyone has any thoughts on this event, please let me know. I'd assume we will look at another Food Bank, late April thru early June, but nothing is off the plate.

If anyone has an idea for a Community Service 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 a Community Service 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 Rally**

### **Food Bank of Eastern Michigan** **Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Flint, Michigan**

We have completed the planning work for this year's Region 4 Community Service Rally. This year we will be moving our efforts to Michigan. Research was done and a visit was taken to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, located in Flint. This is a very impressive facility with the capacity to have up to 100 volunteers working at a time! There are many tasks that we can work on, so there is sure to be something for everyone.

For those of you that were not able to participate last year, I invite you to join in this year. Hard work, it can be. However, the aches that you may have for a few days after is no comparison to the pride and happiness that you feel for the rest of the year knowing you helped out so many and the comradery that was built with your fellow Region members.

**Food Bank of Eastern Michigan** FBEM.org  
1939 Howard Ave., Flint, MI 48503

There will be volunteer opportunities on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-Noon and 1:00-4:00 (You are free to work as many or few shifts as you like. And you can take a break during a shift as you may need. This is volunteer work, not a sweat shop!) This work is addicting. Many in the past have signed up for only working the morning, but then have showed back up in the afternoon. Rewarding-Fun-Relationship Building.

**Groveland Oaks County Park Campground**  
14555Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442

This campground is about 20 minutes from the Food Bank. Somewhat unique in that it has several group sites, for 15-20 rigs (each), available. Last year's campground had a similar situation and I feel that all enjoyed that we were all located around each other. A covered pavilion and a couple firepits are at each group site. Fill up with water when you get to the campground and empty your tanks. 30 Amp power, only, provided for each rig.

These group sites rent from Wednesday to the following Tuesday. The "Official" Rally will be for arriving Wednesday and departing on Sunday. However, you can stay longer and depart on Tuesday, if you like.

**Woodland Airstream of Clarkston**  
9331 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston, MI 48348

Woodland Airstream of Clarkston reached out to get involved in this event. This is a newly constructed Airstream dealership, located less than 10 miles from the campground. They will be having an "Open House", highlighting our stay in the area, on Saturday from 9-3! They will have light snacks, a give-a-way and Airstream Trivia. We can mingle in their new showroom, see what inventory they have, ask any questions, and talk up Airstream to any prospective buyers that are at their facilities that day.



So, the front-end work has been completed. Now we just need those interested to sign up!

**The Region has decided to cover the cost of the Campground for those Region members who choose to volunteer for this event.**

Therefore, there is no Rally fee and no need to contact the campground for reservations.

**To sign up or if you have questions please contact Jamie Kingseed, Region 4 Community Service Chair, at [jkingseed@gmail.com](mailto:jkingseed@gmail.com) or [aciregion4communityservice@gmail.com](mailto:aciregion4communityservice@gmail.com) or (937) 539-3139**



## Region 4 Notes

### Looking to exercise your “Handy Skills”?

The Club has purchased the building next to its current office in Jackson Center, Ohio and it needs some work before the staff can move in. After we received two quotes, we decided to try to do this work with volunteers and save a lot of money and maybe beat their schedule. We are a talented group, after all.

Somehow, I got Voluntold along with Jim Cocke (Past International President) that we would head up this project. We are looking for volunteers of various skills and availability:

Demolition	April 17- May 10
Construction	May 1-20
Drywall	May 15-25
Painting	May 15-30
Cleaning	May 25-30

We are looking for 2-4 volunteers at a time to help. You are welcome to park behind the existing HQ which has 30 amp., water and a dump site.

If you are interested or have questions:

Fred Kiehl

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330-697-0463



## SPOTLIGHT: WHERE WE ARE GOING

There are a lot of rallies planned for this summer. Remember that you can attend any of these even if you're not a member of that particular club.

### Akron Airstream Club

#### **June Rally at Sauder Village,**

Archbold, Ohio (22611 State Rt 2, 43502)

June 11th – 14th (Tuesday – Friday) hosted by the Wilch's. We have 15 sites reserved for the Akron Ohio Airstream Club and once we commit to 10 or more, our cost/night drops from \$46 to \$44. Reservations can be made by calling this number directly: 800.590.9755. On site, the Sauder Village experience will take us on a walk-through-time from 1803 (Ohio becomes a state) through the 1920s while visiting Natives & Newcomers, Pioneer Settlement, and the 1920s Main Street.

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#### **July Rally at The Wilderness Campground**

Dundee, Michigan,

July 17 – 21

Hosted by Fred & Kathy Kiehl and Mike Pastva & Jill McCauslin. Contact them if you want to join this rally.

Sites are \$57 per night and include water + 30/50 amp electric (dump station at the park).

We'll tour the Henry Ford Museum (rated by Airstreamers as one of the top 5 museums in the country!) as well as Greenfield Village— less than an hour's drive (\$51.50/person for a 3-day pass that covers both museums). Cabela's is also right around the corner! Limited sites are available.



## Michigan Airstream Club

### **Silver on Silver**

June 6-9, 2024

Holiday RV Park and Campground Traverse City, MI

Come join us for another fun rally. Tom, Lee & Fred will have a group bike ride planned on the 4-mile Boardman Loop Trail. If you kayak, bring it along or rent one from Holiday.

There are a few other things we are looking into but for the most part, this rally will be a casual opportunity for fellowship.

Rally Fee: \$25 per rig

Call Holiday RV Park @ 231-943-4410 to reserve your campsite. Be sure to let them know you are attending the rally

Hosts: Jackie & Lee Klare, Fred & Sharon Bryant, Tom & Donna Cobb

### **Airstreams Return to Cadillac**

July 18 - 21, 2024

Veterans Serving Veteran's Park, Cadillac Michigan

On June 29, 1966, the 9th International Rally was held in the small town of Cadillac, Michigan. A whopping 2828 Airstreams gathered for a week just south of the Wexford County Airport and was said to be one of the largest rallies.

Given this rich history, we intend to tie our rally to the past by sharing archival documents about the international rally.

HOSTS: Kat Hibbard, Dale Schneider, Pegeen Smith & Tom Smith

## NOVA

### **2024 NOVA Spring Can Opener Rally**

April 26 - 28, 2024

Location: Indian Lake State Park - Loop D  
Lakeview, OH 43331

### **NOVA EXPLORE OHIO RALLY 1.0**

**August 15-18, 2024**

Sauder Village Campground  
22611 State Route 2, PO Box 235  
Archbold, OH, 43502

Campground Reservations:

Phone: 800-590-9755

Website: <https://saudervillage.org/stay/sauder-village-campground>

Join us for a weekend at Sauder Village where you can take a walk-through time from 1803 through the 1920s and slow down, unplug and spend time with family and friends!

There is as much or as little to see and do as you wish in this northwestern corner of Ohio. On site is the historic Sauder Village to tour, the Sauder Village Inn, the Doughbox Bakery and more! We are also within driving distance of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, just across the line in Indiana and plan to tour this gem! Join us!



## **NOVA Reformatory Rally September 12-15 2024**

**Looking for a unique Airstream Rally for 2024?** Come Rally with us September 12-15, 2024 at the **Historic Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield, OH!** The filming site of Shawshank Redemption, Air Force One, Tango & Cash and other films.

**Rally fee:** \$250, limited to the first 50 reserved

**What's included:** 3 nights of camping, on site, at the Reformatory (secure location); Tour of the Ohio State Reformatory; Ghost Hunt (if you choose); some meals and a ton of fun!

**Utilities:** There is access to water (for filling) but consider this a “boondock” situation. Generators are allowed.

**To register:** send an email to [reformatoryrally@gmail.com](mailto:reformatoryrally@gmail.com). Once we confirm we have space, you can expect a link to complete registration and an online payment option (payment must be received to secure space). We are limiting this event to 50 trailers.

**Other area attractions include:** Shawshank Trail; Malabar Farm State Park (Home of Louie Bromfield and the wedding site of Humphrey Bogart & Lauren Bacall); Kingwood Center Gardens and Kingwood Hall; Richland Carrousel Park (First new, hand-carved carrousel to be built in the US since the 1930's); Wine & Ale Trail and more.

**Cancellation policy:** We understand that things happen. If canceling within 30 days of the event (8/12 or before), you will receive a full refund. No refunds will be issued within 30 days of the event.



## Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club (SEMAC)

### **South of the Border rally**

Joint rally with NOVA

June 20-23

Maumee Bay State Park

### **Between the Lakes Club Caravan and Rally**

Caravan: August 2-11th. Starts in Mancelona and Ends in Cheboygan

Rally: August 9-11 Robert's Landing Campground Cheboygan

Get a taste of Michigan, as we camp in Mancelona, Petoskey and Cheboygan. The Club caravan includes 9 nights of camping, wine tasting, two group meals and a ferry ride to Mackinac Island. For those not able to caravan the entire trip, we are offering a package called Rally with the Caravan for the final weekend camping as an option.

## West Virginia Airstream Club

### *Rally in the Valley*

**Community Service Tribute to Coco**

**June 19 through Sunday June 23, 2024**

Come to Greenbrier Valley and join the West Virginia Airstream Club in Lewisburg, "coolest small town in America", 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. Visit [Home - Downtown Lewisburg](http://Home-DowntownLewisburg.com) ([visitlewisburgwv.com](http://visitlewisburgwv.com))

This year's rally is a Community Service Tribute to Coco, a 7-year-old greyhound who passed in June 2023. She was a club member who entertained all with her speed and agility.

We are partnering with the Greenbrier Valley Humane Society in Lewisburg, to collect items from their wishlist.

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. Pay on arrival.

Plans include:

- Wednesday, June 19 - arrival, dinner is hot dogs and burgers, courtesy WVAC
- Thursday morning, June 20 - hiking/biking on the Greenbrier River Trail
- Thursday evening, June 20 - TBA
- Friday, June 21- Open day to explore the Greenbrier Valley
- Saturday, June 22 - West Virginia Renaissance Festival
- Sunday, June 23 - goodbyes and break camp

**To register click on link**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIB2kylZpuuk8oN9OZj2wh3OIk1bCBWJ8GEcQIQFCs-YK2Jw/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIB2kylZpuuk8oN9OZj2wh3OIk1bCBWJ8GEcQIQFCs-YK2Jw/viewform?usp=pp_url)

**Or Contact: Al Akers (304)646-3900 [aakers@osteo.wvsom.edu](mailto:aakers@osteo.wvsom.edu)**

**Shelba Tucker (304)542-0120 [wvac115@gmail.com](mailto:wvac115@gmail.com)**

**The Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center** A first-class aquatic-based facility for all to enjoy and benefit from on site.

“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.”

**Lost World Caverns** - Enter a world of natural beauty below the scenic Greenbrier Valley. Journey into the depths of the Earth and discover a vast wonderland of stalactites and stalagmites. Lost World Caverns is a truly magical place for both young and old.

**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.”

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

## *This Is How We Roll !*

August 8-11, 2024 “RALLY ON THE MOUNTAIN 2024” at Grand Vue Park, Moundsville, WV.

### **Wild and Wonderful Starts Here!**

#### **Rally on the Mountain**

*August 8 – 11, 2024*

Come 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
- water park & pool
- disc golf courses
- zipline and aerial course
- 13 miles of hiking and mountain bike trails
- miniature Golf
- relaxation on the mountain enjoying the view

#### Discounts:

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10/Day Activity pass includes pool and miniature golf

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A 10% discount on any logo items at the General Store

#### 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” (Business Insider).
- Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, one of the most famous and the largest of the Adena Burial mounds. Construction from about 250-150 B.C.

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

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

25% discount on RV site current rate \$75, discount rate \$57, plus tax

The **Ultimate Marshall County Adventure Package** cost \$336, includes tax:

- 1 night RV Site stay, other nights at 25% 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. We have secured 20 sites, #31-40 and #1-10 available exclusively for our Rally until July 1, 2024. The total cost for 3 nights with the discount and tax is \$179.

The West Virginia Club will host a Welcoming Happy Hour on Thursday evening August 8th, and a BBQ Buffet is scheduled for Saturday August 10th catered by River City Ale Works of Wheeling. The Rally fee is \$20 per person.

To celebrate our rally, Grand Vue Park has planned fireworks on August 10th. After you have reserved your spot in the campground , please register with WVAC:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiDxle5szyiwSLwhde6np9DflUR9tNBliXAfPoDFI\\_wmr78g/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiDxle5szyiwSLwhde6np9DflUR9tNBliXAfPoDFI_wmr78g/viewform?usp=pp_url)

For additional information, contact Gina Busch, (304)542-1269 , Email [ginarbusch@aol.com](mailto:ginarbusch@aol.com); Shelba Tucker (304)542-0120, email [WVAC115@gmail.com](mailto:WVAC115@gmail.com)

## Note

If your rally is not listed here and you'd like to have it included in the newsletter, send information to [ACIRegion4Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ACIRegion4Newsletter@gmail.com).

## Pet Corner

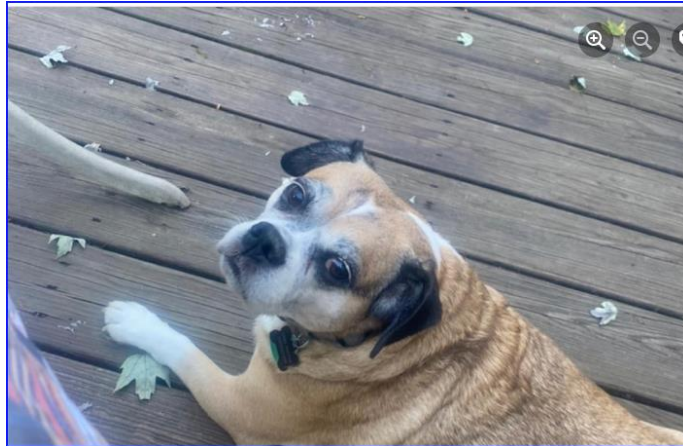
Here's a new section of the newsletter. Please send me pictures of your pets to share with all of us. Camping photos are the best, of course.



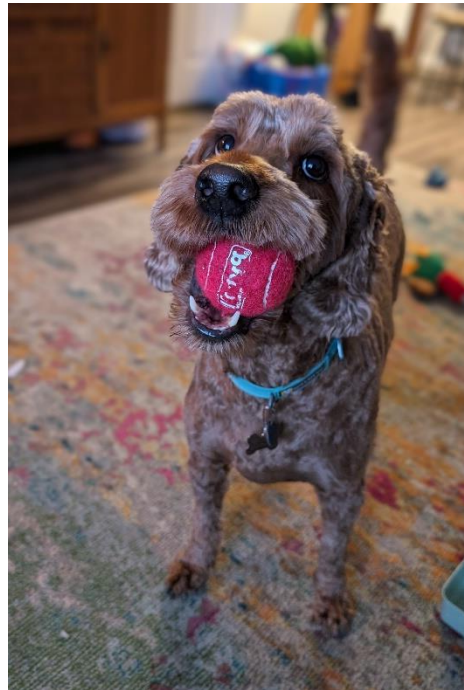
Coco was a 7-year-old greyhound who passed in June 2023. She was a West Virginia club member who entertained all with her speed and agility. Check out the community service tribute at the Rally in the Valley.

First dog Remy is doing fine. She's growing and entertaining everyone. Snow was a lot of fun!





Roxy and Penny keep Mike and Jill busy, Penny catching balls and Roxy patrolling the yard.





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<i>Winter</i>	<i>December 1</i>	<i>December 15</i>




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**FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

*.This newsletter is for YOU, the Region 4 Member!*

*Feel free to submit information of interest to our members!*

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

Pet Corner

Region 4 Member Tips & Tricks

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Announcements

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