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President's Corner



Hello Everyone,

Kathy and I are getting to do what I consider to be the fun part of being a Region officer: a good excuse to take the Airstream and travel. After all, we bought the Airstream to travel and have fun.

We spent the last two weeks in Michigan, first in Flint at the Region 4 Community Service Rally (Jamie will talk about it), then we spent a few days with good friends before heading to Traverse City for the Silver on Silver Lake Rally hosted by the Michigan Airstream Club. Now, we are sitting at a campground in Archbold, Ohio getting ready for our Akron Ohio Airstream Club Rally.



THANK YOU, everyone, for being a member of this club.

THANK YOU, everyone who volunteers; whether it's sharing a story by the campfire, offering to be the Margarita quality control person, hosting an activity, hosting a rally or offering to take a leadership position in the club.

Let's back up to hosting a rally for a moment. We have attended a lot of rallies in our eight years as members of the club and no matter if a rally was jammed full of activities and food or was a simple and relaxing and everything is on your own rally or even a work rally at a food bank, everyone seems to have fun and is ready for more.

I've heard comments like I could never put on a rally like this one. Don't be afraid to be different, build the rally around something that is fun for you. You will find it to be easier and if you're having fun, chances are everyone will be having fun. Kathy and I have never hosted a rally by ourselves, we have always paired with friends. We have not been to an Airstream event that was bad, or no one was having fun. Everyone seems to make it fun. If you have not hosted a rally, offer to co-host with some that hosted one you really enjoyed.

Kathy and I find that we get more enjoyment out of the club because we are involved and volunteered for different things along the way. If you think maybe you'd like to do something but you're not sure what, feel free to talk about your ideas with me or other regional leaders or someone in your local club.

You probably hear a lot about stepping up and volunteering for many different things in the club, but PLEASE do NOT shy away from the club because you don't want to be pressured into something you don't want to do. You support this club just by being an active member.

See you down the road,

FRED KIEHL, #203
Region 4 President

Words from the Vice President

We're getting ready to head to West Virginia soon for the Rally in the Valley. This will be our first outing with the Airstream since the Eclipse Rally so we're looking forward to it. Fred and I are using this trip to finalize details for the 2025 Region 4 Rally.



Spring this year was more about motorsports and fun at the track than camping. I'm not the fastest car on the track but I'm enjoying racing.

One thing is clear to me for both the Autocross team and the Airstream club. Events with these groups are made better by the volunteers.

At the autocross events, volunteers make sure we have fun and safe experiences. If we want to compete, we have to volunteer. It's fun to help with the different races and to meet other drivers.

At the Eclipse rally, volunteers helped with parking, registration, and keeping everything organized. These are the things that make a rally enjoyable. (Thank you to everyone who helped at the Eclipse Rally!)

In the 25 years that I've been involved with the Airstream Club, I've met a lot of people who helped with many events. I think it's what makes us feel like a community. I get to see so many friends that I have made, it's just amazing.

I want to encourage you to consider helping in some way. You can help your local club in a variety of ways, but you can also help the region.

Volunteering doesn't have to be a major thing for you. You can volunteer to help greet people at the Region 4 rally and spend two hours doing it and then you're on your way back to your Airstream.

If you're feeling like you're ready for a bit more of a commitment, consider being an officer for the region. We will need a vice president next year. We're asking the club presidents to send us names of candidates.

Feel free to email or call me if you're curious about the vice president position. Perhaps it sounds a bit overwhelming but it's not that difficult. Of course, the more volunteers we have, the easier the job becomes. My favorite part of the position is getting to travel to different rallies. If you're interested in helping in any way, you can let Fred or me know directly or let your club president know.

The most important thing you can do for the club is continuing to attend rallies and events and have fun.

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

Mike Pastva #6931
Region 4, 1st Vice President



REGION 4

REGION 4 COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE QUARTER 2 2024

Region 4 Community Service Rally

The 2024 Region 4 Community Service Rally took place from May 29th thru June 2nd at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, located in Flint. There were 7 trailers that joined in at the campground and 4 individuals/couples drove in for the day(s). Volunteering took place on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday – Packing Senior Boxes: 917 boxes packed, totaling 32,095 pounds of food that provides 38,000 meals. **This was a daily record, by a group, at this Food Bank.** We packed so many boxes that their quota was met, they ran out of the types of food we were packing, and we had to call it a day 15 minutes before we were supposed to. Needless to say, over the past two years we have become pretty efficient at packing these boxes.

Friday – Sorting donated products into categories: 13,000 pounds of product providing 15,250 meals. There was no mention of a record being set, but I believe there was very little product left to sort when we ended for the day.

The Region provided lunch for the volunteers that worked both shifts on either day. A shout out to Jimmy Johns who provided a discount to us, for our volunteer work, on the day we ordered from them.





-Airstreams Return to Cadillac Rally-

MAC is holding a rally at Veterans Serving Veterans Park from July 18th to 21st in Cadillac Michigan. There is a volunteer opportunity the morning of Friday, July 19th to work with the veterans installing a split rail fence. Information can be found on the airstreamclub.org site under the events page or you can contact Kat Hibbard at trailerkat@gmail.com

2025 Plans/Thoughts

Well, we have now provided our services in West Virginia and 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.
- As I have stated before, the feedback and Ideas that I get back from you helps out tremendously when trying to plan an event in an unfamiliar location.

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 out 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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Be sure to vote!

In February, the International Board of Trustees (IBT) overwhelmingly voted to propose a constitutional amendment to change the International Treasurer position to a Finance Director. Your vote is vital.

As stated in the WBCCI Constitution, a valid election requires at least 20% of the WBCCI/ACI membership to cast their vote, *and the amendment requires a 2/3 affirmative* vote to pass. This is a significant decision, especially as it will be the first Constitutional amendment considered under the new governance structure passed in 2022 that eliminated the delegates' meeting. This new process also allows more members to engage because they do not have to attend a National Rally.

The Finance Director will:

- Hold a non-voting, volunteer position on the International Board of Trustees (IBT) and Executive Council (EC)
- Provide financial recommendations to the IBT.
- Allows qualified Club members to submit themselves for consideration for the Finance Director position
- Elect the Finance Director by the IBT from candidates vetted by a Governance Committee.
- Replace the existing four-year term limit with a confidence vote by the IBT every two years.

Furthermore, the EC will continue to have nine voting members elected by the Membership, with a voting Past International President and a non-voting WBCCI Executive Director.

The Finance Director will be selected based on their financial expertise. They will work with the WBCCI Executive Director to ensure impartial, long-term financial stability/forecasting, transparent reporting, regulatory compliance, risk management, budgetary control, operational efficiency, and strategic decision-making.

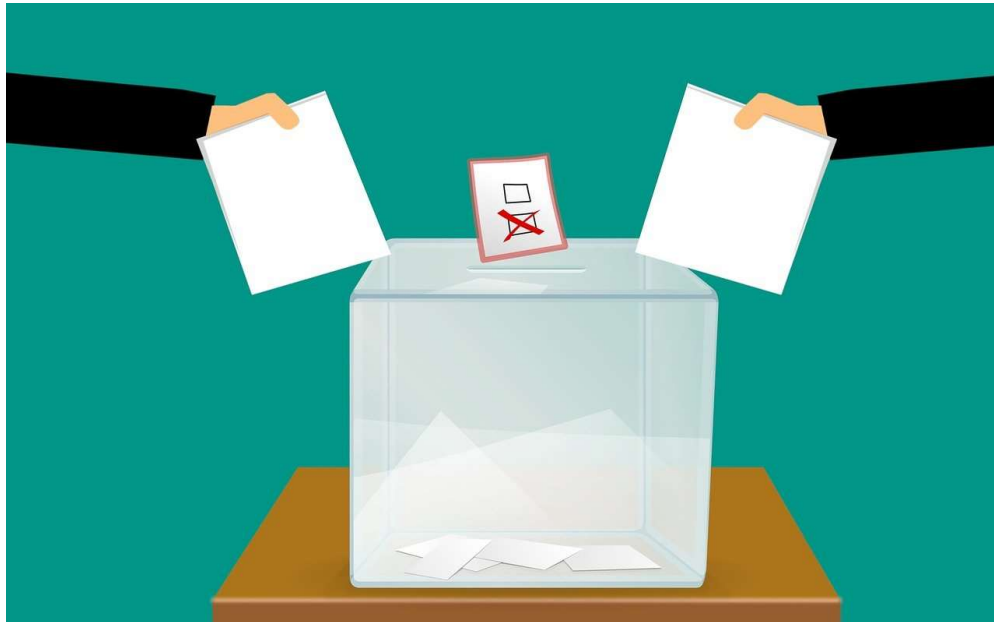
For a detailed comparison of the proposed change from Treasurer to Finance Director, please visit <https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-05/Finance%20Director%20Position%20Motion%20Talking%20Points%20for%20WBCCI%20Leadership.pdf>.

For all the information about this constitutional amendment, please visit <https://airstreamclub.org/2024SpecialElection>.

As an International Board Trustee, I recommend that you vote yes. Either way, please take the time to vote.

Sincerely,

Fred Kiehl
Region 4 President



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

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.

August Rally

We're going to join the West Virginia Club once again and attend their "Rally on the Mountain" the 8th – 11th of August at Grand Vue Park. See West Virginia below for more information.

Cincinnati-Miami Valley

Cincinnati-Miami Valley Club will hold a camp out at the Indian Lake State Park campground in Lakeview, OH from August 8-11. [Information is available at the Airstream website.](#)

Michigan Airstream Club

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

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 Rally in the Valley II September 5 –9, 2024

Hosted by Tom & Judi Moran

Location: 4439 Black Rd., Richfield, OH 44286

Call 330-606-4101 or email Topshelfgsp@aol.com to make your reservations.

Reservation deadline for train ride has passed.

Come visit the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) in a quiet and secluded setting on private property with close access to 125 miles of hiking and biking trails as well as a River Water Trail for canoes and kayaks. The CVNP is the only National Park with a scenic train ride, and we hope to reserve one of the California Zephyr dome cars just for rally attendees. In addition to all the park attractions, there will be opportunities to visit other local attractions including Cleveland's famous West Side Market, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and/or USS Cod and the Football Hall of Fame to name a few.

There is NO RALLY FEE, and camping is boondocking (solar panels and generators allowed) with limited access to water and electric as well as a dump port. Group activities will include two breakfasts, two dinners, a bird watching expedition, group hikes/bikes, a trip to Cleveland's West Side Market, Happy Hours around a large bonfire and the train ride if we can get it. Train ride cost to be determined based on response, estimate \$55 - \$65 per person, including food. See the Things To Do - Cuyahoga Valley National Park (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov/cuva) for Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Scenic Railroad information, maps, and other things to do in the area.

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. 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

Wild and Wonderful Starts Here! Rally on the Mountain - August 8 – 11, 2024

Come join the West Virginia Airstream Club overlooking the Ohio River Valley at Grand Vue Park, Moundsville, West Virginia. Relaxation on the mountain enjoying the view .

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

Discounts:

- FREE Activity pass includes pool and miniature golf
- A 10% discount on any logo items at the General Store

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

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.

We will end the evening with entertainment and fireworks provided by Grand Vue Park.

After you have reserved your spot in the campground , please register with WVAC on our Airstream Club West Virginia rally page.

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.

In addition to the activities at Grand Vue Park and the Moundsville area, just 12.5 miles north on Route 2 is *Historical Wheeling, West Virginia*. Known as the birthplace of West Virginia, the first State Capital, and an early industrial hub along the Ohio River. Wheeling holds a unique place in American history. Its designation by Congress as a [National Heritage Area](#) provides an effective way to tell the stories of its rich cultural past and to conserve its natural and historic resources.

Attractions in Wheeling:

The Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum.

WV Independence Hall - the history of split from VA

Suspension Bridge

Oglebay Park 2000 acres

Good Zoo 68 species 20 rare

Institute Glass Museum

Mansion Museum

Capital Theater

Wheeling Island Racetrack and Gaming Center

Wheeling Park

Cathedral of St. Joseph

Wheeling Heritage Port Amphitheatre

Wheeling Artisan Center

WesBanco Arena

August 9 -11~ Heritage Music BluesFest “A Weekend of Award-Winning Blues”,

<https://heritagemusicfest.com/>

August 10th ~ Centre Market, local acoustic artist David Stiles 11:30 – 1:30 <https://centremarket.org/>

For additional information, contact Gina Busch, (304)542-1269 , Email

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48th Airstream Club International Region 4 Rally in 2025



Mark your calendars now for next year's Region 4 rally!

May 14-18, 2025

State Fair of West Virginia

947 Maplewood Ave, Lewisburg, WV 24901

Registration expected to start in July 2024

61st Annual Swiss Festival National Rally

September 21st – 29th at Winklepleck Grove (2800 Winklepleck Rd NW, Sugarcreek, OH, 44681)

Located deep in the heart of Amish country, this week-long rally includes visits to the annual Swiss Festival in nearby Sugarcreek, Ohio, plus tours to various local sites and our favorite “Day in the Park.”

[More information and registration is available at the Airstream website.](#)

67th Airstream Club International Rally,

October 5-10, 2024.

Missouri State Fairgrounds
in Sedalia, Missouri.

Register online [HERE](#)

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.

Recipes

I said that I don't have any recipes to share but then remembered my curry popcorn recipe. Check it out!

Curry Popcorn

This popcorn is even better the second day, after making it the day before.

Ingredients

- 1 tsp cumin, ground
- ½ tsp red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp black pepper
- ½ tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ cup oil of choice
- ½ cup unpopped popcorn

Directions

Mix the spices together.

Heat oil in a large pot with a lid. Add one or two kernels. When the kernels pop, add the rest of the popcorn. When those kernels are getting ready to start popping, add the spices.

Shake the pan continuously until the popcorn quits popping.

Pour into a bowl and enjoy.

Important Note:

- Do NOT breath in the fumes of the heating spices and do NOT put your face over the pot.
- Use a sealed lidded pot if possible, one without a vent.



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<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)

Pet Corner

Region 4 Member Tips & Tricks

Officer Articles

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