

NEWS AND VIEWS

2018 Cincinnati Ohio Unit Officers

Mark Kennedy, President	Mark Kennedy, Treasurer	Trustees
Darren Baker, Ist. V. P.	Joyce Grawe, Ass't Treasurer	Rich Barrick
Sonny Thompson, 2nd V.P.	Steve Grawe, Membership Chair	Donald Kendig
Janet Kendig, Secretary	Jenn Reinshagen/Elaine Barrick, Social Media Editors	Rusty Greer
Mary Lou Thompson, Ass't Sec.	Joyce and Bill Grawe, Newsletter Editor	Robert Bendel

A big Thank You!! to our outgoing 2017 officers: Sonny Thompson, President; Jenn Reinshagen and Sandy Grawe, 2 Year Trustees; Joyce and Bill Grawe, Newsletter Editors. Thank you for your service to our Unit!

The Unit Election Of Officers was held during the October 8 Business Meeting at the Turkey Rally. Our Region 4 President Don Hetzler installed the new officers.



FROM PAST PRESIDENT SONNY: SEPTEMBER MEET & GREET RALLY

We had TEN AIRSTREAMS in attendance @ the CAESAR CREEK STATE PARK RALLY September 14-17. Those in attendance were: Sonny & Mary Lou Thompson, Donald & Janet Kendig, Mark Kennedy & Darren Baker, Ernie & Velina Durbin & Franny, Bob & Bev Drake, Rusty, LeAnn & Lance Greer, Richard & Marie Keller, Ed & Joann Mueller, Don & Marian Hetzler, John Sherron & Pat Badgero. Robert & Pricilla Bendel came up for a visit and spent a few hours on Friday morning.

Friday evening we had a campfire where everyone in attendance introduced themselves. This was followed by using PIE IRONS to make Cherry or Apple Pies and the Kellers made Rueben sandwiches.

Saturday morning we made EGG omelets in a BAG. Lots of attendees had never seen this done before! In addition, Pat Badgero made STRAWBERRY BREAD to go with the toast bread!

For the evening meal we had a carry-in and Mark grilled HOT DOGS! After the evening meal there were a lot of BULL SESSIONS & Franny, Joan, Bev & Lance played JOKER. Before the game was over I held a flashlight over the joker board so they could finish the game! (LANCE & BEV were the winners).

It was so good to meet our new members Richard & Marie Keller & Ernie & Velina Durbin!

Fall Harvest Brunch

On Saturday November 4, the I-75/Middletown Exit Golden Corral Restaurant was busy serving brunch to the Barricks, Bendels, Greers, Kellers, Reboulets, Thompsons, and Baker/Kennedy, We all agreed that the food had greatly improved since our last Unit Brunch.

Region 4 Rally

Region 4 President Don Hetzler has asked the Cincinnati Ohio Unit to be one of the "Host" Units for the 2018 Region 4 Rally, which will be held at the Clermont County Fairgrounds in May. If you would like to help out at the Rally, then please let Don know and he will put you in touch with the appropriate person.

From Joyce Grawe: thank you all for your prayers and concern for Bill. He is doing very well and has PT coming in 2 or 3 times a week. It was fun seeing everyone at the Christmas party. We miss our Airstream friends.

Turkey Rally

Although the rain was heavy on Thursday October 5, parking went on as usual at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Brookville, Indiana. After some local touring, those gathered enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Chinese Buffet.

After breakfast on Friday, we carpooled to "The Old Brick Church," where the Franklin County Historical Society shared the history of the church, as well as the cemetery that surrounds the church. During Happy Hour that afternoon, Mark went to check to see how the turkeys were thawing. He soon returned and remarked to Mary Lou, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that the refrigerator is working very well; the bad news is that the turkeys have refrozen!" The refrigerator thermostat was adjusted, and the turkeys thawed without further incident.



Later that evening,

Mary Lou brought out her "campfire in a pot" and we happily gathered around the fire.

Saturday was busy with breakfast and the Unit business meeting in the morning, and the installation of 2018 officers in the afternoon. The turkeys were roasted and side dishes prepared for a wonderful dinner that evening.

After eating way too much, we watched "Capetown to Cairo" and wondered how those brave Caravanners were able to complete that journey, and then we enjoyed another campfire.

All too soon, it was Sunday. After an inspirational church service, and a final meal together, the Baker/ Kennedys, Bendels, Hetzlers, Greers, Kendigs, and Thompsons said their good-byes, packed up, hitched up, and headed for home.

Sonny Thompson would like to thank the Unit for the past president flag. It was so good to see everyone at the Christmas Party and we had a good time visiting. Hope to be able to attend some rallies in the coming year.

From the incoming president:

First of all, I'd like to thank Sonny and Mary Lou for all that they did for the Cincinnati Unit in 2017: in addition to the normal duties of President and First Lady, they were the hosts for the rallies as well. Thank you for a job well done!

In addition, I would like to thank the 2017 Officers for all of the work involved in holding those offices, and I would like to thank all of the members who supported the Unit by attending an event or a rally. We can't have a Unit without you!

All of that leads me to my next, and possibly most important point: **we need you!** We need rally hosts or co-hosts to pick a rally theme, plan some activities, and coordinate the helpers, which we thankfully always have plenty! We need officers to lead our Unit. We need suggestions and ideas for our upcoming events and rallies; where to go, and what to do and see. And, we need to to come out and support us by attending our events and rallies! We need you!

If you would like to host, co-host, or help at one of our 2018 rallies, then please let me know! Also, I would like to know what you like about the Cincinnati Ohio Unit, and what you think needs to change and/or be done differently. See my contact information below:

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Upcoming Events:

Saturday March 17 at 10 am: St. Patrick's Day Brunch; Golden Corral Restaurant, I-75/Middletown Exit, 3350 Village Dr, Middletown, OH

April 26 - 29: Joint Soup Rally with Miami Valley Unit of Ohio and Columbus Ohio Units; Greene Co. Fairgrounds, Xenia, Ohio

Please let me know if you will be attending those events!