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CINCINNATI OHIO UNIT

FEBRUARY 2003

UPCOMING EVENTS

VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST
FEBRUARY 15TH - 9:00 AM
GOLDEN CORRAL
470 KOLB DRIVE (OFF WINTON ROAD)
FAIRFIELD, OHIO

SOUP RALLY
APRIL 24TH - 27TH
VALLEY FRONTIER CAMPGROUND
ROUTE 42, WAYNESVILLE, OHIO

REGION 4 COMPUTER RALLY
MAY 12-16

REGION 4 RALLY
MAY 19-25
XENIA, OHIO

*MARK
YOUR CALENDAR*

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Welcome From The Editor

My name is Dave Lowrey, and I am the new Cincinnati Unit Newsletter Editor.

This is your newsletter, so I would like to hear from you on your opinion about it. What do you like? What don't you like? What needs to be added?

Please feel free to send me any news or information that you think would be of interest to our members. You can call me at 513-984-9217, E-Mail me at dave_lowrey@yahoo.com, or send me mail (my address is in the Directory).



Earl and Fran Johnson receiving honors at the Christmas Party.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Our Christmas Party was certainly special. There were 47 in attendance at the Elks Club. Our meal was delicious, with chicken, vegetables, and one of the best tasting pasta dishes I have ever had. Exceptional desserts were provided by our membership. Everyone was pleased enough so we made reservations for our 2003 Christmas Party, December 14. The date will be noted in your 2003 directory calendar.

This is the meeting where we say “well done” to our outgoing president and first lady. They were presented with a plaque with an engraving of an Airstream and the inscription “*THE CINCINNATI OHIO UNIT WBCCI, PRESENTS THIS PLAQUE TO EARL JOHNSON, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ABLE & EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP AS PRESIDENT 2002 AND TO FRAN JOHNSON HIS FIRST LADY*”. Earl also scored with a 2003 International Rally Patch and Fran received a pair of gold hoop earrings representing our “circle of friendship”.

Congratulations: Earl announced that our Queen and King for 2003 are Sandra and Tom Leonard. They were unable to attend so we will publish a photo in a future issue.

This award is given in recognition of significant contribution to the success of the COU.

Just after the presentation, Mrs. and Mr. Santa Claus interrupted us with gifts for everyone, plus a few “meaningful gifts” depending if you were naughty or nice. About the same time Joann and Al Fluegeman disappeared. Hmmm....

The Region 4 Rally is coming up in May. The COU and Miami Valley Unit are responsible for welcome greetings and tours. Jane Sheets has been collecting suggestions and it looks like we will be able to offer a wide variety of tours. We do need volunteers to lead tours. This means you would lead a caravan to the tour site, perhaps twice a day. Please let me know if you will help. We will also man the front gate greeting attendees as they arrive. We need to line up volunteers for this job.

It would be fun to give out a bag of gifts to the arrivals. If anyone has any suggestions or sources for items please let me know.

The coupon for the Tall Stacks/Turkey Rally will be in the next issue of the Blue Beret. Be sure to get yours in early as we only have room for 60 trailers.

Because of cost increases the Cincinnati Ohio Unit voted to increase dues to \$15 per year. This increase will be effective this fall when you pay your 2004 International and local membership dues.

Due to the scope of the Tall Stacks/Turkey Rally, I don't think I will have the time to plan and run a Unit Caravan for 2003. So the opportunity is available for anyone to plan and organize one for this year.

The Valentines Breakfast is our next event. Be sure to check the announcement in this issue and plan on attending. We refuse to hibernate while everyone else is in a snow free climate. I have it from a reliable source that there will be a goody bag passed out.

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COU MEMBER RECIPES

Submitted by: Sandra J Leonard



Ooops! I really messed this recipe up when typing it to use in the December 2002 COU Newsletter. PLEASE try this, the corrected recipe. JoAnn says it's a winner! *Sorry....*

CHICKEN/DRESSING CASSEROLE

Contributor: **JoAnn Fluegeman**

Yield: 6 – 8 servings

1 pkg. Corn bread stuffing mix	1/2 cup celery, chopped
1 can cream of mushroom soup	1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 1/2 cups chicken broth	1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper - optional
3 oz. mushrooms with juice	Salt and Pepper to taste
3 1/2 cups chicken, cooked, diced	Sliced almonds
1/2 cup onion, chopped	
1 stick of butter	

Blend melted butter and stuffing mix. Line and grease a baking dish with half the crumbs. Combine all ingredients left and pour over the crumbs. Top with remainder of crumbs and almonds. Bake at 325° for 30 minutes.

EASY AU GRATIN POTATOES

Contributor: **Carol Schiffer**

Yield: 10 – 12 servings

6 cans potatoes, sliced, well drained	1/2 – 3/4 lb. Velveeta cheese, cubed
1 cup Hellmann's mayonnaise	1/2 – 3/4 lb. bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled

Place potatoes in an oven proof shallow casserole. Gently fold in mayonnaise, top with cubed cheese and bacon. Bake in a 300° oven for 30 to 40 minutes until cheese is melted and lightly browned.

ORIENTAL SALAD

Contributor: **Karen & John Turner**

Yield: 4 servings

1 1/2 lbs. chicken, boneless, skinless and cut into small bites & browned
3 pkgs. Oriental flavored Ramen noodles
1 head cabbage, cut up small
1 pkg. almonds, sliced

Dressing:

3/4 cup vegetable oil
2 Tablespoons vinegar
5 Tablespoons sugar
4 Tablespoons soy sauce
All 3 oriental seasoning pkgs. (In noodle pkgs.)

Break up noodles and mix in almonds and brown very *CAREFULLY* under a broiler. Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Makes enough for several meals. Keeps very well.

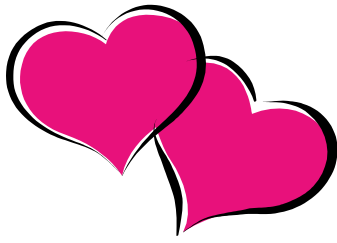
Karen's Note: "Sometimes I mix regular and red cabbage to give this salad a little color."

A really big *THANK YOU* to all of you that who shared your recipes with me. Sharing has helped to make this section in our COU Newsletter work. I will continue to collect your recipes to use in future issues.

Please send your recipe/s to me:

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VALENTINE BREAKFAST AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL



For all of the Cincinnati Ohio Unit members that will be in town on Valentines Day we will be having a breakfast at the Golden Corral in Fairfield. All are welcome to come and celebrate this special day with us. We will celebrate on Sat., the 15th of Feb., at 9:00 A.M. (The Blue Beret was in error with a 11:00 A.M. time listed.)

We request that you pay the cashier for your meal as you enter and ask her to direct you to the Airstream Party. We will have a private party room. We would like everyone to arrive by 9:00 A.M. if possible. (The doors open at 7:30 so you should not have to wait in outside in your car.)

Please contact Al Fluegeman (513-948-1992 or E-mail: jcaffluegeman@juno.com) with any questions that you might have and to let us know if you will be attending the breakfast.

Directions

From I-71 or I-75

- Take I-275 West
- Take the Winton Road Exit (Exit 39) Northbound (Towards Forest Fair Mall).
- Go North on Winton Rd. approximately 1/4 mile to Kolb Dr. (Just North of the Forest Fair Mall).
- Turn right onto Kolb Dr. and the first driveway on your left will take you into the Golden Corral parking lot. (Kolb Dr. is opposite the entrance to the Meijer Store)

From Anywhere, if you have a computer

- Log on to the COU Web Site and input your location and you will receive customised directions and maps directing you to the Golden Corral: <http://www.cou-wbcci.org>

We Hope to see everyone there!!!!

MEMBER HINTS, TIPS & SHARING

(The new Member Sez...)

Submitted by: Sandra J Leonard

NO ONE HAS SHARED ANY MEMBER TIPS FOR THIS ISSUE. SORRY.....

It would be appreciated if you would please let me know if you, the members, wish to have this section dropped from the COU Newsletter.

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A Note from the Editor: I am sure that many of you have little hints and tips that you can share with the rest of us. It doesn't have to be much—anything that makes life on the road or in your Airstream easier, safer or more enjoyable. Please take a moment to call, write or E-Mail Sandra with them so we can use them in future Newsletters.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Please remember the following folks in your prayers as they face and recover from recent medical problems:

Al Fluegeman - who is recovering from his second knee surgery.

Charles Lane - who is recovering from a stroke.

Vern Bucheit - who is recovering from hip surgery plus major colon surgery.

Laura Starr - who is recovering from a recent kidney transplant.

Rudy Baker - who is being treated for dizziness and fainting spells.

Charles Knollman - who is receiving treatment for lung cancer.

James Moss - who is receiving proton radiation treatment for prostate cancer in Loma Linda, California.

2003 DIRECTORY

The new directory is about to be published. If you have any changes, additions or deletions I may not be aware of, including E-Mail addresses, please call me ASAP.

Since an analysis last year indicated that the "one unit per page" style is cheaper to upgrade annually, the new directory begins this style change. It will have a mix of 4 units per page and 1 unit per page. Only the new additions and those pages with significant changes are issued in the single unit per page style. Next year, more will be issued in the single unit per page style. This spreads the cost over a couple of years.

We will also publish the unit constitution in small form for inclusion in your directory.

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OFFICERS

President:	William Grawe
1st Vice President:	Al Fluegeman
2nd Vice President:	John Turner
Secretary:	Janet Kendig
Treasurer:	Betty Knollman
Asst. Sec./Treas.:	Joyce Grawe
Past President:	Earl Johnson
King & Queen:	Tom & Sandra Leonard

TRUSTEES

Tom Leonard:	2002 - 2003
Donald Boehm:	2002 - 2003
Edward Raymond:	2003 - 2004
Dave Lowrey:	2003 - 2004

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Church Services:	Marlynn Knollman
Coffee:	Ed Raymond
Historian:	Everybody
Legislative:	Tom Leonard
Membership:	Donald Kendig
Newsletter Editor:	David Lowrey
Parliamentarian:	John Knollman
Parking:	Jack Eidemiller
Telephone Tree:	open
Sunshine Reporter:	Eleanor Walker
Youth & Family:	Mary Lou Thompson
Propane Safety:	Lloyd Stober
Sheriff:	Donald Kendig



Our President finds out if he has been naughty or nice...



Christmas Party Scrapbook



Ed & Margaret Raymond



Charley & Marlynn Knollman



Bob & Doris Eisenschmidt



Jane Sheets

“SPECIAL DAYS”

Anniversaries

John & Lenore Bauman	2-8	39yrs
Dave & Laura Starr	2-26	48yrs
Frank & Bette Wade	3-1	17yrs
Bob & Vi Holman	3-11	53yrs
John & Mildred Keener	3-11	49yrs

Birthdays

Sandra Leonard	2-1
Loren Rhodes	2-2
Maxine Jennings	2-3
Dot Wilson	2-3
Donald Botkin	2-6
Vince Giardina	2-6
Janet Wise	2-8
Thomas Schiffer	2-10
Bettie Tanner	2-11
Bob Holman	2-13

Mildred Keener	2-13
John P. Williams	2-14
Sandra Baxter	2-19
Maryann McOwen	2-20
Carol Lane	2-21
Mary Claire Degler	2-23
Joyce Grawe	2-27
Don Kendig	2-28
Jim Willhite	3-1
Jack Eidelmiller	3-6
William Rellar	3-9
Bob Kaemmerer	3-10
David Lowrey	3-11
Susan Bailey	3-15
Jean Carroll	3-17
Pat Miller	3-24
Curt Gamble	3-25
Karen Turner	3-25
Judy Balanger	3-27
Ethel Green	3-28