



NEWS AND VIEWS

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CINCINNATI OHIO UNIT

March 2004

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUP RALLY
APRIL 22TH - 25TH
VALLEY FRONTIER CAMPGROUND
ROUTE 42, WAYNESVILLE, OHIO

REGION 4 COMPUTER RALLY
MAY 8-14
VAN WERT, OHIO

REGION 4 RALLY
MAY 24-30
MINERAL WELLS, WV

YOUTH RALLY
JUNE 3-6
BROOKVILLE, IN

INTERNATIONAL RALLY
JUNE 27—JULY 4
LANSINA, MI

COU DINNER AT INTERNATIONAL RALLY
JULY 1

*MARK
YOUR CALENDAR*

From The 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).

David Lowrey



President & First Lady Al and Joann Fluegeman

WHAT'S INSIDE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We had a good attendance at the St Patrick's Day Brunch at the Golden Corral with a total of 32 people attending. The new directories were handed out and the remaining ones will be brought to the Soup Rally. It was good seeing every one again. We missed all of the snowbirds that have not yet returned to the north.

At the Brunch, we welcomed new members Joe and Jeanette Mills, who live in Cincinnati, and Nelson Linder of West Chester, a former member of our Unit.

Our next big event will be our Soup Rally. Donald Kendig, assisted by Jack Eidlemiller, will again be cooking up a large vat of his famous beef vegetable soup. David and Laura Starr, our rally chairpersons, and the Turners are busy working out the details for this year's event.

If they follow the format from past years, plan on having a lot of fun with the games. We are encouraging every one to please bring all of those excess items, that are in storage, to the Auction. Remember this is a way to get rid of some of those trip hazards and to help the club at the same time. We are trying something a little different for the Auction. New items will be placed in an auction where you will make a minimum bid on paper and each raise will be a designated amount. This way you will know how much was bid and if your name is at the bottom of the list when it closes, you WIN! This is our only fund-raiser, so be generous with your contributions and bidding.

If you have firewood we could sure use it in the big fireplace to warm the meeting room. Donald has enough for his soup pot fire.

We are encouraging participation in the Hobby Show for both Region 4 and International. We have a surplus of talent among our members and we want all other units to know about it! We want to remind you about the pull tabs, pennies, knit hats and stuffed animals, along with the Linus Project. We have been blessed with much and want to share this with others.

It was announced by Janet Kendig that our Unit won a SUPERIOR RATING in the Merit Awards Program. We will be presented our banner at Region 4. Congratulations to the Unit members for all of their help. We also have a new banner for the parade at International.

This wraps up all the info so far and we hope to have a great turnout for the April Soup Rally..

Al Fluegeman, President



Tall Stacks 2003

THE "Spring Has Sprung" SOUP RALLY

APRIL 22nd to the 25th, 2004
Spring Valley Frontier Campground
9580 Collette Road

Waynesville, Ohio 45068

Web Site - www.gocampingamerica.com/springvalley

(Camping Fee -\$17.85 Night, Rally Fee - \$12.00) - (Full Hookups), (Propane available)
(Bring "Firewood" for Fellowship Campfires Friday and Saturday Evenings)
(Campground Phone # 937 488 1127)

Friday	9:00 AM 4:30 PM	Line up for tour. (Details TBA) Line up for dinner - We will leave to go to dinner at Der Dutchman. (Dutch Treat?)
Saturday	8:00-9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM 7:30 PM	Breakfast - OJ, French Toast, Sausage, Coffee - Bring your own utensils. Registration - Pay Rally Fee, Pay Camping Fee. Business Meeting Lunch - on your own Soup Dinner - Bring Salad (A -M) or Desert (N -to Z) and a Soup Bowl and utensils. Auction - Silent first - make your bids on slips of paper and place under the item. Then, for those items not yet sold, a traditional auction will be held, led by Don Kendig. <u>Please bring lots of items to enter in the auction, such as: items from your garage or basement that you no longer have use for, baked goods, jams, jellies, or those items you were talked into buying at last years auction.</u> (This is a money making project for the Club)
Sunday	9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Church Service - Marlynn Knollman Potluck Lunch

Don't forget to bring your Pennies to this rally for the International Rally Youth Project. There will be a container there to place them in and Janet Kendig will assure they get to the International Treasurer.

Please Call us (by Wednesday April 21st) to let us know you are coming!
Dave or Laura Starr 513-683-8447 or Al or JoAnn Fluegeman 513-948-1992
Let us know the length of your rig. (This helps us in our planning)

DIRECTIONS **From Cincinnati**

North on US 42 toward Waynesville, 5.5 miles past SR 73, turn right (East) on Roxanna New Burlington Road, go 1.8 miles to Pence Jones Road, go right (South) 0.8 miles to Collete Road, go right (West) 0.2 miles to campground on the left.

From Dayton

East on US 35 toward Xenia, Right on South Xenia By-pass, Right (South) on US 42 toward Waynesville, go 7 miles to Roxanna Burlington Road, turn left and follow above directions

SPECIAL DATES

MARCH / APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jim Wilhite—3/1
Jack Eidemiller—3/6
William Rellar—3/9
Robert Kaemmerer—3/10
David Lowrey—3/11
Susan Bailey—3/15
Jean Carroll—3/17
Ed Raymond—3/17
Pat Miller—3/24
Karen Turner—3/25
Curt Gamble—3/25
Judy Balanger—3/27
Ethyl Green—3/28
John Turner—4/1
Tom Miller—4/2
Mary Hack—4/4
Bill bailey—4/4
Bernice Feldman—4/4
Constance Malone—4/22
Gordon McOwen—4/22

MARCH / APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Vi Holman—54 Years
John & Mildred keener—50 Years
Michael & Carole Gunn—43 Years
Ed & Margaret Raymond—28 Years
Bill & Nancy Engeman—17 Years
John P. & Francie Williams Jr.—6 Years

Is your Birthday or Anniversary missing from this list?

If so, let us know! Please contact David Lowrey so we can add you to the list. Contact info is on the front page of this newsletter.

2004 DIRECTORY

The 2004 COU Directory has been printed. In order to save postage, we will hand them out at the Soup Rally in April. If you don't attend the Soup Rally, then it will be mailed to you.

If you have friends/neighbors that will be at the Soup Rally, please ask them to pick up your directory for you.

OFFICERS

President: Al Fluegeman
1st Vice President: John Turner
2nd Vice President: Karen Turner
Secretary: Janet Kendig
Treasurer: Joyce Grawe
Past President: Bill Grawe
King & Queen: Jack & Donna Eidemiller

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

NOT ENOUGH TIME?

If your weekends are as busy as ours, you find that sometimes you don't have enough time to attend an entire Unit Rally.

If this is the case, why not just drive up for a day?

The drive to Waynesville for the Soup Rally really isn't very far. The Business Meeting starts at 10AM. Then plan to stay for the wonderful Soup dinner (remember to bring a soup bowl, plate and utensils). Following Dinner is our annual Auction fund raiser. Be sure to bring items to donate and money to spend!

Please plan to attend. We would love to see you!