



# NEWS AND VIEWS

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CINCINNATI OHIO UNIT

APRIL 2003

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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**

**YOUTH RALLY  
JUNE 5-8  
FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS  
BROOKVILLE, INDIANA**

*MARK  
YOUR CALENDAR*

## OFFICERS

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<b>Donald Boehm:</b>	2002 - 2003
<b>Edward Raymond:</b>	2003 - 2004
<b>Dave Lowrey:</b>	2003 - 2004

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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

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"Valentine's" Breakfast in March.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



As you might have expected, the Valentines Day Breakfast was postponed because of snow and ice and bad weather, although Charlie and Marlynn Knollman, Jerry and Mary Hack plus Joyce and I did show up. You can tell who are the true buffet aficionados. We did have a make-up breakfast on March 15. We had about 25 people attend and it was a pleasure to see everyone again. The breakfast was excellent and included custom made omelets. The room separation worked very well. See the photos.

Dave Lowrey passed out the new directories, and will bring the rest to the Soup Rally. If you are not able to attend and you have not received yours by mail, please call or write or e-mail Dave, and he will send it right away. We have a heavier than usual directory this time and want to save the as much of the \$3.00 postage as possible.

The Soup Rally is on the horizon at the new site, The Spring Valley Frontier Camp. You will find the directions in the newsletter. It is important to call Dave Starr if attending, and let him know the size of your unit. The campground wants to be sure to hold enough large sites for us. Be sure and bring your extra "treasures" for the auction. I look forward to seeing how much stuff JoAnn and Al Fluegeman can get in their van.

As of the first week in April, we only have space for 5 more units at our Tall Stacks/Turkey Special Events Rally. **It is necessary for our Unit members to pre-register just like our guests.** So if you are planning to come, please register now! Don't get left out.

The Region 4 Computer Rally runs May 11 - 16 in Van Wert, Ohio. This is a great rally and you will find the answers to those annoying computer issues. Lots of one on one help is always available. And, there is that great steak place, "Lock 16". A registration coupon is in the latest Blue Beret. We'll be there covering the basics of Windows and perhaps, Quicken.

The Region 4 Rally is the following week May 19 - 25 at Xenia Ohio. For us this is a working Rally, as our Unit and the Miami Valley Unit are responsible for Tours and Greeters. Jane Sheets has listed the potential tour sites and once chosen, we are to lead a motor caravan to these sites. This is in addition to our standing Propane Safety and Security duties. A coupon is in the latest Blue Beret and you can save a few bucks by sending it in this month.

A Business Meeting will be held at the Soup Rally. We need to vote on proposed amendments to the International WBCCI Constitution and any COU business issues. The executive committee will also meet prior to the full club business meeting and select a Primary and Alternate Delegate to the WBCCI International Board of Trustees (IBT) Meeting in Vermont plus any COU issues. The IBT amendments will be posted at the Rally for your review.

See you there!

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### A Note 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](mailto:dave_lowrey@yahoo.com), or send me mail (my address is in the Directory).

### Knitted Hats For the Needy

Now is the time to start knitting those hats to be given to the Social Services folks at the International Rally in Burlington, Vermont.



## COU MEMBER RECIPES

Submitted by: Sandra J Leonard



### VEGETABLE SOUP

Shared by: **Mary Alice & Don 'Boomer' Boehm**

Boomer says this is a very good soup and quick to make.

Yield: 8 – 10 servings

1 1/2 lbs. ground beef or turkey, browned and drained well

1 large onion, chopped

2 cans (no. 1) tomatoes, chopped

1 envelope onion soup mix, dried

8 oz. cans tomato sauce

4 cups water

2 Tablespoons brown sugar

2 16 oz. pkgs. Frozen mixed vegetables

Soft cook onions, add beef/turkey and cook until done. Add the rest in any order and cook until done. I usually cook for two to three hours.

### A VERY EASY ANGEL FOOD CAKE DESSERT

Shared by: **Marne & Bob Kaemmerer**

Yield: 10 – 12 servings

Mix one package angel food cake mix, (please choose a “1-step” package, not one with 2 bags) with 20 oz. can crushed pineapple *with* the juice in an 8” x 13” ungreased pan. Yes, mix it all right in the pan.

Bake for 30 minutes or so at 300 - 350° (check the package baking directions) until brown. Serve the pieces of cake with Cool Whip.

### CHOPPED APPLE CAKE

Shared by: **Betty & John Knollman**

Yield: 10 - 12 servings

4 cups apples, chopped

1 cup raisins

1 cup nuts, coarse chopped

2 1/2 cups flour

2 cups sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

3/4 cup shortening

2 teaspoons vanilla

2 eggs, beaten

Cream shortening and sugar, add eggs and vanilla. Sift flour and dry ingredients and add to the creamed mixture. Then add apples, nuts and raisins. Butter pans using one 9” x 13” pan or two loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 45 to 60 minutes. Cake may be iced or left plain. Either way is delicious.

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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## MEMBER HINTS, TIPS & SHARING

(The new Member Sez...)

Submitted by: Sandra J Leonard



### TRAILER REFINISHING:

Shared by: Sonny Thompson

All the information below came from former member Jim Sheppard.

I used the following stuff to remove the plastic coating from my trailer:

Parks Pro Stripper #`1513 (1 gallon can)

Paint Brush

Parks Epoxy and Lacquer Thinner #2213 (1 gallon can)

A plastic scraper

Water

Rags

Rubber gloves

Turtle Wax Rubbing Compound

Heavy Duty Cleaner (To put the shine back on the surface you are refinishing.)

Plastic sheeting for protection

Masking tape (\*) that will not damage the finish you are trying to protect to hold the plastic sheet.

(\*) It has been recommended to me that you should buy the type of masking tape that automotive repair shops use to hold the plastic instead of the cheap stuff. The cheap stuff kind of wants to take the good plastic coat off when you remove it.

**NOTE: PLEASE** make sure that you remove or protect the dark stone guards as the stripper will really do a job on them. If you do damage them, Dayton Plastic will replace them for you, however, they will not be as dark as the present.

I plan on painting the top of my trailer white using the following paint that I purchased from Quality Farm & Fleet:

Gray Primer #085407 (1 quart)

Gloss White #085472 (1 gallon)

Both of these paints are Truck and Tractor Enamel Paints and can be used to cover aluminum surfaces per the directions on the labels. You should rough up the surface with an abrasive material prior to applying the primer with a brush, roller or spray gun which should help it to stick better.

The number panels and other surfaces that I am refinishing, I will use plastic coat which you can get from Airstream in one gallon containers at about \$35.00. I hear that you can apply this with a roller. I will let you know at a later date if this is true after I talk to Airstream.

Another tidbit of information: Advance Auto Parts or Pep Boys has a Royal Blue Paint #1134 which is the color of the paint on older trailers and Charcoal Gray #1543 which is the color of the trim on the bottom and frame of our trailers, in spray cans.

### Dues Increase

Our Treasurer, Betty Knollman, asked me to post a reminder that the Membership, at the Turkey Rally business meeting, approved raising the Unit's dues, effective with the 2004 registrations, to \$15 a year. This increase is needed to cover increases in copying, mailing and other services.

## SUNSHINE REPORT

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

**Sandra Leonard** - who had a heart attack on March 27th and is now recovering at home.

**Charles Lane** - who is recovering from a recent stroke.

**John Knollman** - who is recovering from surgery.

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

**Al Wilson** - who is recovering from recent knee surgery.

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

**Rudy Baker** - who's throat problem has resurfaced.

**Charles Knollman** - who is receiving treatment for lung cancer.

**James Moss** - who is being treated for prostate cancer at Loma Linda University Medical Center in California.

## THANKS

Dave & Laura Starr wish to say "Thanks!" to all of the folks who sent cards, called, and prayed for our recovery during our recent hospitalizations.

## "SPECIAL DAYS"

### Anniversaries

John P. & Francie Williams	4-4	5 years
Michael & Carole Gunn	4-15	42 years
Bill & Nancy Engeman	4-25	16 years

### Birthdays

John Turner	4-1
Tom Miller	4-2
Bill Bailey	4-4
Bernice Feldman	4-4
Mary Hack	4-4
Gordon McOwen	4-22
Constance Malone	4-22
Charles Dinn	4-29

## The "Full Timer's" Report



*Editor's Note: John Voigtlander is now living full time in his Airstream. He has agreed to send us articles on various subjects that might be of interest to anyone else who is considering "Full-Timing".*

I just finished my extensive research on options open to RVer's, especially full-timers, on Internet hookup possibilities.

I looked at 1-way satellites (weather can cause trouble), 2-way satellites (very expensive hardware \$3-5000) and researched campgrounds with Internet access (not that many). I believe at present the best option is using one cell phone just to browse the Internet and do your email with.

There are two types of cell phone Internet access. Most carriers offer standard connectivity, but that is slow, with a normal maximum connect speed of 14.4K. The better option is the new High Speed Digital Internet access. This offers speeds that approach what you can get with home Cable or DSL broadband access.

Verizon Wireless, at present, appears to have the most to offer. They are expanding their high speed service area monthly. Cincinnati area was one of the first areas to receive and test the high speed Express Network service.

This is my present setup. I have Verizon Cell Phone #1 which is programmed strictly for the Internet. The phone is cabled into either my HP PC Laptop or my Apple/Macintosh Graphic tower computer through an open USB port. The phone becomes a high speed modem. I use either Netscape 7 or Internet Explorer 6 to browse the Internet. One can use any email programs. I use the Verizon High Speed Express network as my ISP which to date has never given me less than 230K as compared to a max of 56K from a dialup modem. If I happen to be out of a high speed area, the rate drops to a crawling 14.4K. This phone gives me unlimited time 24/7 for \$99 a month and no hardware or startup costs. I have been very impressed with the consistency of the Verizon service here and the Verizon service personnel.

Verizon Cell Phone #2 costs me \$39 month & it gives me no long distance costs anywhere in the US. I have 400 anytime minutes, unlimited weekends, & 1000 minutes between 5pm-7AM during the week.

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# THE "OHIO BICENTENNIAL" SOUP RALLY

**APRIL 24th to the 27th, 2003**  
**Spring Valley Frontier Campground**

**9580 Collette Road**  
**Waynesville, Ohio 45068**  
**937 862 4510**

**Web Site - <http://www.gocampingamerica.com/springvalley>**

**Camping Fee -\$17.85 Night, Rally Fee - \$12.00 - (Full Hookups)**  
**(Propane available at \$1.70/ gal.+tax)**

**Bring "Firewood" for Fellowship Campfires Friday and Saturday Evenings**  
**Bring and wear your "Bicentennial" clothes**

<b>Friday</b>	9:00 AM	Line up for tour.(Details TBA)
	1:00 PM	History Book work session. Bring ideas and photos of Turkey Rally, Christmas Party and Valentine's Brunch for inclusion in the 2002-3 History book.
	4:30 PM	Line up for dinner - Der Dutchman Restaurant
	7:00 PM	"Bicentennial Competition" Come dressed in your Bicentennial attire and be prepared to compete in the "Bicentennial" competition. Awards will be presented to the Bicentennial event winners plus an award to the best dressed bicentennial lady and gentleman. Colonial dancing will follow.
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast - OJ, Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee - Bring your own utensils.
	9:00 AM	Registration - Pay Rally Fee, Pay Camping Fee.
	10:00 AM	Business Meeting
	12:00 Noon	Lunch on your own
	1:00 PM	History Book work session. Bring ideas and photos of Turkey Rally, Christmas Party and Valentine's Brunch for inclusion in the 2002-3 History book.
	5:00 PM	Soup Dinner - Bring Salad (A -M) or Desert (N -to Z) and a Soup Bowl and utensils.
7:30 PM	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. Please bring lots of items to enter in the auction. Those 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. (This is a money making project for the Club)	
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM	Church Service - Marlynn Knollman
	11:30 AM	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 Dave or Laura Starr @ 513-683-8447 by Wednesday April 23rd, to let us know you are coming!**  
**(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 Collette Road, go right (West) 0.2 miles to campground on the left.

### **From Dayton**

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