



REGION 8 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

WOW !!! What a great time we had at Region 8 Rally in Osceola, even with all the rain and mud. I hope everyone had a good time going back to the 50's.

A special Thank You to all the Units for your part in making the rally go smoothly, there are some special people I would like to recognize. Nancy Helle, for your part in the soup supper; Kathy Allen, for organizing the tours of the state capital in Des Moines; Dan and Debra Doll for a Great Sock Hop, they drove up from KC on Friday for the evening; and not to be forgotten Cheryl Sisk and the Nebraska unit for decorating the stage.

For those not at the rally we have a new Region 2nd VP, Mike Sisk. Welcome aboard Mike and Cheryl we look forward to working with you in the future.

Nancy Helle is in cardiac rehab waiting for further instructions from her doctors, we wish her well.

This has been our longest stretch at home for some time, getting caught up on some HoneyDo's, it will soon be time to head to International in Michigan , and a couple of weeks home, and then on to the Southwest Caravan.

Don't forget to get your reservations in for next year's Region 8 Rally in Branson; Beth has a fun time planned.

See You in Escanaba – Gary & Linda

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE –

Wow, what a short three years this has been! It seems like only yesterday that Glenn had me cornered at Kirksville, selling me the joys of being a Regional officer. I sincerely appreciate the support that you all have given me over the years. I really look forward to the next two years of service to WBCCI.

As I told all of you at our rainy region rally, our 2018 rally will be at Branson, Missouri. There is a full page of additional information about that rally attached to this newsletter, so I won't say anything more here. I know we will have a great time. As I said at the region rally, this next region rally will be the restart of the old annual "Branson Musicland" rally that was conceived and hosted by Charlie Kennedy, Don Sutton and Joe Bubliss a few years back. It is our intent to revive this rally and make it a national event or special event rally sponsored by Region 8 and will be open to all WBCCI members. Region 8 was lacking a national or special event rally, and has been encouraged by the International Board to develop one. During the time that Charlie, Don and Joe, hosted the other rally, members from 34 of the 50 states were represented. Region 8 being in the center of the U.S. is located perfectly to host a rally of this type.

We all had so much fun at Osceola, some of us more than others. During the sock hop, you may remember that I literally hit the floor during "The Twist". I didn't think I fell that hard, but evidently I did, and have recently had a series of x-rays to see what is going on. I was "pleased" to find out that there was nothing broken or out of place, but my arthritis has now been labeled as "degenerative". Oh Joy!

Please have a safe journey wherever you go this summer! Beth & David

INCOMING 1ST VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE –

What a great rally Gary and Linda had in Osceola! They pulled off a good one, but as we know, it takes a team. Our hats off to all who worked to make it great: The Great Members of Region 8!

Soon we will be heading to Escanaba Michigan for the International Rally, meeting friends and fellow campers. From what I hear, this will be a true camping experience as they have run out of hook-ups and even space! But there will be water deliveries and pump-outs for all who need that. As we proved last summer in Lewisburg, we are flexible and will pitch in where needed. There are pre- and post-rally caravans being organized. I believe Ed Knerenshield's caravan is filled. As usual, Ed has a great caravan planned. Thanks, Ed!

Lana and I had the privilege of participating in the "Georgia Plantations and More" caravan and had a great time. We now understand what constitutes a "plantation". Some were grand and some were rather humble but all showed a great deal of organization and ingenuity that enabled them to adjust to changing times. We also visited the Uncle Remus Museum (Eatonton GA), Plains, Georgia (home of former President and Mrs. Carter), and ate the best "fried

peanuts” ever (Spanish peanuts to us). There is nothing like eating food close to where it is produced; also arts, musicals, tours, museums, food and new friends. We were on the standby list for this caravan, but received an email that said that there was an open space for us if we could be ready. And we were.

We were also on the standby list for the Southwest Adventure caravan, but received word that we had our choice of 2017 or the 2018 caravan. We plan to go this year. We look forward to seeing you in Escanaba. Travel safely. Dwight and Lana Olson

INCOMING 2ND VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE –

Beth and Dwight now have a new “side kick,” aka 2nd Vice President.

I’d been reading old Region 8 Newsletters and saw Beth and Dwight were asking for a volunteer to be the 2nd VP. I thought no way, yet here I am ready to take on the duties. I know there is a lot to learn so bear with me as I get up to speed. I am presently the President of the Nebraska Unit and will remain in that capacity until October. The success of the region and its officers depends on all members to step up and do what they can.

I’m a second generation Airstreamer. My parents, Wendell and Shirley Sisk, were active members and I saw firsthand the enjoyment they got out of belonging to WBCCI.

Cheryl and I will take our first national caravan this summer on the Canadian Rocky Mountains Caravan. I’ve met many of you at the Region Rallies Cheryl and I have attended and hope to meet many more in the coming years.

Short Bio - Graduated from the University of Missouri 1973; Married Cheryl Acheson in 1974; lived in Olathe, KS, Manchester, MO and Omaha, NE (last 28 years); two daughters/sons-in-law and 6 grandkids. I retired from the U. S. General Services as Director of the Nebraska Field Office. Cheryl retired from Millard Public Schools as an Administrative Assistant. My hobbies include travel, playing ice hockey, playing bass guitar in Praise Band at church and in garage band. Cheryl enjoys travel, reading and gardening.

Have a great summer and safe travels wherever you go!

Mike and Cheryl Sisk

REGION 8 BREAKFAST AT INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Our annual Region 8 Breakfast will be on July 22nd at 7:30 a.m. at the Ruth Butler Building at the Fairgrounds in Escanaba. The cost will be the same as last year, being \$12.50 per person. The menu is scrambled eggs, hash browns, and a choice of meat, toast, coffee and juice. If you did

not get your tickets at the Region Rally and want to attend, please contact Beth at bpoooh49@gmail.com so I can at least get you on the list. I will collect your money at International. Our International President and First Lady, Richard and Jan Girard, will be in attendance, and in fact, have rescheduled the first important meeting of the day so that they can join us.

INTERNATIONAL COLOR – If you want to coordinate with the decorations at international this year, **purple** is the color! Our International First Lady, Jan Girard, has chosen this color to remember those who have suffered with pancreatic cancer.

HELP NEEDED

Our President, Gary, recently received this request from an International Committee Chairman:

Dear Region Presidents,

I am writing to seek your help in securing WBCCI Judges for the 2017 Unit Publication Contest. So far I have one Judge from Region 12 & several from Region 9.

I would appreciate it very much if you would contact the members from your region that will be attending the International Rally to see if you could get at least two members from your region to judge the contest.

Entries for the contest must be submitted by 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 22nd and the judging will take place from noon to 3:00 pm on Monday, July 24th.

Attached is the article that was in the May Blue Beret plus the contest Rules & Regulations.

In addition to regular judges I'm looking for about four (4) French reading judges to judge entries submitted in French. If you have members in your region that read French we need their help! Last year we received a Newsletter in French that we could not judge because we didn't have any judge that could read French!

Should you have members available to Judge the WBCCI portion on these entries please have them contact me via e-mail, MLWBELL@AOL.COM.

Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated!

Sincerely,
Myrtle W. Bell, Chair
2017 Unit Publications Contest Committee
MLWBELL@AOL.COM

ANNOUNCED AT REGION RALLY

The Table & Chairs Committee is also looking for volunteers during the International Rally. This committee is responsible for setting up tables and chairs for the various classes and activities throughout the week. It may just be an hour a day.

Please contact Bruce or Gail Harrower at Airstream4478@gmail.com

REGION 8 HAS ALWAYS STEPPED UP AND SERVED IN A VARIETY OF CAPACITIES AT OUR INTERNATIONAL RALLIES. LET'S KEEP UP THE TRADITION!

“DOWN ON THE FARM” Region 8 Vintage Rally September 28 – October 1, 2017

Location: Home of David & Beth McCall
16421 McIntyre Road, Leavenworth, Kansas

Spend a few nights in the country, where the deer and the antelopes.... No, no antelopes here.... where the deer and the coyotes play. Get woke up by the schizophrenic rooster. Visit a diversified fruit, vegetable and livestock farm owned by Beth's family just down the road. Attend the local farmer's market, do a special vintage project, sit by the bonfire, enjoy the quiet and eat well.

This will be a boon docking rally. You will be parking in the hay field (newly cut) just to the south of the house. Water will be available, and a dump will be possible prior to leaving. If there is rain, a tractor is available. Our meetings and group meals will be in the barn where Moby spends his winters.

More details will become available later this summer, but if you are interested in attending, please contact Beth at bpooh49@gmail.com. We will need your reservation email by September 1st so that we can plan meals and other fun stuff. If you wish to come a day early or stay a day late, no problem; there isn't any parking fee!

Additional information, like directions to home, will be sent out to those attending closer to the rally date.

It was pointed out to me in the last hours of the region rally that I had put the year “2018” on the notice that was available at Osceola. Obviously, it is this year.

**“A BIT OF BRANSON”
REGION 8 RALLY – 2018
April 26-29**

Location: America’s Best Campground (in the hills just north of Branson)

This campground provides level gravel/paved spaces with full hookups, and cable TV and Wi-Fi!

Arrival time is no earlier than noon and checkout is no later than 11:00 a.m.

The rally fee will include:

3 nights parking

Welcome BBQ

Bus Tour with step on guides for the College of the Ozarks – a true inspiration for education

Lunch served by students of the college

Afternoon performance by the Sons of Britches

Breakfast prior to Region meeting

Attend evening performance of The Haygoods – currently the No. 1 act in Branson

Plus access to both the Pavilion and the Game Room at various times throughout our stay

Enough free time to experience many of the sights and sounds of Branson

Plus – well, you never know what else may pop up

Rally Fee:

Remember, this rally includes parking with full hookups with extras, tours, meals and shows. It will be a bit more expensive than previous years, but I think you will thoroughly enjoy your time in Branson.

Rally Fee: Couple: \$315.00 Single: \$225.00 Additional person: \$135.00

Making the Reservation and Additional Important Information:

A few of you jumped the gun and called the campground before we even had the final costs set up. That’s ok. I’m working with the staff to clear up any confusion.

Please be aware that the list that was passed around the region rally does not guarantee you a reservation. I wanted to see what the interest was in this location. After the rally, I upped the total spaces to 60 but already have 50 on the list. Your registration will not be secured until the registration form and payment have been received. When we get close to 50 registrations, I will contact any of those on the list that I have not heard from and see what their plans may be.

After our region rally, and finding out how many were interested in this location, I had another discussion with the group coordinator at the campground. We have decided that the best way to handle these reservations is for our treasurer, June Ryan to receive the reservation from the members, then she or I will send the group coordinator an email with a copy of the registration, the coordinator will assign a space, and then either she or I will notify you that it has been received so that you can contact the campground to request any additional days at \$33.00 per day. (I'm sure June and I will become even closer friends during this period of time.)

There will also be a Pay Pal account set up for this rally, but additional charges will be added to the rally amount for using Pay Pal.

This all being said, attached is a reservation form with the information that the campground requires. The sooner you make your reservation, the better. I know that it is difficult to plan that far ahead, but refunds will be available until March 20, which is the final day to register.

I also want to advise you that there are cabins available at the campground, but that choice is a bit more expensive. If a cabin would be needed, we will be able to work that out too if you register soon.

Of course, if you have any questions, please contact me at bpooh49@gmail.com or 913-683-2458.



Watch for a picture similar to this in the Blue Beret in the future! We sure had fun!

**REGION 8 RALLY
"A BIT OF BRANSON
April 26-29, 2018**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____ Membership # _____ Unit # _____

Address _____

Phones: Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Other than those named above, will there be any additional person(s) with you? _____ How many? _____

Name(s) _____

Trailer _____ Motorhome _____ Length of Rig _____ 30 amp _____ 50 amp _____

Number of Slides _____ which side? _____ (There are trees!)

Need Handicapped Parking? _____ Do you have a dog? _____

Will there be extra days added to your reservation? _____

Special dietary needs (info needed by caterer) _____

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Please send this form, with a check made payable to "Region 8 – WBCCI", to June Ryan at P.O. Box 232, Birmingham, Iowa 52535 **OR register** on line at the Region 8 website. If you register on line an additional \$10.00 will be charged.

After November 6, 2017, send your registration to June Ryan, 11313 E. BOISE # 48, APACHE JUNCTION, AZ 85120

Registrations must be received by March 20, 2018. No refunds will be issued after March 26 – unless it is an emergency. This is due to the reservation for camp space, shows and meals.