



## REGION 8 NEWSLETTER

### SPECIAL RALLY EDITION

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### “50 AND STILL ROLLING”

April 26-30, 2017

Clarke County Fairgrounds

Osceola, Iowa

Yep, it's that time! In just a couple weeks, we will be gathering in Iowa for our 50<sup>th</sup> Region Rally! This newsletter is just to give you a few details and reminders of what you need to bring, what plans have been made, and a few insights into the surrounding area.

After you have reviewed all the information contained and still have a question or two, please do not hesitate to contact one of the presidency. And if we don't know the answer, we will find out.

All of the units have been assigned specific duties for this rally. If you have any questions about your assignment, please contact Gary at the above email address.

**SO LET'S GET STARTED!**

## REGISTRATION

If you haven't registered, please do so now! Since it is now after April 1<sup>st</sup>, the rally fee has increased to \$260. June Ryan, our treasurer, will be in Arizona for another week so if you send it immediately, it may get there before she leaves. However just to be safe, you may want to send it to her address in Iowa, which is on the mail in form. Or you can register on line. Do this quickly, there are only ten spots left!

Registration for the rally at:



Mail: <http://region8.wbcci.net/region-8-rally/> for a form to print out

PayPal: <http://region8.wbcci.net/region-8-rally/on-line-registration/> to register and pay online

## GETTING THERE

### CARAVANS....

Many of you have organized caravans to come to the rally. If you have not notified the rally parking chairman, Chuck Helle of the Iowa Unit of your plans to all arrive together, please do so. His phone number is 319-885-4413 (home) and 319-240-4880 (cell).

### AND OTHERS....

If you have Google Maps or some other type of locator on your mobile phone, don't rely on it. When David and I tested the address; my phone lead me to a parking lot behind McDonald's and David's lead us to the hospital.

The fairgrounds are to the west of I-35 on State 34 Highway on the south side. There is an access road parallel to 34 highway, with two other access points. **If you see that there is a bottle neck at the main entrance to the fairgrounds, you may want to take one of the road access points and sit on the side road until you are able to enter.**

IF YOU ARE COMING FROM THE SOUTH ON 35:

- At Cameron, Missouri at the intersection of I-35 and State 36 on the east side are two gas stations that can handle big rigs. The one on the north side of the road has a full service restaurant; on the south side are a Wendy's and a Baskin Robbins.
- There are good sized gas stations at the Bethany, Missouri exit AND a Dairy Queen across the street.
- If you have been camping prior to this rally, please be aware that there is a major rest stop just north of Lamoni, Iowa. Not only it is a tourist center, where you can pick up a new map, get a drink or snack, picnic or go to the restroom; it can handle big rigs and **has a dump station**. The picnic area has historical signs and paths leading you to an overview of the Grand River. A great place to stretch your legs.
- Just before the Osceola exit is another rest stop that also has a dump station.

IF YOU ARE COMING FROM THE NORTH ON 35:

- At Story City there is a big parking lot behind McDonald’s on the south side of the street. From there, not only can you go to McDonalds but also KFC, Taco Bell and a full service restaurant. Across the main street is a Subway. There is also Pizza Hut and Dairy Queen farther down the road. Two gas stations are close by and we have gotten our 30’ trailer in both of them.
- Just north of Ankeny there is a brand new rest stop, big, beautiful and clean.

Now, if you are coming from the east or west, I may be able to help with a question or two, as we have driven many of the secondary roads, coming from and going to Minnesota. So if you want to know about a specific road or area, please contact me, and if I don’t know the answer, I’ll call Pat Shaw (let’s see if she really reads this newsletter).

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**\*\*\*Your Rig – Needs to come with full water tanks & empty gray/black tanks!\*\*\***

**This is important!!!**

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### **WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING!**

#### **COOKIE TIME**

Each unit is to bring 5 dozen cookies for the hospitality table.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Don’t forget your donations of:

Blankets, Hats, Stuffed Animals, Aluminum Tabs and Non-Perishable Items for a local food bank. **Please count your Blankets, Hats and Stuffed Animals prior to turning them in and give the totals to Glenn Waters, Community Service Chairman.** He will weigh the tabs.

Also, don’t forget your Common Cents Donation, with checks made out to WBCCI Region 8. Region 8 has been one of the top contributors to Common Cents at the International Rally. The last two years, we have been in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, only being beat by Region 12.

#### **FIRST EVENING**

We are having a dump soup and salad supper **Wednesday evening**, April 26.

**EVERYONE** is to bring a can of soup plus a can for the food pantry. **DO NOT BRING CREAM SOUPS.** Bring soup cans to the building upon arrival to the fairground. We plan to eat at 5 PM. Bring table service and beverage.

**Also, those people with the last name beginning with A-O need to bring a salad on Wednesday Evening.**

**Those beginning with P-Z bring a salad Friday at the lunch.** Any questions Linda Rush 573-286-7665

## TOURS AND PLACES TO SEE

Your welcome bag will contain lots of information about the area and places to see. **Thursday there will be an organized tour to the Iowa State Capitol Building in Des Moines.** Our own Scott Allen was one of the architects for the revitalization of the capitol building. The Kansas City Unit did a caravan to the Region 8 Capitals a few years back and he gave us a great tour of the building. It is simply amazing. Other nearby places includes John Wayne's boyhood home and museum and the Bridges of Madison County. Please sign up for any of the tours that will be available, or jump in a car with friends and go on a road trip. Iowa is full of great things to see.

## SOCK HOP DUDS

If you want to be part of the "in" crowd on Friday night, you will need **to bring your white T-shirts and jeans, letter jackets, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, white bobby socks and neck scarves.** We will be rockin' and rollin' to the old tunes, and the Kansas City Unit says they will have some additional fun activities that will take you back to your teenage years.

## IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYTHING .....

There is a Walmart just two blocks away.

**Final notes** – The presidency wants you to have a great experience at Osceola, and we think you will. There will be many surprises, much laughter, and good food. We have the usual drawing for prizes in the evening followed by ice cream!

This little town has what we need without the noise of the big city. You'll be able to look up at the stars at night and they won't be blocked out by a big box store parking lot lights ... never mind, I forgot about Walmart.

Owls and coyotes will sing you to sleep. Oh, wait a minute..... I forgot about the train.....across the highway. Oh well, what's an RV park without a train whistle.

See you in Osceola – Beth (and David) (and Gary & Linda and Dwight & Lana)