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Thanks to all for serving Region 8!



President's Message

56th WBCCI International Rally, Huron, SD

The International Rally was a treat compared to past rallies in the Dakotas. With exception of one major storm the weather was reasonable and often cool and pleasant.

Region 8 Airstreamers are dedicated and reliable supporters of WBCCI and the Int. Rally. After our fun filled rally in Hutchinson many members traveled to Huron for the Int. Rally. Early workers from Region 8 could be seen doing all sorts of jobs in Huron. Many Region 8 members worked under the following Chairmen. Chairman include Paul Ryan with Parking and Traffic Control and his crew who met us on arrival; Nancy Helle and crew in the Post Office; Gary Rush, Vehicle Pro-

curement; Sharon Waters and her copy center crew; Don Sutton in the WBCCI Store; Dale & Joan Lafrentz, registration; Michael Allen, Bicycle Excursions; Chuck Kiple and Marion Pember, Caravan and Caravan Promotions; JoAnn Kolley & crew in Purchasing; Ed Knernschield, Early Worker Caravan and tours; Beth McCall, First Timers and 3 other presentations; Chuck & Doris Cabalka Food Service Canteen; Norm Beu, Opening and Closing Ceremonies; Kay Corder, CB which ended with this rally; Linda Beu, Floral Bouquets; Darrell Waters, Master of Ceremonies, 20/20 Committee and Band. Leonard Sullivan, Media Liaison and band. Betty Sullivan, Ethics & Grievance and IBT Refreshment Coordinator; Richard Jirus, Legislative; June Ryan, Budget Officer and Site Liaison; and Fred Steurer, Wifi & Sound. Thanks to all for their volunteerism.

All Region 8 Unit President's or representatives were available for Opening Ceremonies and the Delegate's meeting. One nomination from the floor was received for the nominating committee. Anne Werth was nominated and elected. All other International officers were elected by unanimous consent. The motor home motion failed.



Down the Trail

It seems like it was yesterday that I became your 2nd Vice President and now as of a week ago I am 1st Vice President. I would like to thank Fred and Dottie for their past six years of service to our region. I discovered at Huron

Glenn Waters 1st Vice President

this year that air-streams attract other things besides hot weather. It has been said at other International sites that it has never been this hot here before. I think we broke that record at Huron because the weather was not bad at all. That is until the storm came on Friday afternoon. We now can claim, especially after Norm's rally 2 years ago when we had a tornado come thru that the silver can bring on tornados. I heard that there were 2 seen over Huron. No damage to any trailers or motorhomes were reported. Just another adventure at an International.

I usually put something in the article about where I have been. I have not been there yet but tomorrow I start on the Viking Caravan. The only thing I can tell you now is DO NOT travel on I-90 and I-80 thru Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. There are toll roads and you can drop 100 dollars on them very fast.

See you down the road, Glenn.
(Stay tuned, we will hear more about the Viking Caravan in upcoming Newsletters.)

Legislative Report

The Iowa legislature just passed a "catch-all" bill to punish RV purchasers that set up dummy organizations in other states to avoid paying Iowa sales taxes. If found guilty, the person must not only pay the sales tax, but will be fined an amount equal to twice the sales tax.

Richard Jerus



Serendipity & Airstream Adventures

Serendipity means a "happy accident" or "pleasant surprise". . .

Paul Lloyd, 2nd Vice President

Specifically, the good fortune of finding something good or useful while not searching for it. Examples are recent International Presidential Themes that shine a light on the serendipity of Airstream adventures. Be the Best You Can Be; Explore – Discover; Adventure is Where you Find It; Where Friends Meet; It's a New Approach. Often, it is the unexpected experiences that are the most rewarding.

Our Airstream adventure had its beginning in the mid 90's, when my work brought Karen and me to my hometown of Denver, Colorado for a six month assignment. Initially, it seemed to be an opportunity to buy a mountain cabin or a second home to serve as our lodging during this time. Serendipitously, we choose instead to purchase our first Airstream travel trailer, a 25-foot portable cabin. Our Airstream was our home for these six months and this was a time when we learned about the RV lifestyle culture and became members of WBCCI.

Equifinality is a systems theory principle (Von Bertalanffy), which put in my own words is defined as "there is more than one way there from here." A couple of years later, the principle of equifinality influenced our Airstream adventure while at an Airstream unit rally in Missouri. While I was walking in the rain with Kody, our Alaskan malamute, a unit officer flagged us down and
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Region 8 Early Workers Caravan

Ed Knernschild, Region 8 Caravan Leader led a group of Early Workers to Huron. The caravan commenced in Higginsville, Missouri with tours to the Civil War Monument in the area. It continued to Brownsville, NE. A highlight at this stop was a visit to the bed and breakfast on a Riverboat in the campground, a local play, "Amy's Wish" starring a couple of students from Wichita State University and a quaint river town with great food. The next stop was Sioux Falls, SD with a trip to the falls that were flowing rapidly and a revisit for many of us who had attended an International Rally at the Fairground where we camped. Day trips included a Fire Truck Company in the middle of the farmland with 300 workers and the EROS (Geographical Satellite Mapping Facility). The next stop was Pipestone MN. We visited the Pipestone Indian Monument where the stone for the pipes were harvested in an earlier day. The picture below is of the Pipestone Monument Waterfalls. From there it was a straight shot down Hwy 14 into Huron. Thanks, Ed for a great caravan.



More about IBT

During the IBT various standing committee chairman reported to the executive board, members in attendance and by streaming to the members linking with wbcci.org. The membership report for the past year stated we gained 65 new members, a 1.1% increase and for the first time in 36 years we have more members than the previous year. Half the new members joined on-line

which suggest efforts to expand on-line renewal and registration may be a productive step in the future. Tracking on-line registration is underway. Region 8 increased by 5.3%.

The Electronic Communication Committee has expanded the wbcci.org website. Forums and electronic newsletter, News and Views as well as reposting electronically educational Electronic sessions held at Huron.

Wounded Warrior Contributions totaled \$48,000 gathered from various activities throughout the membership. WBCCI is to be complimented. In addition \$10,000 was donated by Common Cents to a medically needy boy, Ethan Roth, an 8 year old with a brain tumor. He was present during the rally. The father held him gently in his arms throughout the evening. Of the stuffed animals, 256 small sized were given to the school system for use in the kindergartens.

Great news, a new Unit was approved named "Down Under Unit of Australia". They have 50 members already in this unit. All International Officers want to install the officers in this unit!

Other business included rewording the bylaw related to the IRS and the Unit Constitution, dissolving the RV Parks Committee and the CB Club and appointing a new Chairman for the Membership Committee, Helen Beourgeois; Ethics and Grievance Committee, Karin Kurkowski; Blue Beret, Cecilia Stansbury and Merit Award, Joan Lahr due to the resignation of the current Chairmen. An attempt was made to change the 20/20 Committee title to a Planning Committee. This was not approved.

The International Peace Garden Monument took in \$19,000 this last year. At the current time there is an extreme deadline approaching before the costs rise for the casting of the monument. The current cost for casting is \$27,000. A motion to lend the needed balance from the WBCCI treasury to the project did not pass. Therefore it is up to members to support this worthy WBCCI project.

Please check your Unit Newsletter for awards won by your Unit members. Region 8 did great!

Installation Schedule

This years schedule required some creative planning due to the breadth of dates and extreme sites chosen. Cost of overnight stays on the road for an officer enroute are limited to \$20 per night and mileage which is only partially covered by WBCCI needs to be considered when planning for installations. Thus the following schedule is planned.

Sept.19-22 Oakgrove, MO, KCMO, Paul Lloyd
Sept.19-22 Cape Girardeau, Delta, Glenn
Oct. 3-6 Nebraska at Ord, NE (Fred by Skype)
Oct. 3-6 North Iowa at Albert Lea, MN Glenn
Oct. 11-13 Iowa at Burlington, Leonard
Oct. 17-20 Gr. KS at Abbyville, Leonard
Oct. 17-20 St. Louis at Cape Girardeau, Glenn
Oct. 24-27 MO Gr. Ozark, Eureka Sp. AR, Paul

Please consider a joint installation rally as you plan for the next year. Thanks.

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asked me if I would consider being a candidate for a unit office. This was a surprise to say the least but saying "Yes" to this opportunity for service serendipitously opened more doors to Airstream adventures including Region 8 activities. The journey through the unit offices was an exciting time of friendships, fellowship and fun. This was especially so as we worked together scouting sites for a Unit caravan retracing part of the Trail of Tears that concluded with a stay at the western home of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. These experiences led us to discover that we were Airstreamers for Life.

Then leaping forward a decade, while on a unit caravan at the Sugar Creek Rally in Ohio, I was again walking in the rain, this time with Rascal, our Chocolate Lab who loves to travel, when a region officer approached us and asked if we were going to be home in a little while and that he would like to visit with us. He wanted to know if I would consider being a candidate for 2VP for Region 8. Frankly, it was an overwhelming honor

and privilege to be asked and it was a humbling surprise. This conversation continued for several days while including input from the region nominations committee. I described my life situation to them and the reasons why this was really not a good idea.

As serendipity would have it I was selected as a candidate anyway and subsequently was elected and then installed as Region 8 2VP via Skype at the International Rally in Huron (A New Approach). I was intrigued by the invitation to serve and saw it as a way that I could contribute at a time when Parkinsonism was making some aspects of life difficult. So with the written caveat that anytime my wife or I decide that this is definitely not a good thing, I would resign, the nomination committee approved my candidacy. Now I am easing my way into my 2VP role which is the usual way I approach things in this stage of my life and to the best of my ability am fulfilling my duties and responsibilities with anticipation of learning a great deal about our Airstream club.

Serendipity is a phenomenon that touches all of our lives each day from conception on. Each day we experience thousands of moments and how we respond is our decision. On a large scale, we do not choose our parents or our nationality. Often times our relationships are serendipitous. Looking toward the future of our Airstream journey, I want to help Region 8 Members continue their stellar level of performance and to listen and observe (learn) and then determine how I can best make meaningful contributions.

Wishing each of you the best and look forward to seeing you down the road! *Paul*

NEW MEMBERS

Exciting news! We have gained new members in Region 8 and we look forward to meeting each of you in the near future. We plan to list the new members in the next newsletter. Check out your Unit rallies and meet Airstream friends.

2014 Region 8 Rally Registration

Next year the Region 8 Rally registration can be done on-line. A form is being placed on the Region 8 website for those who wish to register by the internet for the rally in Kirksville, MO. One can still register by mail by check so we are just adding a new option.

April 29-May 4, 2014 we will be "Streamin' to Missouri's North Star" City of Kirksville for the Region 8 Rally. Plan to look forward to some interesting new tours, a hobby show where you can star, and many other fun activities. Put this on your calendar for next April and plan to join fellow Airstreamers in Kirksville.

