



Region 8 Newsletter

March 2015

PRESIDENT	Glenn Waters - gew26499@sbcglobal.net
1 st VICE PRESIDENT	Gary Rush – grush26209@msn.com
2 nd VICE PRESIDENT	Beth McCall – bpooh49@gmail.com
TREASURER	June Ryan – ryan.j.p@juno.com
SECRETARY	Joan Viney – lviney@centurytel.net

NEWS ALERT! NEWS ALERT! – 7 of the 12 Regions in the nation received merit awards..... Region 8 was one of them.... Region 8 tied for second in total number of points.... Yay, whoopee, yahoo!... good job everyone!

A Message from your President

It is time to update you on what went on at the IBT meeting in January at Robstown, Texas. There were a total of nine motions that were brought before the board. Here are the motions and what was done with them:

motion 1 This was to hire Lori Plummer as Corporate Manager of WBCCI. Passed

motion 2 and 3 were about the life time membership. The following changes were made - International President will not get a lifetime membership when he becomes a past president. And the other motion, the reference to discontinuance of the program was removed. Both passed

motion 4 This motion dealt with membership renewal. Members now will only have 6 months to renew. Passed

motions 5 and 6 were withdrawn

motion 7 and 8 were motions dealing with standing committees. There were minor changes made and approved.

motion 9 This motion was to give approval to Richard Girard 2nd VP to sign a contract for the 2017 International Rally at Escanaba Mi. approved. The rally dates may be changed to July 22 - 29, 2017

I look forward to seeing you at our Region 8 Rally . More information about the rally is in the rally section of the newsletter! **Glenn**

A Message from your 1st VP

Punta Gorda, Florida has looked very good so far this winter, we have yet to shovel anything. I only wish all of our Region 8 members could also enjoy it with us.

The Region 8 mini rally is taking shape, some of our non-resident members are starting to arrive. Linda and I would like to thank those here at Paradise Park for making arrangements for tours, golf, and meals , most done while we were at IBT. What a great bunch of people!

Glenn tells me the Rally at Tongonoxie is coming together. Anyone who has not registered do it before April 1 and get the discount. Safe travels, see you at Tongonoxie.

Gary

A Message from your 2nd Vice President

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am sure looking forward to getting on the road. Of course, many of you are already out there and have been all winter. I have gotten many emails and Facebook messages about your great experiences and weather over the last few months, and that sure doesn't make this winter any easier for me. Our time will be coming soon, and I can't wait to see all your smiling faces again.

Our trailer spends its winters in the big red barn visible from our dining room. Moby seems to be content there. David visits him regularly to fix one thing or another. Right now, he is waiting for new brakes. I hope each of you are thinking about spring maintenance on your rigs. We have had our share of experiences, not only with our trailer, but with others, when something is neglected. Please check your rigs as soon as the weather breaks.

Since I am the "home girl" for the county location of our Region Rally, I have been working on the final details to make this an enjoyable rally for all. I hope you enjoy the great food from three different caterers, the great tours, and the small town atmosphere. We have a bunch of surprises planned, some of which you may not have done since you were a kid. I look forward to showing you my hometown! And if we run out of supplies at the fairgrounds; well, not to worry, David & I live only 22 minutes away.

See you soon – Beth

A Message from our Treasurer:

We can't emphasize this enough! Get your registration for region rally in before April 1st to get your \$15.00 discount!!! Registration attached to this newsletter!!! See you there!!!- June

Want to know what your current President and a past president of Region 8 did this winter? They got into a real mess by not following the right path. See the back page.

RALLIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Mid-Winter Airstream Event - Vintage Trailer Shell Off, Solar Installation, & More

Heated Building!

Saturday March 28th 2015

Everyone is welcome! We will hold it in our heated shed where we are restoring the '59 Tradewind. Don't have an agenda yet but anything vintage will be fair game. We can also talk solar since we are just finishing our solar installation on the '94.

You do not need to own a trailer (vintage or otherwise) to attend. In fact, if you are thinking you might want to consider vintage this would be a good opportunity to talk to people who have vintage trailers and see our two vintage trailers the '51 Flying Cloud (as is not restored) and the Tradewind (in the middle of a body off restoration).

Topics will include plumbing, flooring, electrical, propane, frames, etc.

Have room for people to stay overnight if they would like to come on Friday night or stay Saturday night.

We will also have scrap aluminum set up for those that would like to practice buck riveting.

We will probably start about 10:00 a.m. Early arrivals can join me for homemade blueberry buttermilk pancakes. The event is free and we will provide a midafternoon meal.

...planning on throwing a couple of chickens on the grill (w/pork tenderloins if needed), potatoes in the oven, thaw packaged frozen sweet corn we did last summer and make a spinach and blueberry/mandarin orange salad. Iced tea, lemonade or coffee will be provided.

Need RSVP to know how much food. People can bring own drinks and snacks.

Suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

Ed & Eileen Pauley

If you would like to attend this rally, please contact Scott & Kathy Allen, Region 8 vintage folks, for more details; especially for directions to the Pauleys outside of Waterloo, Iowa. Kathy's email – kathyalen3534@gmail.com

FREE STUFF \$\$\$\$\$

Our Region Secretary, Joan Viney, reports that she has a certificate for two free nights at the North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro, Texas, that they cannot use and it expires at the end of the year. First one to email her gets it!

On your mark, get set, go..... email - lviney@century.tel.net

Light Up The Trails West - April 29 to May 2

I find it hard to wrap my mind around the fact that in less than nine weeks the rally will be a fond memory (I hope). Right now I am still in Texas and at the end of March I will be making my way to Tongie (read: Beth & David's courtesy parking in the country) to finalize the rally plans. At the unit installations, I and my two VPs told you that the 2015 rally will be different than those in the past. I want to bring you up to date on some of the plans and leave some as a surprise. Tuesday will be the day as usual for the units to take care of their assigned jobs. Wednesday will be a day you can tour some of the area and also the opening ceremony will be that night. Thursday there will be a plush bus tour to Kansas City and a box lunch. I will save the places we will visit as a surprise. For Thursday night I am asking each rig to bring a wrapped white elephant gift –that's a hint. On Friday we will be going to the first city in Kansas. We will also have our Region meeting and lunch in that city. A special treat for that day is included in your rally fee. That night I am really looking forward to the 6 units and their trail presentations. Saturday will be a joker tournament, the hobby show and **the flea market**. There will also be another event during the day we can take part in that has not been done before. Saturday evening is our closing ceremony and local entertainment.

The rally fee will also include 2 dinners and 2 lunches. That's right 2 lunches. The Iowa, North Iowa and Greater Saint Louis Units will be doing breakfasts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It looks like we will be eating rather well. Instead of one company doing the catering there will be four. Church on Sunday may be another surprise.

I hope this has given you a hint as to what you can expect as we explore the trails west this year. Do not forget to send your reservations to June Ryan before April 1st for your discount. You can also go online to do it.

Hope to see all of you down the trails – Glenn

Note: The rally fee covers 5 nights of camping. If you arrive on Monday, there will be an additional \$10.00 per night fee.

There is no dump station at this rally site. However, fairground management and city officials will be working on a solution to that problem. To assist in dumping, those of you who own "Blue Boys" are encouraged to bring them.

Additional information about some tours, and other activities that week, will be in a special edition of the Region 8 news, that will be published on April 1st or 2nd !!!!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mary Ann Braden, our community service guru, would like to remind everyone to bring their donations to the Region Rally. Several different local charities will be the beneficiaries of our donations. Blankets, hats, stuffed animals, kids' books, and perishable food donations will be accepted. Also be sure to bring your aluminum tabs, and the common cents money from your unit. Unit community service chairmen should have the separate totals of blankets, hats, and stuffed animals listed for Mary Ann when turning them in. Thanks so much for your anticipated generosity!

REGION 8 VAC RALLY

June 2015 Region 8 VAC Rally - We are trying something new this year. Last year we were in Onawa, Iowa and had a great time. This year we are organizing an "Urban Rally" in Blackwater, MO. The concept of Urban Camping started in Michigan around 4 years ago. If you are not familiar with this concept go to this link:

<http://www.wakeupdowntown.com/>

The probable dates are June 12, 13 and 14, 2015 Our tentative rendezvous point will more than likely be the Arrow Rock State Park, MO. More information will be coming. At this point if you are interested let either Kathy and Scott Allen or Joyce and Lee Cantrell know of your interests. Blackwater is just north of Interstate 70 in Missouri.

Scott, Kathy, Joyce and I are still working out the details. This rally is designed for members on their way to the International and for members that are not planning to attend the international rally but would like to do a rally in Region 8. This is 3 weeks before the International and 2 weeks before the VAC "roaming rally" which begins in Durango, Co.

If you are interested please contact the Allen's, WBCCI #3534, or the Cantrell's, WBCCI #4241, email cljccantrell@gmail.com. Again this is in the planning stage, we just wanted to start getting the word out.

CARAVAN TO INTERNATIONAL

An early workers caravan to International will be leaving on June 6th from Miami, Oklahoma and arriving in Farmington on June 12th. There will be a complete itinerary, costs, and other details available at the region rally. If you are unable to attend region rally and desire to travel with this caravan, please contact Beth.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY

June 26 – July 5

“Explore the Possibilities”

All that anyone needs to know about this great rally has been in the Blue Beret over the past several months. Those of you who are new to the club are encouraged to attend if at all possible. Everyone needs to experience at least one international rally, and this one and its location will be great! Get your registration in soon. As of this publication date, there are over 350 spaces reserved. Remember, the first 575 to register get the best spots! All the individual units should be planning a caravan to international. Contact your officers for additional information.



So Darrell & Glenn are enjoying some brother time in a beautiful park outside of Brownsville, Texas. They had been following the paths, as the ranger told them to do. However, they thought they could find a faster way back to the main road.... Not so.....



They found themselves in a quagmire. Glenn got stuck first, and when Darrell tried to pull him out, Darrell went down too. Darrell ended up on his hands and knees, and Glenn ended up on his butt, missing a shoe.



A park tram driver found them along the road and took pity on them. He got them back to the park office, where they were able to hose down. Glenn found a ratty bath robe in the back of his truck and that's what he wore on the way back to his trailer. Park official is thinking "nice legs, guy". Next time.... Follow the signs and rules, guys! Thanks for pics, Sharon!

REGION 8 RALLY
APRIL 29 – MAY 3, 2015
LIGHT UP THE TRAILS WEST
TONGANOXIE, KANSAS

LAST NAME _____ WBCCI # _____

FIRST NAME _____ SPOUSE/MATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

ADULTS _____ CHILDREN _____ GUEST _____

TRAILER _____ MOTORHOME _____ LENGTH _____ HANDICAP: YES _____ NO _____

VINTAGE _____

RALLY FEES	REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 1 ST	AFTER APRIL 1 ST	TOTAL
2 ADULTS (INCLUDES PARKING TUE-SAT)	\$230 -	\$245	\$ _____
1 ADULT (INCLUDES PARKING TUE-SAT)	\$190 -	\$200	\$ _____
CHILDREN WITH ADULTS FREE (OVER 12 YEARS OF AGE)		\$ 35	\$ _____
OFF SITE:	DEDUCT \$50.00		\$ _____
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE (CHECK)			\$ _____

Includes: Parking, 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 dinners, Bus Tour with Museum Fees included, Entertainment and other activities.

REGISTRATION ON-LINE ADD \$10.00 GO TO: wbcci.org/region8rally

MAKE CHECK TO: **WBCCI – REGION 8**

SEND CHECK BEFORE APRIL 10, 2015 to: JUNE RYAN, TREASURER
 11313 E. BOISE # 48
 APACHE JUNCTION, AZ 85120

AFTER APRIL 10TH

E-MAIL: ryan.j.p@juno.com AND SEND YOUR INFORMATION. YOU WILL THEN PAY YOUR FEES UPON ARRIVAL AT THE RALLY SITE IN TONGANOXIE, KS.