



# Region 8 News



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## Region 8 Rally Coming in April

We have been anticipating our next Region 8 Rally for a long time. If you have not signed up for our Rally, go right now to page 6 of this Newsletter and fill out the registration form. We want you to attend.

Dottie and I and many others have put in a great deal of time, working together to bring you a happy time. So come on over to our Rally in Hutchinson at the Kansas State Fairgrounds on April 24-28.

We will have games, game prizes, door prizes, tours such as the salt mine and Cosmospere. We will have three catered meals and three Unit prepared breakfasts. There will be seminars and our Region 8 board meeting. Our evening entertainment will be a combination of our Air-streamers Have Talent and professional singer Mr. Les Lankhorst,



### The Sunflower is the Rally Theme

Our activities will be in the Encampment Building adjacent to the RV Park. In the Encampment Building, we will be using both the Dillon Hall and the Hansen Auditorium.

The Auditorium has padded seats and is acoustically treated. The stage is lit, and the sound is good.

**WBCCI Membership is UP**

## Region 8 Caravan to Hutchinson

Region 8 will sponsor the "Caravan to Region 8" to Hutchinson, KS. The highlights will be: Friday April 19 to Sunday Morning, April 21 Independence, MO to tour Harry S. Truman sites.

Later on Sunday April 21 to Monday Morning April 22 Lydon, KS, with a pot luck dinner.

--OPTION -- Caravaners can leave on Monday morning to arrive Hutchinson

(150 miles) on Monday, or Tuesday Morning if needed to help setup for the rally **OR** Stay over Tuesday night if not involved in early setup at Hutchinson.

The cutoff date was March 25, but if you have interest, give Ed Knernschield a call at 573-480-5441 in case of a last minute cancellation.



Fred Steurer

## President's Message

You know how time flies. It was about 2001, Dottie and I were attending a rally somewhere when we were approached by Jean Helker asking us to consider becoming a Unit President. We talked about it for a while and took the job. As you know, we ventured through the vice president ranks, then became Unit President in 2004. That's going on ten years ago.

About 2007, we were asked to become Region 8 officers. Since then we have passed through the ranks of Region Vice Presidents and now, in 2013, the office of Region 8 President is almost complete. It has been a great run with a great group. Thank you for all that you have done to make this club the fantastic group that it is. Thank you, too, for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Time has passed quickly, from 2001 to 2013, and Dottie and I have enjoyed every minute.

## A Special Invitation

We are extending a special invitation to the Region 8 "Let the Games Begin Rally." This is to the folks who camped overnight at the Slippery Slope last April when you were on your Route 66 caravan. We know that was a miserable experience for you considering the mud and the emus and the ramshackle building at the campground, not to mention the MURDER. Darleen Tage, we are sorry what happened to your dear husband Vinnie Tage because of his vintage trailer enthusiasm, please join your friends at this new rally. R. V. Parker, come and let us know if you got funding to update your campground. Al Knowing and your wife Sweetie Pie, and Betty Thanu, and you too Detective Wally Byam, you are all welcome. We assure you that Wild Bill Hitchup is safely locked up in prison. So all SHOULD be well.

## Win This Quilt



This beautiful lap quilt was created by Sharon Waters for our Region 8 Rally. Pieces of this quilt were donated by Murtle Letcher who has passed away. Sharon provided the background and assembly.

As you may know, Sharon is an excellent quilter. She has a fine eye toward matching colors and fabrics.

At the Rally, you have a chance to win this fine lap quilt. Tickets will be sold at the registration table. The money will go to Common Cents.



## Tour the Salt Mine

The Greater Kansas Unit is excited that the Region 8 Rally is in Hutchinson, Kansas this year. On tour day you will have the opportunity to visit the KS Underground Salt Museum and Mine. You will don

By Len Sullivan, 1st VP

mining gear and descend underground to levels where the salt is mined and movies from Hollywood are stored. The Underground museum has galleries of exhibits reflective of the salt industry and movie memorabilia that is held in storage. The mine has stable temperatures and dry humidity making this prime storage for documents and keepsakes. Costumes from movies are also available for viewing. In addition to the Museum, you will have the opportunity to ride a tram and view an area where salt is being mined. The mine is a time capsule because past equipment that is no longer used is still in the mine. Everything that has been taken down in the mine has been left rather than bring it back to the surface. The salt mine is a very active mine, in fact, the mine supplied salt to Chicago this snowy winter. It also provides salt for many metropolitan areas. The salt is a residual of the Permian Sea which covered Kansas 275 million years ago.

In addition to the Salt Mine you will have the opportunity to visit the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center which houses the Apollo moon lander and other significant historical space objects and exhibits. The Grain Elevators in Hutchinson, used in the opening scenes of the 1955 movie, Picnic, starring Kim Novak and William Holden were the largest in the World at the time and are still standing. This Elevator at one time required bicycles to get from one end to the other. The Historic Fox Theatre in downtown Hutchinson is also worth seeing. It is known for its Grand Marquee and beautiful interior.

Fred and Dottie have planned a great rally for Hutchinson, KS. Come and visit these interesting sites. Step into the past and fly into the future and enjoy the community! .



## Down the Trail

When it comes time for Fred to ask for my article I really never know what to write about. Fred does a good job of filling us in on what happened at the IBT meetings and I did not want to repeat that. Leonard sometimes gives us info on the up coming International. So what is

By Glenn Waters, 2nd VP

left? Do not worry I am not going to give you an update on my health. There has been enough of that. It seems that my contribution leans towards the idea of a travelogue. After all that is why God put round wheels on our RVs.

After being tied down for nine months I finally thought it was time to see if I remembered how to hook up and pull a trailer. Lets see how I am doing so far. It has been six days on the road and at the first stop (Bill Thomas Camper Sales ) I now have two new batteries. and a new pressure pro sensor. Enough said for that. My first stop was at West Memphis. Airey Airstream then took me to a little town in Arkansas by the name of Hot Springs. Tomorrow I leave for Texas.

Last year I wrote about state park hopping in Texas, I would tell you this time but I have not been there yet. I do plan on going to Purtil Creek SP then to Trader Village (a HUGE flea market) in Houston then to Brozos Bend SP. The next stop will be Balstrop SP then McKinney Falls in Austin. From there ????

The one thing that I am sure of is that I will end up in a town called Hutchinson. I think that is in Kansas. I have heard that Region 8 is having their region rally there and I hear that region is one of the best rallies in the states. I just had a wonderful idea (it happens sometimes). Lets have every member in Region 8 join Fred, Dottie, Leonard, Betty and I at the Rally. Hope to see you there.

# Upcoming at the next Region 8 Rally

## April 24-28, 2013

### Reasons why you should go to the next Region 8 Rally

1. You had a good time at previous rallies.
2. You only had a little fun at previous rallies, but there is a good chance this will be the best one ever.
3. There will be a good variety of tours. If you like an Amish atmosphere, Yoder is a lovely destination. Spacecraft in Kansas? You bet. Lots of space artifacts at the Cosmosphere. Plus an IMAX and planetarium. You have driven through Kansas. Now how about going 630 feet under the prairie? You'll learn about mining salt, and see storage vaults of documents and memorabilia. Then go to Lindsborg. What's there you might ask? Swedish stuff. The Swedish Pavilion from the St. Louis World's Fair. Dala horses. Pretty town. For you quilt people, be sure to visit Alden.
4. Food. There will be 3 catered meals and 3 unit prepared breakfasts. We have talked with Kathy Girst from Catering For You. She will do her best to make healthy and satisfying meals.
5. Okay, there will be some rip roaring Bean Bag Baseball.
6. If that isn't enough exercise for you, do some line dancing. It will be simple and happy and peppy.
7. One evening will be devoted to some homegrown entertainment in Airstreamer's Have Talent. Pat and Dave Shaw have some interesting acts lined up. If you too would like to perform, you can still get in on it by contacting Pat or Dave at theshaws1@gmail.com by April 5.
8. Another evening will have professional entertainer, Les Lankhorst, right there in our theater, Hanson Auditorium.

## Reasons you should attend the next Region 8 Rally continued

9. Door prizes. We have received some really nice door prizes, including Airstream gifts, Camping World \$25 gift certificates, KOA overnight visit, dinners from Cracker Barrel, an expensive SHURflo water pump, 3 interesting books from RVbookstore.com, a Thin-Lite light fixture, a Complete Car Care Kit from Stoner, collapsible containers from Blue OX, a vent ring from Fan-Tastic, and the ever popular cleaning packets, and the overnight stays at Airstream Communities. We are hoping the UPS truck will soon be bringing more.
10. TV Show games. Yes! The Kansas City Unit has built a beautiful Wheel of Fortune. Their own Pat Sajack and Vanna White will host 6 contestants all hoping to win big money. Okay, there won't be any money, but there will be prizes. The Nebraska Unit is gathering answers and questions for the competitors of Jeopardy. And the Greater Ozark Unit is choosing tunes for 6 contestants to guess in Name That Tune.
11. If you need some time to just relax (but don't fall asleep), attend one of the seminars our participants have planned.
12. Whew, I'm getting worn out just writing about all this stuff. Then there is SUNFLOWER-FEST. Not every region rally has a Sunflowerfest. Lots of carnival games to play. Get a ticket for each game you play. Collect 3 tickets to exchange for ice cream or cotton candy. Yes cotton candy. When is the last time you had some cotton candy. Brings back memories, doesn't it? Or get a tattoo. Or get your fortune told. I hope it is good.
13. Open house for vintage. We all enjoy seeing those shiny vintage trailers. Such enthusiasm.
14. And a joker tournament and a flea market. And church on Sunday.
15. And the best reason to attend the Region 8 "Let the Games Begin" rally – talk and smile with your Airstream friends.



# Let the Games Begin!

## Region 8 Rally

Hutchinson, Kansas  
April 24-28, 2013

### REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Airstream TT \_\_\_\_\_ MH \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Vintage \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fees	Before	After	Amount
	4/1/13	4/1/13	
2 adults	\$220	\$240	\$ _____
1 adult	\$180	\$190	\$ _____
off site 2 adults	\$140	\$160	\$ _____
off site 1 adult	\$100	\$110	\$ _____
Guest (16+)	\$100	\$110	\$ _____
Total Rally Fee			\$ _____

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