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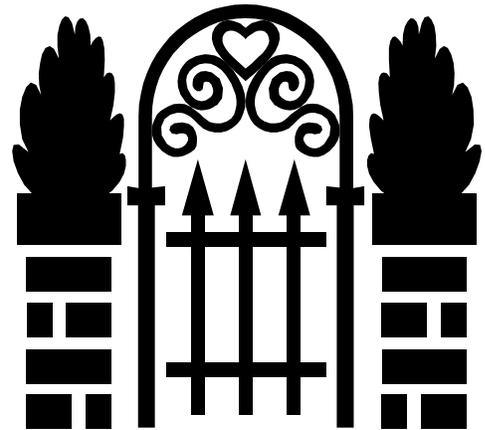
IBT Action at Winter Meetings

The International Board of Trustees meetings were held in Blythe, California on January 25-26, 2013. The Board considered 15 motions at its deliberations. Seven of the fifteen motions were withdrawn by their makers. Following is a synopsis of the 8 motions.

Motion 1 is to approve a new flag for the Illinois Lincolnland Unit. A discussion was held during a pre-meeting attended by the IBT Board as to why it is necessary for the Board to approve flags after a Unit has approved them. It was felt more eyes looking at the proposal would catch any errors. The flag was approved.

Motion 3 is to allow the Vintage Intra Club (VAC) to conduct buddy rallies in the next two years in all 12 regions. The VAC has a goal to recruit new members. Having buddy rallies in all 12 regions is a way to their goal. This proposal will not allow a conflict in date with a local, national, or special event rally. The authority in the proposal will sunset after two years. The motion was approved.

Motions 4 and 4a deal with President's pins. Since the expensive pins are no longer in the budget, reference to them were deleted in Proposal 4. Then Proposal 4a reinstated a less expensive alternative which will be



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stocked at the Jackson Center office and sent to the units each year for awarding to the Past President. The units will pick up the cost which is minimal. Passed.

Motion 5 eliminates reference to telephone calling cards. Passed.

Motion 6 adds the words Intra Clubs to the requirement for a 5 year Constitution review. Passed.

Motion 13 authorizes the International 2nd VP to sign a contract for an International Rally in either Farmington, NM or a second backup location in case Farmington doesn't work out. Passed.

Motion 14 approved a Florida Unit flag.



Fred Steurer

President's Message

One of the withdrawn motions, number 11, would have, if passed, eliminated one IBT meeting per year. This could have greatly impacted the Mid-Winter IBT meetings as the cost savings would approach \$25,000.

This cost saving would make the budgeting process much easier.

As there are fewer members, logically there would be less business to accomplish at meeting. The maker of this motion indicated if a need arose to seat the IBT, it could be through electronic means. The electronic means we speak of could be as simple as a conference call, or email, or more elaborate with a system similar to Skype. The latter is a way for face to face deliberations.

A most elaborate, and most desirable, system is one where one IBT member can see all other faces displayed on the screen, 6 at a time selectable. A portion of the screen would be a white board to display, perhaps a motion, so everyone can see it at the same time. Sounds good, doesn't it?

Here is the problem. If any IBT member happens to be in a RV park with slow WiFi during meeting time, that member's sound and picture will be jerky, maybe non-existent. All IBT members would need speed such as available on a 4G Verizon Hot Spot..

I would suggest an electronic system be tried using one or two members who cannot attend a future meeting. Take baby steps. When it is working, then eliminate the travel cost to a meeting.

Region 8's Time to Crow

By Fred Steurer

All of your Unit Presidents spent a considerable time planning your activities for his/her year. They kept notes on the activities and the volunteer work and on all the things good planning required. Next came the paperwork....filling in all the blanks on the Merit Award application and accounting for the attachments, and sending it in in a timely manner.

Your region 8 officer was then required to review all the applications, tally the points and forward the applications to Roy MacDonald who is the designated International plan administrator.

What are the results? Well, at this time I enter the caveat, if the numbers submitted hold up. Region 8 has 100 percent participation in the Merit Award program. Region 8 has 100 percent Superior Merit Award status. All Region 8 Units achieved over the 4000 point level. All Region 8 Units are current with their Constitution and By Law Review. According to the Merit Award applications, seven out of eight Units have increased membership as of the date they selected for comparison. Let me tell you, this is HUGE.

At the end of the IBT meeting on January 28, your Region 8 officer was awarded the 2012 Region Award of Excellence by the International Past President Barry Heckenswiler. The award included a streamer for the Region flag. This award is for you. Only seven regions won this Award of Excellence for 2012.

Congratulations, Region 8. You deserve a big round of applause.

Reminders....

1. Region 8 Caravan to Hutchinson, Kansas April 19-22/23, 2013. See Registration on page 5.
2. Region 8 Rally at Hutchinson, Kansas April 24-28, 2013. See Registration on page 6.
3. Region 8 Breakfast at Huron, SD June 28, 2013. See Leonard Sullivan for Tickets.



What I Like about WBCCI

I began the New Year by attending the Rose Parade Rally. The Rose Parade Rally has been held 30 plus years as a WBCCI Special Events Rally. To make it safe Airstreamers are parked in a secure parking area a short distance from the parade route. Now re-

By Len Sullivan, 1st VP reserved bleacher seats have replaced members taking shifts throughout the night protecting a row of lawn chairs as was done in the past. Every WBCCI attendee had a whale of a view and a wonderful time and we could leave knowing we had seen one of the most spectacular parades in the United States.

A long list of special event rallies and caravans are listed in the pull out section of the February Blue Beret and can also be found on line at WBCCI.org. Probably an event rally or caravan suitable to anyone's preference is available. All of these activities come at cost because they are organized and hosted by member volunteers. What a club bargain!!

This year IBT again can be characterized as a robust discussion of matters pertinent to WBCCI's organization and function. It is a deliberative process in which everyone has the opportunity to express thoughts on issues of discussion. My opinion is that this discussion is a very constructive process and will lead to beneficiary adjustments and change. Albeit a sometimes laborious and cumbersome process, we are able to interact on important issues. This makes WBCCI a stronger and more representative organization.

Have fun traveling and camping in your Airstream with WBCCI! See you down the road!



Glenn's Notes

In looking over the past year of 2012 I had a few interesting things happen. As your Region 2nd Vice President I, in some respects, feel that I have not done what was expected of me due to events beyond my control. For example - I was looking forward to going to the IBT

By Glenn Waters, 2nd VP Midwinter meeting in Mississippi last year. I was not planning on landing in the hospital two days before leaving for Mississippi so of course I did not go.

I was lucky to have a close family relative bring me all of my material. I also listened to the live streaming broadcast of the meeting so in a way I was there.

I was not expecting to be told in June that I had cancer and spending the next seven months dealing with it. In November I was told that the cancer had spread and I had to have 37 days of radiation. That ended in January less that a week before I was going to leave for IBT. Trust me - I was in no condition to go. Darrell Waters is picking up my material again, and I sat in on the meetings by way of the internet.

This year has made me think about how fast things can change in life. My poor baby (do not jump to conclusions, I mean my A/S) has not been out since July 6. I had to cancel several planned trips. I missed the installations I was looking forward to and again thanks to Darrell and Sharon for filling in for me.

As I said life can change in a second. One of the great things about the WBCCI is all of the trips, rallies, and caravans you can go on. I did not realize how much I missed going until I could not go. I would really like to encourage all of you that have been thinking about going on a caravan, a special events rally or just to a unit rally and have thought well I will go next time or maybe next year - do not put it off. Like I found out - things can change in the blink of an eye.

Hope to see all of you down the road.



Encampment Building at the Kansas State Fairgrounds



The Sunflower is the symbol of the Region 8 Rally

Upcoming at the next Region 8

Rally

April 24-28, 2013

Fred asked me to write an article for this newsletter. I'm a little jealous...Fred and Leonard and Glenn all get their pictures with their articles. I, on the other hand, do not. But you will probably recognize me anyway. I'm kind of tall, mostly brown hair, and usually attached to a little white dog.

So I'd like to write about the region rally to be held in Hutchinson, Kansas, next spring. In addition to the usual region activities like tours, seminars, Bean Bag Baseball, professional entertainment, flea market, good food and good friends, we will be playing TV games. If you would like to be on Name That Tune, Wheel of Fortune, or Jeopardy, put your name in a container (one name per RV) at registration. Participants will be chosen as the shows begin. Prizes will be awarded.

We will also have a carnival one afternoon called "Sunflowerfest." You will get to play games of skill and chance, visit a fortune teller, and get a tattoo. There will be treats to eat.

The theme for entertainment one night will be "Airstreamers Have Talent." If you or a group of you have a short act—maybe 3 minutes—contact Dave or Pat Shaw at theshaws1@aol.com. Sing, dance, tell a funny story, play an instrument, do back flips, or just generally make an exhibition of yourself.

Don't forget, there will be a "Sunflower" theme too. Bring any sunflower items you might have. Set them around. Wear them. Sunflower sunshine everywhere.

Dottie Steurer

Region 8 Sponsored
“CARAVAN TO REGION 8 RALLY”
April 19 - 22/23, 2013

Caravan Leader: Ed Knernschield WBCCI #9559 Cell: 573-480-5441
Assisting: Ray & Jo Ann Kolley WBCCI #4383 Cell: 314-330-0736

Caravan will rendezvous in Independence, Missouri. From there we travel 95 miles to Lyndon, KS. Stay there 1 or more nights depending on when you need to arrive in Hutchison, KS.

If you can not join the caravan in Independence, join the caravan in Lyndon, Kansas. **First 15 registrations received will get the camp sites guaranteed in Independence--**after that camp site will be more distance to drive for tours in Independence.

Friday, April 19 Arrive Independence, Missouri
Saturday, April 20 Group Tours: Harry S. Truman National Historic Site, Home, & Library
Option: Bingham Waggoner Estate
Sunday, April 21 Lyndon, Kansas Potluck Dinner
Board Games (Hone your skills for the Region games)
Monday, April 22 **OR** Tuesday, April 23 Your choice as to when you want (need) to arrive in
Hutchison (145 miles)

COMPLETE & MAIL COUPON BELOW TO JOIN CARAVAN IN INDEPENDENCE:

Registration Coupon covers only 1 night camping in Independence but guarantees a camp site and guarantees the prearranged group rate for your second night of camping. If you have a golden gate passport, your tour of the Harry S. Truman Home will be free. Tour of the Library is \$6 per person.

If you join the Caravan in Independence, you are assured of a full hook-up site in Lyndon.

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE CARAVAN IN LYNDON, KANSAS, then call the campground direct to make your reservation -- say you are a part of the Airstream Group and the camping cost is only \$19 per night--pay the campground--do not send \$ to Ed. **BUT ALSO** let Ed Knernschield know that you will join the caravan in Lyndon by sending him an email: ehk9559@aol.com or call his cell: 573-480-5441

Campin Lyndon, KS: Crossroads RV Park, 23313 S. US Hwy 75. Lyndon, KS 66451 Telephone: 785-221-5482

REGISTRATION COUPON: “Caravan to Region 8 Rally” April 19-22/23, 2013

Your Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
House Phone _____ Email _____ WBCCI # _____
Airstream Length: _____ Trailer _____ Your Cell _____
_____ Motor Home _____ Spouse/Guest Cell: _____

Registration Fee for Independence: \$30.00

Make Check Payable to: **WBCCI GSL Caravan** on memo line write **Caravan/Region 8 Rally**

Mail to: Ed Knernschield, P O Box 127, Holts Summit, MO 65043-0127

Mail by March 25



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 4/1/13	After 4/1/13	Amount
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			\$ _____

Make your check payable to WBCCI Region 8

AFTER APRIL 1

Send your check to:

June Ryan
P. O. Box 232
Birmingham, Iowa 52535

BEFORE APRIL 1

Send your check to:

June Ryan
11313 E. Boise #48
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

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