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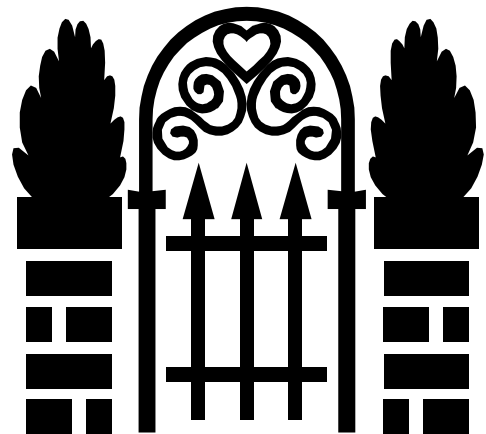
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Delegates Vote on Two Issues

Two main issues faced the delegates last Saturday June 30. One was the issue of allowing life members the ability to use a non-Airstream motorhome as they attended functions and WBCCI caravans. The majority voted to send it to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for further study. At the present time it looks like the Delegates will take it up next year.

The largest and most talked about issue was the proposed constitution change. As you recall, the units were asked to read and understand all the many article changes and replacements. The goal was to vote on each article, one by one, making any amendments along the way. After all articles were voted, a final vote was to be taken. If the whole constitution was accepted, it became our constitution immediately. That didn't happen.



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What did happen was as soon as consideration began, someone called for the question, which means vote right now....No more debate, no amendments, just a vote. The question was voted and approved. Reconsideration was voted down. Then the new constitution was voted down big time.

Our Treasurer Goes Full Timing

Our Region 8 Treasurer, Betty Sullivan and her spouse, Len, have decided to go full time in their Airstream. They have sold their house in Wichita and are now living the life of Rita and are now living the life of Rita....free to enjoy.

This coincides with Betty wanting to pass on our Treasurer's job to a fa-

miliar face in Region 8, that is our retired International Treasurer, June Ryan.

June's term of International Treasurer ended on July 5. Betty has turned over the books to June at that time. We really thank Betty for a job well done!



Fred Steurer

President's Message

Greetings Everyone,

You've heard of the IBT. What is it? It is a group of WBCCI members who volunteer their time to help steer our club from a headquarters standpoint.

The IBT board is made up of the 12 Region presidents, plus an Executive Committee of 7 which includes an International President, (3) International Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Past President, and a Secretary.

These folks get together three times a year to accomplish things such as approve a new annual budget or approve/disapprove motions from either the units or the board itself. The intended result is a Region president represents his/her region's units and acts accordingly.

Here are some important facts. The membership controls the Constitution. ONLY the members can change the Constitution. The Constitution has to follow State of Ohio law when it comes to certain things like having meetings etc. Our present Constitution meets all of the Ohio requirements.

The next fact is the By-Laws are controlled by the International Board of Trustees, or better known as the IBT. The By-Laws are a group of Articles that say how things work in our club, such as describing the standing committees, membership privileges, disciplinary procedures, merger of Units, Region expenses, financial management, and so forth.

At the IBT level, the operating budget for the next year is hammered out. This is done at meeting on July 5th. The IBT can initiate motions to change, improve, delete, or create change. If you have any recommendations in the By-Laws, bring them up at your Unit meeting, and pass it on to me. I will notify the other units in our Region 8; and if they agree, I will put forth a motion at the IBT. If the other IBT members agree, your idea becomes law.

IBT Sedalia Report

The IBT met in Sedalia, MO three times during the rally. First was the IBT seminar when nothing is officially passed, the standing committees reported one by one, and the audience had an opportunity to speak on each report and motion.

The second meeting is the actual IBT meeting which includes those officers leaving the board after having served their term.

The third meeting includes the six new Region presidents, the new International 3rd Vice President, the new Secretary and new Treasurer. This IBT Sedalia Report is on the third meeting.

The third meeting on July 5th had a seminar, the actual IBT meeting and announcements. The seminar was lively with talk particularly about membership,

Regarding the motions, the first was recommended by the International Relations Standing Committee to be allowed to invite a selected representative and their spouse from a foreign caravan club to the 2013 International rally at Huron. This motion was passed by the Executive Committee.

The second motion was withdrawn because it lacked little chance of passing due to the lateness of its arrival. It would have required a 90 percent vote to pass. It had to do with eliminating the Region 1st Vice President. The rationale was it was too hard to recruit a 2nd VP. Editor's note: In Region 8 we are always able to keep all Region officer positions filled. Your President is NOT in favor of this motion. If it passes, the President and 1st VP will have to do the work of three.

The 3rd motion is for the President to appoint a committee of 5 members to study and recommend a re-alignment of the regions. Editor's note: Region 8 fine the way it is. Your President is NOT in favor of potentially splitting up our 8 units.

The 4th motion was withdrawn by its maker. It had to do with receiving help with contract negotiations.

The fifth motion passed. It has to do with folding the Safety Committee into the Technical Committee.

Motion 6 failed. Most folks were at a loss to understand what the motion meant.

Motions 7 and 8 passed. These approved the flags for Virginia Unit and Florida Suncoast Unit.



Region 8 in Review

The 2012 International Rally was held in Sedalia at the Fairgrounds. The grounds were fairly level and spacious with adequate power for what was to be an extremely hot period. Initially the grounds were green but after weeks of no rain, several days with temps plus or minus 100 degrees, the grass turned yellow and roadways became pretty dusty. Fortunately few power failures occurred and most were able to cool their rigs. The meeting halls were quite cool and more than adequately air-conditioned. Social hours were held to a minimum and some occurred in available meeting rooms. Some found cool places to play their important games.

By Len Sullivan, 1st VP

Region 8 participated in many competitions, winning numerous awards. Congratulations to all winners! The following list was winners posted for all to see. If I have missed someone it was unintentional.

Bulletin Board	Nebraska-Third Place
Vintage Awards	Martin & Rachel Hughey KCMO Bill Scott Best Bambi Award Bud Cooper Best of Show
Party Bridge	Pat Dellamuth, Iowa-2 nd & 3 rd Place
Pet Show	Dot Steurer, Greater St. Louis Frosty won 1 st in Tricks, 2 nd in Obedience People's Choice in the Pet Show Gary Burrows, NE 3 rd in Tricks Lana Olson, NE HM in Tricks
Photo Snapshots	Jane Bartlet, Greater St. Louis for Plants
Photo Prints	Richard Hunt, GSL—1st Animals Chuck Cabalka, Iowa 2 nd Plants Jane Bartlet, Gr. St. Louis 3 rd People Chuck Cabalka, Iowa 2 nd Airstream Richard Hunt, GSL 3 rd Airstream Richard Hunt GSL Hom Men – Airstream Tom Mesko, MO Delta 1 st Scenic
Unit Yearbook	NE 2 nd KCMO 3 rd Iowa Honorable Mention
Art Show	Dottie Steurer GSL, several ribbons

Besides the IBT and Delegates meetings, the rally held a number of notable events, such as the Common Cents raised were tremendous given the number of attendees. Isabella Guffey, the child with hydrocephalus receives shots costing \$1500 every two months. The entertainment was suburb and was enjoyed by those attending. We were treated to Jazz, a Champion Violinist, the fastest and most talented Clogger, a headliner Bluegrass pianist and group, and an inspiring orchestral presentation by the Airstream members. For those who did not see this array of talent, you missed something spectacular. For one, I am looking forward to next year's International Rally in Huron, SD. Good things happen in unusual places!



THE LOOOOONG AND THE SHORT

It can be easy to sometimes overlook something that is staring you right in the face. For example the name of our great club is of course the WBCCI. Let us take apart the letters and take a close look at the first C.

By Glenn Waters, 2nd VP

What does it stand for? The answer is of course caravan. This is a trip that any number of people can go on together for any length of time.

I have had the fun and pleasure of going on several caravans in the past few years. I got hooked on caravans when I went on several with Mom and Dad in the 80s. When talking to other members, I ask them if they have been on any caravans; many say yes, but those that say no will of course get my next question - why not? Their answer is usually that they are too long. I then ask, "Which ones have you looked at?" They usually say, "The National Caravans." These are three to six weeks long, and I can understand that some people can not be gone for that long. However I would encourage you to look at the Region and Unit Caravans. These are usually from ten to twelve days in length and cover shorter distances. Our Region has caravans throughout the year. Our leader is Ed Knerschild, and he does some very interesting trips. I know he is working on one to our Region Rally in Kansas next year. Look for the information next spring in the news letters. Another good option is the Unit Caravans. These are usually for the unit only, but the units will open up their caravan if they have openings not filled by their unit members. I just received the Kansas City Newsletter, and they have openings on theirs at the end of September. If interested contact their caravan leader Julie Shields at juliz@sbcglobal.net. Another option would be the Greater St. Louis caravan going to Door County in Wisconsin. This is a ten day caravan starting the beginning of September. If interested contact Ed Knerschild at Ehk9559@aol.com.

I think that the most hidden secret in the club is the caravan program. These are run by club members, and they know the area. They can many times get tours that are non commercial tours. If you can not do a long caravan, start out on the shorter ones. You will never know what you are missing if you don't try.

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N 38-04.875
W 97-55.733

Driving directions from Wichita

From 96, take the Yoder exit
Turn right (north) onto Yoder Road
Follow Yoder road into Hutchinson
Cross Highway 50
Yoder road curves around the
airport and becomes Airport Road
The Airport Road changes to
17th Avenue
Stay on 17th through town
Turn right onto Main Street
Turn right on State Fair Road
(25th Avenue)
Turn into the RV Park at Gate 4

Driving directions from I-35:

Exit at Highway 50
Go west on 50 into town
Turn right on Yoder/Airport Road
Follow above directions from the
point where Yoder curves around the
airport.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Region 8 Rally

Hutchinson, Kansas

April 24-28, 2013

*Get your thinking caps on because we
will be playing Jeopardy, Name that
Tune, and Wheel of Fortune.*

Get your logic in order for carnival games.

*Get your creativity going to participate
in "Airstreamer's Have Talent."*

And, the usual activities will include:
Food, Seminars, Tours, Flea Market,
Entertainment, Door Prizes, Ice Cream,
and Good Times with your friends.



Area Attractions

Kansas Cosmosphere

Has one of the most significant collections of space artifacts in the world and the largest collection of Russian artifacts outside of Moscow.

Kansas Underground Salt Museum

After a 90 second descent down on an elevator, the doors open and you are 650 feet under the Kansas prairie surrounded by salt deposits formed 275 million years ago.

Reno County Museum

Depicts the history of early pioneers.

Yoder Amish Community

Stroll down the streets in the quiet, quaint community and look at the treasures in the stores.

Dillon Nature Center

Is a wildlife sanctuary on 100 acres with nice trails.

Hutchinson Zoo

See animals native to the prairie.

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and Sand Hill and Cheney State Parks

Indian Creek Bison Ranch

Tours on trailers take you to the pastures for an up-close visit with the bison.

Walking/Biking Trail

3.5 miles between Carey Park and Rice Park

Hutchinson Mall

Features anchor stores Dillards, Penney's and Sears.



Let the Games Begin!

Region 8 Rally

Hutchinson, Kansas

April 24-28, 3013

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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