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Installation of New Unit Officers

This Fall each of your Region 8 Officers will be traveling to Unit Installation Rallies. Our suggested installation opens with: The installation of your newly elected officers is an essential step in the ongoing process of our club. This is the time when the leadership of your unit is passed on to a set of new officers. They have been preparing for their new responsibilities, and look forward to leading your unit during the coming year.

This is also a time to recognize the accomplishments of your present officers and to express appreciation for a job well done.

The installation process marks the beginning of a brand new year of Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.

These are true words. We do thank you, the retiring unit officers, for all the thought and preparation you have put into your year. And to the new presidents, we cheer you on with enthusiasm.

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Please RENEW

Old Dolls Travel Route 66

Bring your treasured dolls to the Region 8 Rally in Springfield! Marlyn Hofstetter will host a get together to view and share stories about our special antique or well-loved dolls. So join us for a time to relax, enjoy some

refreshments, and talk about our interesting collections.





Fred Steurer

President's Message

Streaming. Do you know what the word streaming has to do with our great club? Streaming is what we do during all IBT meetings to provide all of our members who cannot attend a live internet broadcast of the proceedings. In order to hear the streaming, you will need your computer attached to the internet, using Windows Media Player, and set to <http://wbcci.primcast.com/wbcci> during the time we are broadcasting. If your Windows Media Player doesn't let you type in the address, simply bring up Internet Explorer and type the address in there. Internet Explorer will connect you and bring up Windows Media Player automatically. Don't forget to turn up your speakers. Unless we are broadcasting, you will not be able to connect. The server we use is a Windows streaming server. Therefore, those of you with an Apple computer should check whether they have a compatible Windows Media Player. Most do. Should you not be able to listen to the live broadcasts, you will find all of the IBT broadcasts of the past year archived on wbcci.org. Then click on IBT, then click on IBT AND DELEGATES MEETING AND LIVE BROADCAST. The archive is on that page. There is no cost.

POST REGION 8 RALLY – BRANSON

At the close of the "Region 8 Route 66 Rally" in Springfield, Missouri on Sunday, April 29, 2012, travel 45 miles south to Branson, Missouri and join fellow Region 8 Airstreamers to enjoy 4 nights camping and five (5) group discounted shows.

Tentative schedule: Sun. April 29 Travel to Branson, Mon. April 30 Enjoy 2 music shows, Tue. May 1 Enjoy 1 music show, Wed. May 2 Enjoy 2 music shows, Thurs. May 3 Morning: Depart Branson.

NOTE: One of the shows will definitely be *The Shoj Tabuchi Show*. Other shows scheduled after 2012 show schedules are published.

On Your Own: More Shows, Outlet Malls, Shops, etc. This Rally will operate as a caravan on the Kitty Fee Basis. Total Kitty Fee: 2 in RV: \$480. 1 in RV: \$325. Guest in RV: \$170. Kitty Fee includes 4 nights camping with 30 amp electric & 5 Shows.

Caravan limited to first 20 reservations received. Since the Rally will operate on the Kitty Fee Basis, we must have funds in advance to make deposits to guarantee show and campground bookings. So **SPECIAL OFFER:** Reserve with \$150 deposit before January 1, 2012 and you can deduct \$10.00 per person when paying balance of rally fee (due February 1, 2012). OR make FULL PAYMENT BEFORE Jan 1, 2012 and you can deduct **\$20.00 per person from total rally kitty fee. All reservations after January 1, 2012 MUST pay full Rally Kitty Fee.**

Cancellation Policy: Any reservation deposit for your RV not refunded (unless a substitute is found), plus \$5 administration fee, will be deducted.

RESERVATION COUPON "POST REGION 8 RALLY – BRANSON"

Your Name: _____ Spouse/Guests: _____ WBCCI # _____
 Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 EMAIL: _____ House Phone: _____ Airstream Length: _____
 Your Cell _____ Spouse/Guest Cell _____

Rally Kitty Fee Payment: Before Jan 1, 2012 Deduct \$10/\$20 per person. Deposit or Full Amount:

RV w/2 Deposit \$150 ___ Full \$480 ___ RV w/1 Deposit \$150 ___ Full \$325 ___ Each Guest
 Deposit \$ 50 ___ Full \$170 ___ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____ **Make Check Payable To:**

WBCCI GSL. MAIL TO: Ed Knernschield, P. O. Box 127, Holts Summit, MO, 65043-0127



Wonderful Times

Fall is a delightful time of the year in addition to the treat of viewing fall colors it is a great opportunity for Airstreamers to gather together in unit rallies, caravans and Holiday Luncheons. These enjoyable activities commence after we have returned from our summer International Rally and travels.

By Len Sullivan, 1st VP



Good Vibrations

As your 2nd Vice President I have had the honor of starting my first round of unit officer installations. I would like to thank the units that I have installed for their hospitality that was given to me. I really enjoyed my time with the units. It was also a time that I got to meet and talk to members (not in my home unit) that I rarely see except at International and Region Rally.

By Glenn Waters, 2nd VP

The Region 8 Caravan led by Ed Knernschield will explore "Ozark Colors" beginning October 17-26, 2011. Everyone participating will have a great time finding new adventures and fellowship with fellow travelers. The Greater Kansas Unit led by Lee and Joyce Cantrell recently completed "The Great Escape" caravan to Minnesota along the shores of Lake Superior. All of us returned with warm and unique memories! The Kansas City MO Unit began a "Region 8 Capitals" Caravan in Topeka, KS, September 27 and will end in Jefferson City, MO October 6 led by Ben and Kay Corder. Caravans give one an opportunity to see interesting places and become better acquainted with your friends through laughing, eating and traveling together. At this point it is a great time to consider planning an exciting mystery caravan like the Nebraska Unit or a caravan to the International Rally in Sedalia or participating in the post Region 8 Rally Caravan to Branson, led by Ed Knernschield. You will all have a fun time!

If you are not traveling with your Airstream don't miss out on the luncheons and Holiday parties because this is the time we get to see those of you who do not travel as much. Luncheons and parties are where we catch up with each other, exchange happenings and renew acquaintances.

I and the other region officers are looking forward to visiting and installing officers at your Unit fall rallies. I know the weather will be perfect and the food great! See you soon.

I enjoyed hearing about your concerns and seeing what you do at your rally. As I talked about (or rather wrote about) in my last newsletter the officers of your unit can not do everything by themselves. It takes all of the unit members helping and doing what they can to help at each of the unit functions. I was glad to see this at the rallies that I was at. It also did my heart good to see that the spirit on volunteerism is alive and healthy in Region 8.

In one of my installations the unit at the last minute had a change in one of their presidents but the unit filled out their roster with members stepping up to the plate. In another unit they were missing a vice president when I did the installation. By the end of the day their new President came up to me and said you have to do another installation because a member again stepped up to the plate. I was only too happy to do that. And with my upcoming installation, a unit was also short two officers; but by the time the slate was presented, they had a full roster. It is members like this that make me believe that Region 8 is the BEST.

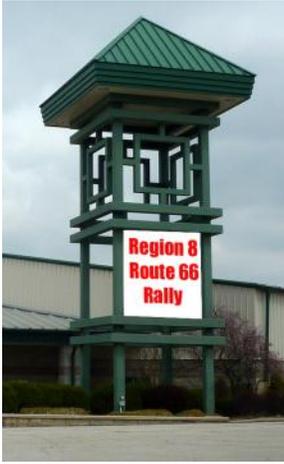
So the next time you are asked to do something for the unit - say yes. You never know you might have a good time and wonder why you did not do it sooner. To paraphrase JFK "Ask not what your unit can do for you, but ask what can I do for my unit".



MO Delta Unit Officer Installation Rally 2011



Kansas City Unit Officer Installation Rally 2011



Upcoming at the next Region 8 Rally April 25-29, 2012



A Brief History of the Slippery Slope Campground (located somewhere between St. Louis and Springfield on Route 66)

Route 66 has had a history steeped in song and story. WWII had ended, and by the late 50's, the road was better, cars were better, and folks had free time. They took off on Route 66, their hair blowing in the hot wind, looking at awesome scenery and meeting other folks with different lifestyles. Now this was before fast food and chain motels. Diners sprung up. They had lots of grease, jukeboxes activated right from the table, and pretty ladies in nice skirts who called you "Honey." Families stayed overnight in newly built little cottages called motor courts.

Well, Emmett and Alice Hardy opened one such motor court just a few feet north of Route 66. There were 10 cozy bungalows, each with its own bathroom. Each bungalow had a double bed that even vibrated if you had a quarter. If you had kids, Emmett would roll in a rollaway bed. You could sit outside on metal chairs on a hot night and listen to the locusts in the trees. If conditions were just right you could listen to the Grand Ole Opry on your portable tube radio. When you came inside, you could cool yourself with the Westinghouse fan. Wonderful.

Emmett and Alice Hardy were hardy. They spent many hours making the cottages feel like home for their guests. Emmett, he met celebrities that passed through. George Maharis and Martin Milner actually slept there while on the road filming their Route 66 TV series. Alice was so fond of the picture they had of William Frawley shaking hands with Emmett.

As you know, a lot of businesses failed when Route 66 was pretty much replaced by Interstate 44. It was the same with Emmett and Alice Hardy. Hardly anyone came. But they had made a good living and were ready to retire. The land changed hands several times. In quick succession it became a church retreat, a gift and rock shop, and an artist colony. Then in 1992, Avery Jenkins and his partner young Easley Buckum (the former rodeo rider) bought the site and buildings of the old motor court; and they bought part of the emu farm adjacent to the property. Avery put in a very long gravel road and built a one-way bridge over the creek to the camping area. Easley ran the water and electric lines, easily. They established, to their satisfaction, a bona-fide campground. They called it Slippery Slope, named for the steep slope just past the bridge. The slope was virtually impossible to navigate when it rained. Avery did a very poor business. In fact most folks, when they saw that steep gravel hill, just shook their heads and continued on their way to the KOA five miles further west.

Then in 2010 Roland V. Parker, a single man, bought the property cheap. In fact he paid cash, money he saved from his salvage business at Lake of the Ozarks. He was a diver and would retrieve wallets, rings, tools, and motors that went overboard on the water. It was later reported that he didn't return all the items he found, but that's another story. Roland Parker (known to his friends as R.V. Parker) truly wanted to make a success of the Slippery Slope. He fixed up the interior of the former office, did some landscaping, and put up a huge billboard. You may have seen it. He was starting to get some customers and was encouraging caravans to visit. But he was out of finances and couldn't seem able to borrow money for things like better fencing along the emu farm. The emus would get testy and raid the picnic tables. He also wanted to put in a pool. Kids like pools, and he wanted families to come.

Aside from needing the money, R.V. Parker was in business and moving forward. But it all came to a swift halt with the now infamous murder.

Now this story will be continued... at the "Get Your Kicks at the Route 66 Region 8 Rally" in Springfield, Missouri. April 25-29, 2012.



Get Your Kicks
at the

Region 8 Route 66 Rally

At the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds
Springfield, Missouri
April 25-29, 2012

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
	4/1/12	4/1/12	
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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