

REGION 8

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Message from Our President

Greetings from the president

First I would like to thank all those who attended the International Rally in Lewisburg WV. We survived the Thousand Year Flood that devastated the state and left many homeless, and many others without water or electric. Region 8 donated both manpower and money to the cleanup efforts, thanks to those who were able to donate.

After the hottest July on record, and not much relief in August, September should bring some cooler weather for our fall rallies.

Our Installation schedule will take us to Iowa, N. Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri Greater Ozarks, we look forward to getting on the road after the long hot summer.

1st VP Beth McCall will be at Kansas City and Greater St. Louis.

2nd VP Dwight Olson will be at Nebraska, Iowa, N. Iowa and Missouri Greater Ozark.

Two Region 8 caravans are scheduled for September, GSL is going to Door County Wisc., lead by Ed Knernschild, and Dwight Olson Has organized a Caravan to Hostfest in N. Dakota. Contact one of these people to check on openings if interested.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those in distress, Sharon Waters and Paul Ryan.

Happy Motoring

Gary

MESSAGE FROM OUR 1ST VP

Boy, am I glad that we have received rain. After all that rain at Lewisburg, we came home to heat and drought. These last couple weeks have been a blessing and plants are really soaking it in. We had planned on downsizing our 50 years of accumulated junk this coming winter, but since the heat kept us inside, we got a good start in the past two months. We even found David's ring that I wore when we were "going steady". And that wasn't the only thing that brought back memories. Our kids threw us a 50th anniversary party this summer after all the grandkids were done with soft ball, cross country camps, art camp, church camp and a variety of other things. It was a fun time and many of our actual family members, our church family and our Airstream family were in attendance. Of course our kids tried to embarrass us as much as they could with old pictures, but they also surprised us with three of the grandkids singing "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You". For those of you who have celebrated a 50 year anniversary, you know how we felt.

We are now looking forward to a series of fall rallies beginning September 14, when we will travel to Dundee, Iowa, where the Region 8 Vintage Rally will be held at Brokeback Park. David and I will be giving a seminar on the restoration of Agnes, the 1961 Tradewind that we have been working on for Rachel Ugaz of the KC Unit. Then the next weekend is our Kansas City Unit rally. After visits from family members we will be on the road again to the St. Louis Unit Rally in Osage Beach, Missouri. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the members of Region 8 a bit better by attending these rallies.

Please send me good pictures that you take at your fall rallies. We all like to see what the other units have been up to.

See many of you very soon - Beth

MESSAGE FROM THE 2ND VP

The Rally at Lewisburg WV was a great success and it stimulated a stampede to sign up for next year's rally at Escanaba, Michigan. There is still room for more to attend however. The weather should be great as we will be on the northern shores of Lake Michigan.

This was also my first experience attending IBT meetings. They were well run and educational. One of the meetings was conducted with generator power. That included lights, PA system and coffee pots! But as good Airstreamers, we never missed a beat - or a cup of coffee.

We are now looking forward to fall rallies and installations. That is after our daughter's wedding on September 4th.

As Gary mentioned, there will be a Unit Caravan to "Hostfest" in late September. What is Hostfest? It is a Scandinavian Heritage festival held annually at the State Fairgrounds in Minot, North Dakota. (website: hostfest.com)

We will leave on September 24 from Omaha. The trip north will include some interesting stop and tours. We will visit the "Bagg Bonanza Farm Historic Site" at Mooreton ND and

learn about the rapid development of huge farms in the eastern ND area that led to a population explosion as well.

Upon arrival at Minot we will camp on the fairgrounds (Good Sam rates) and walk or take the shuttle to the activities. There are lots of activities to enjoy on the general admission ticket, many free concerts as well as some great featured entertainers (featured = \$). And did I mention food? Ethnic food? Ethnic crafts?

We would be glad to have you join us! It is a good place to learn about (your) Scandinavian heritage.

Mange tusen tak!
Dwight

Message from our Treasurer, June Ryan -

Paul Ryan fell off a ladder in Lewisburg, WV and broke his left heel. Lewisburg Dr's put him in a soft cast but he couldn't put any weight on it.

Got back home and went to an Orthopedic Surgeon in Fairfield. He took a CT scan and said it was crushed into about 15-20 pieces and that surgery couldn't be done. He cannot put any weight on it for 3 months.

He is getting around on a knee scooter but getting up stairs is a challenge. His next appointment isn't until Oct 13th and the Dr said will see then about walking on it. We are hosting the Iowa Unit Sept Rally and still plan to go to Sugar Creek for the Swiss Festival.

A BIG THANK YOU from Linda Rush

It wouldn't be right if I didn't say a big THANK YOU to the ladies that made all of the table runners for the Region Rally and we gave them away as some of the door prizes for the Region 8 breakfast at International. Beth headed this up and made many of them herself. Her helpers were Glenda Ridgeway and Linda Poage. Hopefully I didn't forget anyone! If I did, I am sorry!

I know the people really liked them, I could tell by the expressions on their faces as they went from table to table to pick theirs! Many hugged them to keep people from taking them. I know the one Sharon Waters got was greatly appreciated; she had it on the middle of our work table in the copy center until the end of the rally. Joyce Allen and I got to enjoy it too!

Also thanks to everyone for pitching in to help at the Region Rally. Breakfast cooks, table cleaners, servers, etc. The list goes on and on!!!! I can't name them all!!

Region 8 is the best!!!!!!!!!!!!

REGION 8 RALLY
OSCEOLA IOWA 2017

Put this on your calendar!!

The 50th REGION 8 RALLY will be held in Osceola Iowa, April 27 -30 2017.

The Rally coupon will be on the region 8 website.

Some of the area attractions are:

Pella, Iowa home of the Tulip Festival

Winterset, Covered Bridges and John Wayne Home

Des Moines ,State Capital of Iowa.

We have many activities planned. Some involve food! Also, it's not too early to start to look for your saddle shoes, poodle skirts and Brylcream ! Yep it's a 50s party – so work on your dance moves!

Come and join us for some fun, fellowship, and adventure !!!!

NEWS FROM THE HOME OFFICE

Just a bit of information you should all be aware of regarding the 2017 International Rally at Escanaba, Michigan. Julie Rethman, membership services, asks that if you plan on attending the rally next year and have not registered and want full hook ups; please call or email her to be put on a wait list. Just as it was this year, the fairground is adding additional spots with electric and water, but there is not an accurate total at this time.

If you would like to camp at a reduced rate by using either solar or generator, then you can fill out the form in the Blue Beret and mail it in to her.

She will contact those who are on the wait list as soon as possible and then make arrangements for payment. Be patient. As last year, the amazing increase in attendance at the International Rally is both a blessing and a challenge.



Memories of Louisburg

The Region 8 officers were in the “picturesque” section of the fairground, against a building and next door to the shower house and bath room. Beth, Linda and Gary do their entrance walk at opening ceremonies. Below is Roger Brandt, Cheryl Sisk, and Lana Olson learning to line dance. The WBCCI office staff joined us for a few days and here is Julie Rethman (black shirt) and Megan Roche kicking up their heels too. Region 8 was well represented at the Ladies Tea Part also. Great hats, gals!

