



REGION 8 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello from a rainy day in southwest Florida.

It looks as though most of the Midwest has experienced a pleasant winter with mild temperatures and little snow. Enjoy it while it lasts, as we will be coming north in the near future, it always seems to snow when we return. We traveled to sunny Arizona for the IBT in January, but found no sun and a wet desert, however we enjoyed our time with fellow Airstreamers.

One of the issues that came up at IBT was that Thor has asked us to stop using AIRSTREAM in our name changes and on new flags until a lawsuit can be settled. More on that later as information becomes available.

The Region 8 rally is 4/26 to 4/30 2017 in Osceola Iowa, Clarke County Fairgrounds, This will be our 50th Region 8 rally, and we will be celebrating this milestone with all of the past Presidents of Region 8.

The rally will be everything 50's. For more Info contact me @ grush26209@msn.com .

I would like to thank in advance all of the units that are working on the advanced planning for the rally. Our units are the ones that make our region rallies a success.

Safe Travels, Gary

1ST VP MESSAGE:

After a very confusing winter (i.e. weather), hubby and I find ourselves looking forward to getting out on the road again. Some of our members in Iowa, did that just two weekends ago. Read their story later in the newsletter.

I am sure that many of you have heard that my health hasn't been great since October 1st, and I am truly grateful for Gary & Dwight attending the IBT and informing me about the activities there. I am currently battling a variety of issues and some days I am really worn out. However, I am keeping busy by planning the 2018 Region Rally. So far my dialing finger and hearing haven't been affected, so I am able to make many phone calls. When you find out where next year's rally will be, I hope you will be as excited as I am.

As for the upcoming Rally, our dining room is filling up with drawing gifts and the UPS guy is starting to wonder what the heck is going on here. I also have a stash of puzzles ready for the "puzzle people". We will also be selling the Region 8 breakfast tickets for International. Our breakfast will be on Saturday, July 22, at 7:30. The restaurant catering the breakfast is known for its good home cooking.

I look forward to visiting with all of you next month. So, "the Lord willing, and the creek don't rise", I'll see you on the 26th.

Beth

2ND VP MESSAGE:

Has spring arrived already?!? I guess that remains to be seen, but it is soon time to "Break 'em out and Get 'em going". This is a paraphrase of one unit's creative spring fixit rally title.

After readying our trailers and motor homes for the road the next logical step is to head for the celebration of Region 8's 50th rally to be held in Osceola, Iowa. Gary and Linda are preparing a great time for us! And the Clarke County Fairgrounds is a fine venue.

Have you signed up for a WBCCI caravan lately? Have you led a short caravan around your state or area? Unit sponsored caravans are a lot of fun and variety. They take some planning but minimal red tape is involved. The Nebraska Unit had a "mystery caravan" around the state in their 50th anniversary year. Although many had lived in Nebraska for much of their lives, everyone experienced new places and activities and had a great time. If you would like to talk about this, contact me at 402-490-6431. We are currently signed up for a national caravan this spring and another in 2018.

We hope everyone has had a good winter - see you in Osceola!

Dwight & Lana Olson

NOTICE FROM ALL OF YOUR PRESIDENCY AND THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
WE ARE IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER TO BE 2ND VP FOR THE COMING TWO YEARS. IF YOU WANT TO BE AROUND THE CRAZY SOON TO BE PRESIDENT AND THE GUY THAT KEEPS HER GROUNDED, PLEASE SEARCH YOUR HEART AND SAY YES TO THIS GREAT ACTIVITY! THE PAY ISN'T GOOD BUT THE BENEFITS ARE AMAZING!



No, Pat Shaw didn't fall. She's making a snow angel in the recent white stuff in northern Iowa. And she was excited that she could get up by herself. Way to go, Pat!

**EXTRA! EXTRA!
READ ALL ABOUT IT**

We are having a dump soup and salad supper Wednesday evening, April 26.

Every rig is to bring a can of soup plus a can for the food pantry. DO NOT BRING CREAM SOUPS. Bring soup cans to the building upon arrival to the fairground. We plan to eat at 5 PM. Bring table service and beverage.

Also, those people with the last name beginning with A-O need to bring a salad on Wednesday Evening.

Those beginning with P-Z bring a salad Friday at the lunch.

Thanks to Nancy Helle for all your help and moral support!!!! Call me with questions Linda Rush 573-286-7665

A QUICK REMINDER TO ALL UNITS

ALL UNITS NEED TO BRING FIVE DOZEN COOKIES FOR THE HOSPITALITY TABLE!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Glenn Waters, our Community Service Chairman, would like to remind all of you to bring your donations of blankets, stuffed animals, hats, and tabs to the Region Rally. Also, Presidents and/or Treasurers, don't forget your checks for Common Cents.

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for a local food bank.

REGION 8 RALLY INFORMATION

Registration for the rally at:



Mail: <http://region8.wbcci.net/region-8-rally/> for a form to print out

PayPal: <http://region8.wbcci.net/region-8-rally/on-line-registration/> to register and pay online

INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Escanaba, Michigan

July 22nd – 29th

Ya, You Betcha', it will be sooner than you think before we travel to the Michigan shores to gather with friends and be surrounded by aluminum. We hope your units have planned caravans to travel to Escanaba. Please let the presidency know if your unit is planning a caravan and the details. A stray member from another unit may want to join you.

As you all know, the reservations at the main fairground went very fast. Currently, there no sites available with hookups, however there still may be room in the generator and solar sections. There is also a slight possibility that if someone cancels in the main fairground, you will be able to move into that slot if you have been on the waiting list.

The other two campgrounds that our International President Richard Girard found close to the fairgrounds have been receiving many phone calls. The Gladstone Campground is now full. The Pioneer Park has opened its reservations to the general public now, but there are still many sites that can be reserved. You can find the number and the website in the February Blue Beret. Don't wait until the last minute.

Camping! In February! In Iowa! FEBRUARY camping in IOWA!!!!

By Kathy & Scott Allen

We've never camped in February, so this was a wonderful experience! We got four Airstreams together at Ledges State Park on Friday February 17th and using the campground's electricity and fresh water, we dry camped with no water in the Airstreams' lines.

Our potluck lunch was warm and fun, as were our walks/hikes, and dinner out in Boone. We did burn a little propane at night. We used our bathrooms, so on Sunday we dumped gray and black water, and put antifreeze back into our drain traps. The weekend was so beautiful.

We camped with Tom & Shirley Herron (34' AS), with Scott Jensen and his girlfriend (1979 AS), and first time ever Airstreamers Bryan & Charlene Nelson, who picked up their 2017 30' from Wisconsin during a storm in mid-December.

