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Thanks to all for serving Region 8!



President's Message

I am very sad and disappointed that I must resign as Region 8 President because of a change in my health. The first part of September I experienced a rapid life threatening heart beat. The treatment has required a major change in medications that are still being adjusted and the implantation of a pacemaker/defibrillator. I am still coping with this change for I do not have the same energy levels as before. Another change I found was in Western KS at an altitude of 3000 feet I experienced sleep disturbing shortness of breath. This low altitude intolerance is new and has led me to believe that I could not tolerate the next two International Rallies held at 4500+ feet. I would not be able to complete the Region Presidents role at these rallies.

The decision to resign has been difficult and it leaves Glenn Waters with the burden of work for the region. At the current moment there are no standing Vice Presidents in the Region to follow Glenn therefore we need members to step forward and take the Region first and second VP positions.

I have enjoyed my tenure as a Region Vice President and the short time that I have been President. As a Region Officer I have visited units throughout the region and enjoyed their heart warming hospitality. The overall experience is very enriching to one's life. I thank everyone for the opportunity you have given to me. My resignation is official October 31, 2013.

On November 1, Glenn Waters will assume the Region 8 leadership and will be installed as President at Mid-winter IBT in Raynes, LA. Thank you Glenn for picking up the reins and carrying the Region forward. We look forward to having two people step up that can follow you and assist in the work of our Region. Please let June, Fred or Betty, the Nomination Committee know of your interest. **Urgent help is needed in Region 8!** Fun, fellowship and adventure await you.

Leonard



Glenn Waters

1st Vice President

Down the Trail

In the last newsletter I was about to leave to go on the Viking Trail Caravan. I think it was Leonard that hinted that there would be more on the caravan in the next newsletter. I will only say at this time that if you have a bucket list be sure to put this on it or for that matter any other caravan that may interest you.

At the International in Huron I became your Region 1st Vice President. Paul Lloyd became your 2nd VP and Leonard Sullivan became your President. I only tell you this because—as you know—things can change with the blink of an eye. While on the caravan I was told by Leonard that due to health concerns that Paul was going to resign after the installations were complete at the end of the year. When I got home I also got a phone call from Leonard to say that also due to health concerns he has submitted his resignation as your Region President as of October 31.

As per our constitution I will become your President as of November 1. I must admit that I am still trying to wrap my mind around these sudden changes. I will be going ahead with the plans that Leonard and Betty have for the next two Region Rallies. If you have read the rest of the news you also know that we have lost one and likely two units this year. This also means that I may have to adjust some of the unit jobs for the rally. I will be meeting with Leonard and Betty soon and maybe I will have a better handle on things. I was and still am looking forward to being your President I just did not think it would be this soon.

One final thought—as you can see we will need two vice presidents. If you may be interested in being a Region Officer let me or the nominating committee know. **The Region needs your help!**

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Paul Lloyd, 2nd Vice President

Serendipity Revisited & Airstream Adventures

Serving as a region officer is an opportunity to be cherished.

I encourage you to look around your Airstream Unit family and consider nominating one or more of your members to serve our Airstream Club as a region committee chair or region officer.

A capsule view of my experience as 2nd VP include travel to region Units for officer installation ceremonies and consultation with Unit leaders and WBCCI members who you would not necessarily meet except in the role of region office; leadership roles in Region Rallies; participation in Airstream governance at all levels; and preparation for serving as region president and on the IBT Board. For me this is a recipe for Fun, Fellowship and Adventure and an avenue to provide service to our Airstream Club in a meaningful way.

The Kansas City Missouri Unit is one of the largest and oldest Units in Region 8. September 19-22, Karen and I along with our chocolate lab Rasca participated in their Unit Officers Installation Rally at Oak Grove, MO. The Kansas City Unit along with President Kay Corder celebrated “50 Fabulous Years.” There was marvelous fellowship and hospitality throughout the Rally. There were 39 current and past members present at the banquet to honor and recognize the KC Unit’s historic benchmark.

As a living part of Airstream history, a third of the members have vintage trailers and many are also members of the Classic Airstream Club and the

Vintage Airstream Club. WBCCI offers added value to our membership in so many ways. Representing President Leonard Sullivan and Region 8, it was a privilege to conduct my First Airstream Officer Installation Ceremony. Past Region 8 Presidents Don Sutton and Charlie Kennedy were part of the festivities. It was a blast and epitomized the Airstream rubric of Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.



Kansas City Unit Officers with Paul

Occasionally the good fortune meanderings of Serendipity lead to its polar opposite, the anonymity. August 23, 2013 I submitted a letter to President Leonard Sullivan requesting his approval of my resignation as 2nd VP due to unforeseen family health issues. We decided that an appropriate transition would be for my resignation to be effective at the end of the calendar year, Dec. 31, 2013. I have thoroughly enjoyed my brief tenure as 2nd VP; however family and health remain my top priority.

Wishing each of you the best and look forward to seeing you down the road!

Paul

Changes in the Region

The Delta Unit has found it necessary to dissolve. Unit officers were not available within the current membership due to health and aging issues. The unit has contributed greatly to the Region regardless of the Unit membership size. We need to complement them on a job well done and sincerely encourage them to join a Unit within our Region. Please reach out to them.

On the same disappointing note the Region at this writing is on the verge of losing another Unit, Greater Kansas. The Greater Kansas Unit will be voting on whether to sustain the Unit at the October business meeting. The Unit also has contributed greatly to the Region. A Unit or Units have been in Kansas since the late fifties. Over the years the membership has declined and of the few remaining the Unit does not have candidates to fulfill the Officer roles. Be that as it may we hope for the best outcome for those remaining WBCCI members in Kansas.

International Peace Garden Monument

The effort to restore the WBCCI Hands of Peace Garden Monument is underway and needs financial support from the membership. The Hands of Peace Monument is on the border between Canada and the United States symbolic of the long time peace and cooperation held between these two countries. The first monument has deteriorated to the point of needing replacement. The monument was a WBCCI installation in conjunction with the City of Brandon, Canada and outreach depicting this symbolism between the two countries. Your support of this very worthwhile project is encouraged. Units could hold fundraisers, opportunities for donations, etc. to assist in this endeavor. For individual gifts this is a 501c3 organization registered in North Dakota and in Manitoba, Canada. Contributions may be sent to International Peace Garden, Inc., 10939 Hwy 281, Dunseith, ND, 58329. Put a note in that you are a WBCCI member. One hundred percent of money goes to the restoration of the monument.

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Another thought—at this time we are short Region officers—I would like to strongly suggest that some units that are close together consider joining forces for their installation rallies in the fall. As a side thought this would also be good for merit points.

On a final note I wish the best for Paul and Leonard and hope to see them at future rallies.

Glenn

NEW MEMBERS

Exciting news! We have had the following people buy an airstream or join a Unit since June. Here are some of the names! Please welcome them whenever you meet them. If you are not on this list and should be please forgive the omission.

Mike and Cheryl Sisk joined the Nebraska Unit.

Michael & Virginia Morris, Steve and Whitney Short, and John and Stephanie Valley joined the Gr. Kansas Unit. Jarrod & Tiffany Allen bought an Airstream and live in KS.

Gregory & Frances Vadner, James Kinsey, Greg & Sharon Wastaney, and Jeanne Donahue and Ron Mergel joined the Gr. St. Louis Unit.

Noel Chladek, Grant Lilienthal, Richard Spence from Iowa bought Airstreams. David & Kay Rash, Rick & Diana Spence joined Iowa Unit.

Nancy & Timothy Bates, Doug Gerard, Jeremy Reed live in MO and bought Airstreams.

Rachel Ugaz joined the KC, MO Unit.

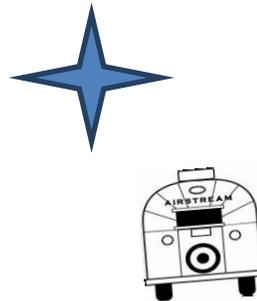
Welcome one and all!

2014 Region 8 Rally Registration

Next year for the Region 8 Rally one can still register by mail by check but for those wishing to

register on-line we are adding that as a new option. Check out the website:registration next spring. A form is being placed on the Region 8 website for those who wish to register by the internet for the rally in Kirksville, MO. The address is Region8.wbcci.net

April 29-May 4, 2014 we will be "Streamin' to Missouri's North Star" City of Kirksville for the Region 8 Rally. Put this on your calendar for next April and plan to join fellow Airstreamers in Kirksville. Some highlights for the coming rally include: Character actors portraying historic area figures; Bluegrass Music; a new form of the Scavenger hunt; many new tours for those who have been to Kirksville before; two dinners, one luncheon, three breakfasts; hobby show with your own special collections; joker tournament; Bean Bag Baseball and possible other surprises! The NEMO Fairgrounds has 30 amp electric, water and dump station.



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See you all down the road!

