



REGION 8

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The "Antics" were lively with "Who, who, let the dogs out" and "Meow, Meow, Meow". The antics included song, poetry and chants. And as the picture below portrays, Snoopy (on top) took the Presidency. The winning slogans were: "On the road with Snoopy" submitted by Dottie Steurer and "A Cat in every Airstream" submitted by Rhoda Launius.

President's Message

What a rally!! We had a great time in Abilene and the weather other than being windy for travel to Abilene, was spectacular during the rally.

"Campaign Antics"

Region 8 Rally

Abilene, Kansas

April 30—May 4, 2008

The rally theme was evident everywhere and included our candidates, Snoopy and Garfield. These characters were evident in the table decorations (see below) and the stage decorations.



Our **community service projects** added a table full of staple goods to the local Food Center in Abilene. In addition Region 8 supplied **hats** to the United Way and Clothing Center in Abilene, **hats, stuffed animals and Cabbage Patch dolls** to Smart Start in Abilene, **stuffed animals and blankets** to the Abilene Fire Department, and **blankets and hats** to the Helping our People in Emergencies, HOPE agency. And the Salina, KS Salvation Army was given 60 **hats**.

The **Open House** was a huge success and included Vintage and Classic trailers, and Motorhomes. Several reported approximately 50 people visited during the 1 1/2 hour time period. This turnout was due in part to the excellent



media coverage provided by Amy White. She contacted the radio, newspapers and TV stations who spread the word and came to interview and broadcast our presence in Abilene and the surrounding area in print and on television.

A reception was held on the first afternoon to honor **all eight 2007 Unit Presidents** in Region 8 who had earned the **Superior Merit Award** for achievements by their units. Ribbons were then flown on the Unit flags for Opening Ceremonies. Congratulations to all Units! (See more p. 5)



Beanbag Baseball Tournament

The eight units of Region 8 were paired for the first round of games. The winners of those games were paired for the second round. Winners included: **Nebraska, Greater Wichita KS, Missouri Delta and Iowa**. The final winners: the **Missouri Delta Cotton Pickers and Nebraska Cornhuskers** played for the Region 8 Championship. The **Greater Wichita KS Flatland Pirates won third place, Nebraska Cornhuskers, second and Missouri Delta Cotton Pickers won first place**. From a combination of the final three winning teams, the **Region 8 Dream Team** was formed to play at the WBCCI International Rally in Bozeman, Montana. (For more see scores p.4)

Geocaching

Fred and Dottie Steurer, Darrell and Sharon Waters, and Gary and Linda Rush all participated

in finding the geocache sites located in Abilene. The sites were Dwight Eisenhower's statue and the Chisholm Trail end of trail marker. Each participant was rewarded with a chocolate candy bar. Think about bringing your GPS unit to Columbia, Missouri next year. Geocaching will also be done at the International Rally, however I wouldn't count on chocolate candy.

Region 8 Award Winners

Bulletin Boards

Missouri Greater Ozark	First
Missouri Delta	Second
North Iowa	Third

Community Service

Hats:

1. Gr. St. Louis, 2. Gr. Wichita, 3. MO Delta

Blankets

1. MO Delta, 2. Gr. St. Louis, 3. Gr. Wichita

Stuffed Animals

1. N. Iowa, 2. MO Delta, 3. Iowa

Tabs

1. MO Delta, 2. MO Gr. Ozark, 3. Nebraska

Common Cents

1. MO Gr. Ozark, 2. Gr. Wichita, 3. MO Delta

Overall Community Service

- MO Delta

Manipulation Game

1. Doris Young, 2. Shirley Sisk, 3. Dean Young

Joker Game

1. Glenn Waters & Ginny Floden,
2. Glen Floden & Helen Howard

Horseshoes

1. Jr. Shoemake, 2. Russell Moss, 3. Dan Zile

Slogans for Garfield

1. A Cat in Every Airstream (Rhoda Launius),
2. I like Ike but I love Garfield (Amy White).

Slogans for Snoopy

- 1 On the Road with Snoopy, 2. No Bones about it, Vote for Snoopy. Both by Dottie Steurer.

Best Presentation was by Snoopy Caucus.

President: Snoopy

51st WBCCI International Rally

Montana State University

Bozeman, Montana

June 28—July 4, 2008

Come join us for fun in the West. The **Region 8 Breakfast** is scheduled for June 28, 7:30 AM, in the Strand Building, MSU campus. Contact June Ryan for tickets during rally registration.

Plan to take your photos for the photo contests, your unit bulletin boards and history books. Also many excellent sessions will provide training such as, caravan leadership, unit leadership and much more. Check out the tours for great scenery and history.

Caravans to Bozeman

Several caravans are going to Bozeman, Montana. The caravan information is as follows:

Heart of America to Sky Country

Wendell Sisk is leading the Region 8 Caravan, June 16-26, 2008. Please check with him if you would like to go with a leader who has an exciting route planned and all campground sites reserved. His e-mail address is wendelljib@aol.com and his cell number is 913-522-2086.

Classics to Bozeman

Ben and Kay Corder are leading the Classic Club caravan which will meet in Sedalia, Missouri June 15 and park in Bozeman on June 25, 2008. Contact Ben Corder at e-mail address benco@socket.net or call 816-524-5240.

Nebraska Unit Caravan

Contact Roscoe Shields for further information about this caravan.

Sunflowers to Big Blue Skies

Contact Bob Brown, Greater Wichita KS Unit caravan leader for further information on this caravan at 785-823-7952.

Unit Delegates Meeting at Bozeman

Unit Delegates will have an amendment to consider which provides a procedure for voting for more than two candidates for the nominating committee. This amendment has the support of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Please review the April Blue Beret for the list of candidates for the slate of International Officers and the Nominating Committee. There is one additional nominee running from the floor for third Vice President and two additional candidates for the nominating committee.

Candidate for Region 8 2nd Vice-President needed!!

Please consider an exciting adventure in the leadership of our region. Meet and make many new friends from this region and internationally. Send your resume` for Region 2nd VP to Norm Beu by mail, 903 Blackhawk St., Reinbeck, IA or e-mail, beu@reinbeck.net. A Candidate is needed for election and installation in 2009.

Region 8 Rally 2009 Columbia, Missouri Boone County Fairgrounds April 29-May 3, 2009

Come join us in Columbia, Missouri next year for our Region 8 Rally. Our theme: "There's no place like Region 8" will emphasize the four states in our region. The rally colors will be those in our Region 8 logo (see top left corner of first page for the logo).

Red Banners

Last year each unit received a **red banner** at the Region Rally in Council Bluffs, IA. The banners were to depict your particular unit with whatever your unit deemed representative. To do this one could use felt pieces, items not too weighty to portray a point. Nebraska has completed a very attractive banner. For others be planning ahead to have them ready for next year. We will be displaying them in 2009. The Banners will play an important role in next years Region 8 Rally theme. I look forward to seeing the finished product of your creativity.

**Missouri State Rally
“Autumn in Missouri”
NEMO Fairgrounds
Kirksville, Missouri
September 18-21, 2008**

This rally is hosted by Greater St. Louis, Missouri Delta and Kansas City, MO units but is open to all members of WBCCI. Come enjoy the fun and fellowship with old friends and make some new friends. There will be 3 nights parking with 30 amp electricity, water and dumping facilities on the grounds. There will be entertainment, games, a Vintage Open House and Bill Thomas Camper Sales with Airstream displays. Contact Herb Henderson, Rally Director for further information. Phone 816-779-0900 or handshen@casstel.net for e-mail.

**Branson Musicland Rally
Region 8 National Rally
Branson, Missouri
October 19-25, 2008**

Join Region 8 in Branson, Missouri for a star studded event with tickets to the “Country Jubilee” and “YAKOV”. Enjoy full hookups, 2 buffets, 2 breakfasts and more. Check out the website <http://bransonmusiclandrally.wbcci.net> for information. Early registration will save you \$10 per adult. Contact Joe Bubliss at 314-631-8873 or jcbubl@sbcglobal.net for further information or check the Blue Beret for rally registration form.

Beanbag Baseball Scores

First Round:

Nebraska Cornhuskers 9
Kansas City Silver Foxes 6

Kansas Flatland Pirates 6
St. Louis Gateway Travelers 2

Missouri Delta Cotton Pickers 18
Iowa Corndogs 8

North Iowa Speedy Base Steelers 13
Greater Missouri Ozark Hillbillies 10

**Beanbag Baseball Scores
Second Round:**

Nebraska Cornhuskers 15
Kansas Flatland Pirates 4

Missouri Delta Cotton Pickers 20
North Iowa Speedy Base Steelers 3

Final Round:

Missouri Delta Cotton Pickers 15
Nebraska Cornhuskers 14

In the final round, after a score of 8-0 in favor of the Cornhuskers, the Cotton Pickers rallied to win the game by one point.

The **Region 8 Dream Team** made up of members of the three winning teams, Kansas Flatland Pirates, Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Missouri Delta Cotton Pickers will travel to Bozeman to compete in the International Beanbag Baseball Games.

Come cheer for the Dream Team. They will take their new mascot the Region 8 patriotic Bear with them. Join the fun in Bozeman!

2008 Fall Installation Schedule

The following officers will be attending your unit rallies for installation of officers. We look forward to seeing you all after summer travels in the fall.

Sept. 10-13 KC MO Unit—Betty Sullivan

Sept. 26-28 MO Delta Unit—June Ryan

Oct. 2-5 North Iowa Unit—Fred Steurer

Oct. 9-12 Iowa Unit—June Ryan

Oct. 9-12 Nebraska Unit—Fred Steurer

Oct. 16-19 Greater Wichita KS – Fred Steurer

Oct. 16-19 Greater St. Louis Unit—Betty Sullivan

Oct. 16-19 MO Greater Ozark Unit—June Ryan

2007 Merit Award Winners

All eight units in Region 8 were Superior Merit Award winners. The following presidents submitted the materials for the awards.

Mary Ann Braden—Greater St. Louis Missouri

Benny Stewart—Greater Wichita Kansas

Marcia Woolley—Iowa

Delores Crain—Kansas City Missouri

Lawrence Viney—Missouri Greater Ozark

Don Bowerman—Nebraska

Rosalie Macumber—North Iowa

The following picture is of Betty Sullivan giving Anna Janesko the Superior Merit Award ribbon for Delores Crain who was absent due to her father's death. Thank you Delores for your hard work.



Congratulations to all eight units for a job well done!

Happy Trails and Safe Travels to All!!

Region 8 First Timers

Region 8 had a number of rally attendees for the first time this year. We are pleased that you attended and invite you to come back next year.

Thank You

A big thank you is sent to Bill Thomas Camper Center and Glen Thomas and crew for all the hard work at the Region 8 Rally. At the Open House on Saturday afternoon, some area visitors were hopeful to find Airstreams available. Kansas is one of the few states that do not have an Airstream dealer. Therefore, we are pleased that so much interest was shown in the Airstream products. We thank you again for coming to Kansas!

A thank you also goes to David Schumann for coming and being available to attendees and for bringing news from Headquarters. We are pleased that you were with us during the rally!

Again thank you to all the units that gave of their energy, time and creative talents to make this rally a huge success. Your region officers and especially myself appreciate all your hard work. We look forward to another good year ahead. Thank you each and everyone.

A special thanks to Don Sutton for his well planned opening ceremonies. Don, you make such activities seem flawless. Thanks to the units who made the state flags available. Please bring them back for next year.

With grateful heart, your region president

Betty Sullivan