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President's Message

The Region 8 experience at Bozeman was super. The breakfast was well attended, thanks to June's hard work in selling tickets. We had good food and the decorations, made by Dottie Steurer, were outstanding.

Two units, **Missouri Delta** and **North Iowa**, received special recognition for their bulletin boards. All boards were exhibited thanks to each unit that put in the hard work! Many members from our region also won awards. See page two for the list of winners.

What excitement, the hard hitting, athletic, "**Dream Team**" won the Beanbag Baseball Game! You can bet other regions will be waiting for us next year. Texas, Region 9, where this all started will especially be "gunning" for us. I have heard Babe Haddaway who didn't play this year will be in the dug-out. I am sure Region 8 will rise to the challenge! See next page for picture of team and story.

Region 8 was well represented in **early workers** and had 16 **chairman of committees** at the International Rally. Every unit was represented with a chairman. There was also a great turnout from unit members.

It was great to see **all 8 Units flying Gold Superior Merit Award ribbons** from the flag poles at opening ceremony. I am sorry that Amy White President last year for the Missouri Delta unit was not recognized in the last newsletter as receiving a Superior Merit Award. My hat is off to all of you for this great performance!

Our **community service projects** were bountiful this year and Chairman **Mary Ann Braden** says, "thank you and keep up the good work!"

Totals included:	Region	Int.
Blankets	157	265
stuffed animals	874	1674
Hats	706	2873
Tabs	\$190	\$2374
Common Cents	\$1242	\$8380

These are fantastic numbers compiled at the Region 8 Rally in Abilene. The **units are to be congratulated** for their gifts of cash, food, handwork, saving of tabs, and caring! Totals at International were only those items taken to Bozeman.

Media

A huge thank you goes to **Amy White and Robert Brown** for their efforts for media coverage in Abilene. We had great television coverage at the Region 8 Rally which advertised our Open House and Vintage Units. The local Abilene paper carried the story of our community service gifts and the 100 Cabbage Patch Dolls presented by Rosalie Macumber of the North Iowa Unit that went to the Smart Start agency in Abilene.

Congratulations to our **Hobo Queen, Wanita Bubliss** who was featured front and center on the cover of the April

Blue Beret. And **Marion Pember** was the photographer that made the cover of the June Blue Beret with his beautiful Baja Caravan picture.

At the International Rally in Bozeman, several members were in the media. **Dottie Steurer** and **Frosty** her dog made TV a couple of times. Early workers setting up the rally were quoted and included **Paul Ryan**, Parking Chairman, **Fred Steurer**, Electric Chairman and **Leonard Sullivan**, Rally Promotions Chairman. **Paul Lloyd** pictured by his trailer was also quoted in the **Bozeman Daily Chronicle**. **Sharon Waters and family** were featured in an article about four generations of Airstreamers. Coverage by the Daily Chronicle was especially good of Airstream activities.

Region 8 Beanbag Baseball Dream Team



Only four regions participated 8, 9, 10, & 12. We won the Region 12 game and then Region 10 game for the first place ribbon in Beanbag Baseball. **What a way to go Dream Team!!!**

Members from the **Missouri Delta Cotton Pickers** included **Arson** (Team Captain) & **Amy White** (scorekeeper), **Carolyn** (umpire) & **Charles Bell** (sub), **Pat & Jim Mesko & Bunk Launius** holding the blue ribbon. Members from the **Nebraska Cornhuskers** were **Bert Sherwin**, **Bill Kalmer**, **Roscoe Shields** (ref) & subs, **Selwyn Heese & Bob Heist**. Members from the **Greater Wichita KS Flatland Pirates** were **Betty Sullivan**, **Shirley Slater & Colette Krupco**, & **George Slater** (line ref). **June Ryan**, Region 1st Vice President was scorekeeper and Tournament assistant. Our team mascot, blue

bear atop **Charlie Bell's** head cheered us on with the help of **LaDon Kallmer** (not pictured). Thanks to **Selwin Heese and Bert Sherwin** for pictures of the team.

Region 8 Award Winners at Bozeman

Bulletin Boards

Missouri Delta	Special Recognition
North Iowa	Special Recognition

Individual Winners by Unit

Greater St. Louis Unit

Dottie Steurer	1st, 2nd and two 3rd places in Art
Agnus Huge	1st Women's Double Tennis
Brianna Waters	2nd Photo Print
Brianna Waters	1st, 2nd, & 3rd in Relay Games

Greater Wichita Kansas Unit

Shirley Slater	3rd Manipulation
Frank Solomon	3rd Dog with Tricks
Frank Solomon	1st Buffalo Chip Toss
Sue Solomon	2nd Crocheting
Robert Brown	1st Photo
Robert Brown	2nd Photo
Beverly Brown	Hon. Mention Cross Stitch
Earline Foster	2nd Tatting
Earline Foster	Hon. Mention Quilting
Unit Parade Entry	Hon. Mention

Iowa

Kristophe Cummings	1st Hobby
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Allison Cummings	1st Hobby
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Elaine Cummings	

Kansas City Missouri

Kay Corder	1st Joker
John Craig	1st Watercolor
Rachel Hughey	3rd History Book

Nebraska

Bill Brandt	1st Joker
Miriam Brandt	2nd Joker
Donna Jean Sherwin	Grand Prize Craft Game
Bill Kalmer	1st Dog with Trick

More winners to come when I receive the list!

Caravans to Bozeman

Several caravans went to Bozeman, Montana from our region. Wendell Sisk, leading the Region 8 Caravan, had the largest of any to come into Bozeman with 15 members. Robert Brown leading the "Sunflowers to Big Blue Skies" brought in nearly half the Greater Wichita Unit. Others leading caravans included Roscoe Shields with the Nebraska Unit and Ben and Kay Corder leading the Classic Club Caravan.

Unit Delegates Meeting at Bozeman

Unit Delegates had an amendment to consider which provided a procedure for voting for more than two candidates for the nominating committee. This amendment passed.

Delegates also elected the slate of International Officers as follows:

President:	Jerry Larson
First Vice President	Tom Collier
Second Vice President	Norm Beu
Third Vice President	Barry Heckenswiler
Treasurer	Ralph Forester
Recording Secretary	Carolyn Florence
Nominating Committee	Sandra Poast
Nominating Committee	Phil Risher

Canceled

Branson Musicland Rally

Due to insufficient registrations this rally has been cancelled for 2008. Please consider attending this National Rally in 2009.

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.

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 be carried by each unit in the Opening Ceremonies and then hung in the building to add to the ambience. I look forward to seeing each banner next spring.

2008 Fall Installation Schedule

The following officers will be attending your unit rallies for installation of officers. We look forward to reviewing your blue books and assisting with merit award questions.

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

New Legislative Officer on Board

Thank you **Richard Jirus** from the Iowa Unit for offering to take on the Legislative Chairmanship. I appreciate your willingness to step up and take on this job.

Unit Constitution and Bylaws

Four units are working on their Constitution and Bylaws this year. They are **Greater St. Louis Missouri, Greater Wichita Kansas, Kansas City Missouri, and Nebraska**. To make this task a little easier, there is a suggested Constitution and Bylaws in Appendix #6 of the Blue Book. You may choose to wait until any revisions are available in August to download the copy to make your own. If you choose to write your own, please make sure that it follows the International Constitution and Bylaws to avoid unpleasant re-writing of the document. Copies are to be sent to Daryl Ewles, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman.

I would appreciate if units would appoint a **community service chairman** and a **public relations chairman**. These positions could easily be placed in your new bylaws section if not there currently.

Our Region 8 Smaller Units

Who says small units can't do great things! In Region 8 we have three units that are small in number, **Missouri Delta 20, Greater Wichita Kansas 16, and North Iowa 13** but mighty in strength. If you look at the number of awards this year between the Region 8 Rally and International, these units have made us mighty proud!

Missouri Delta led the way with the Beanbag Baseball Winning team at Region 8 and the nucleus for the "Dream Team". Bulletin Board winners were from **Missouri Delta and North Iowa**.

Greater Wichita made a great showing in the individual winners section and had 50% of their members in attendance at International. A

Caravan Awards

Wendell and Shirley Sisk of the Kansas City MO Unit were awarded plaques for their service as Region 8 Caravan Chairman and for their Region 8 Caravan R-271 to Bozeman, MT. **Ed Knernschild, Dan and Beth Zile** of the Greater St. Louis Unit were awarded plaques for their "Amblin to Abilene" U-370 caravan. Good work Region 8 members.

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**

Region 8 Early Workers

As one goes about the early worker groups one cannot help but see the number of members of Region 8 that help set up and put on the International Rally. This year I decided to figure out how many of us there were. Using the early data on parking I calculated our members to make up 14% of the early workers. That is a tremendous showing for Region 8. Thanks to each of you.

Most of us that went early got some surprises. One was the snow of June 11th the date that we were to park. Head Parker, Paul Ryan asked us

As you can see they were dressed in rain and warm gear, that is if they had it. Some went to the Outside Wear store to pick up some gear. You didn't hear much griping. Guys and gals went about their work with a determination. The weather was not going to deter them. Can you imagine Fred Steurer and his crew laying electric lines in this weather. It was done safely and the challenges were left to discuss over happy hours that followed. Thanks to the hard work of everyone, the rally was a great success. Many attendees had fun and never knew what occurred before they got there.

The scenery was beautiful in Bozeman as we were in a bowl between two mountain ranges.



to wait until the next day. He already had a full bull pen because of the rain that preceded this snow. It not only hampered parking but the work of the water and electric crew.



This range was off to the southwest. This photo was from the third floor of the stadium and shows some of the prominent snow that greeted us.



Region 8 Merit Award

I am sending in the paperwork for the Region Merit Award. Together all of us have succeeded in making this truly a banner year. I thank each one of you for your membership, your attendance at unit, region or International rallies, your volunteering spirit and most of all for your special friendship.

Betty Sullivan, Region 8 President