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President's Message

2009 Region 8 Rally Boone County Fairgrounds Columbia, Missouri April 29—May3

The region rally in Columbia, Missouri is upon us. The theme “**There is No Place Like Region 8**” will be highlighted from the Opening Ceremonies and in the fun we will have during the rally.

Rally Colors are those in the logo on the top of the page. Each day will feature a state's color so pack your clothes accordingly. Wednesday, April 29, we will celebrate the state of **Kansas** so you might look for Sunflowers at the rally. Thursday will celebrate **Missouri**, the “Show Me” state and will be our tour day. Friday is Cornhusker day, celebrating **Nebraska**. Be sure and wear red. Saturday

will be **Iowa's** Day with the color blue. Breakfast hosts will coincide with their rally day for those assigned that task.

Top notch **entertainment** will include “**Jennifer**”, a Branson show entertainer, **Joel Meyers**, an **Illusionist**, and the **Chordbusters**, a Barbershop group. In addition a fun night is planned that will focus on our four special states.

Finish up your **red banners** and make sure they are packed with a pole that the banner can be hoisted and carried in for the **opening ceremony**. Please designate a member of your unit to carry the banner.

The Greater St. Louis Unit is getting our **tours** arranged that will highlight some of the interesting sights in Columbia, MO. Here are a few: Bass Pro Shop, MU Athletic Facilities, KOMU TV, The Candy (Chocolate) Factory and the Veterinary School of Medicine. Many other options will be available to tour on your own.

Region 8 Beanbag Baseball Team

It is not too early to begin planning your team for the next Region 8 Rally. As you know

some of the other regions will be waiting for us this year since we won the International blue ribbon last year. I hope that those of you who can, will practice your hand/eye coordination over the

Election of Region 8 Officers

The Units are asked to bring their election results for the Region 8 officers: **June Ryan, President, Fred Steurer, 1st Vice President and Pat Shaw, 2nd Vice President** to the Region Rally. The Unit's official ballot is to be brought to the Secretary, Lavonne Sandersfeld, at the Region Rally in Columbia, MO. This is due to the mail and the fact that she will be enroute from Florida between April 15th and the Region 8 Rally. This will ensure that all Units have a vote cast and available for the Business Meeting at the Rally.

Note

Any motion to be voted on at the Region business meeting needs to be brought in writing to the President, Betty Sullivan by noon on April 28, 2009.

52nd International Rally

Madison, Wisconsin

June 28-July 4, 2009

winter and be ready to play in the spring. As you can see we had a few that gave it a try in Arizona! Actually Shirley Sisk not pictured showed us all up with her accuracy of hitting the board and bases! Pictured are Frank Melton, Wendell Sisk, Leonard Sullivan and June Ryan.

Since it has been so cold this winter, try to warm-up at your rally before Region 8 or practice when you get to Columbia. We will have the boards available to stretch those winter muscles and get warmed up. We look forward to each Unit bringing a team and becoming part of the "**Dream Team**" from Region 8 and competing at the International Rally in Madison, WI. To the winners last year, please bring your clean **team shirts** to be worn again or passed on to the winners of 2009.

Bulletin Boards

Now is the time to locate the bulletin board and begin designing your presentation. Your ideas may showcase the theme, geography or some other original idea. Watch the Blue Beret for further directions. We will display the Unit boards at Region 8 where we can enjoy the creativity of each Unit. Colors for the **International Rally in Madison, Wisconsin** are black, coral and white and the motto is "**Be the Best you Can Be**".

Want an exciting opportunity? All members registered and attending the International Rally will have one free **opportunity to win a new 2009 Front Bedroom 27' Classic Airstream Trailer and a new 2009 3/4 Ton Tow Vehicle and hitch.**

If you find that you cannot go after you have registered prior to May 1, please notify WBCCI at Jackson Center for a refund. Refunds for electric have a cut-off date of April 1. **Trip cancellation insurance has been worked out for the club (see February Blue Beret).**

The rally activities have been arranged so that working members can come on the weekend and attend during the week with the rally ending on the holiday. Join us for the International Rally in Madison, WI.

"Be the Best you Can Be"

Annual Delegates Meeting

June 30, 2009

WBCCI International Headquarters recently advised WBCCI Unit Presidents of proposed changes to the constitution to be decided at this year's Annual Delegates Meeting. Two proposed constitutional amendments and the Report of the 2008-2009 Nominating Committee for International Officer and 2009-2010 Nominating Committee positions are included below.

Amendment No. 1: The International Board of Trustees proposes to revise the Constitution, Article III, to add Vision and Mission Statements reflecting the work of the 2020 Planning Committee.

The Vision Statement would read:

Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. maintains its unique position of strength and visibility among recreational vehicle organizations as the recreational vehicle club of choice for Airstream owners.

The Mission Statement would read:

Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. is a diverse community of Airstream owners with a commitment to Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.

Rationale:

A common theme during 2020 Committee conversations over the past year has been that WBCCI suffers from a lack of vision, a strategy to achieve the vision, and a way of providing continuity of management in implementing the strategy. The Committee's first priority has been to create Vision and Mission Statements for the organization that provide direction for the future.

Amendment No. 2: The International Board of Trustees has proposed to amend the Constitution, Article XII, Delegates Meeting, Section 4, to read as follows:

Sec. 4 Each Unit shall be represented at the Delegates Meeting by one Delegate or an Alternate. The Delegate shall be a Regular Member of the Unit represented; the Alternate may be a Regular Member of the Unit represented or an Affiliate Member of the Unit to be represented and a Regular Member of a Unit within the same Region as the Unit represented. No Delegate or Alternate may represent more than one Unit at the Delegates Meeting.

Rationale:

As the cost of travel increases, several of our Units, on the fringes of the North American Continent, and several smaller Units have no one in attendance at the International Rally. Thus, their members are not represented and votes not cast at the annual Delegates Meeting. A method is needed to provide members of Units who do not have a Regular Member in attendance at the International Rally and annual Delegates Meeting to cast their votes.

This change allows a unit to designate a Regular Member to be its Delegate (no change), and also allows an Affiliate Member of the Unit who is a Regular Member of a Unit within the same Region to be designated the Alternate Delegate.

Allowing any Affiliate Member of a unit to be the Alternate Delegate is unacceptable. It is too easy to become an Affiliate, obtain a Delegates credential and know absolutely nothing of the culture of the Unit to be represented and to use the authority to support the personal agenda of the Alternate – not necessarily that of the unit's members. By requiring that the Alternate Delegate be a Regular Member of a Unit within the same Region, there is reasonable expectation that the designated Alternate Delegate will have a familiarity with the membership and culture of the represented unit and could, thus, more accurately interpret and vote the unit's actual desires if so required.

The preceding proposed amendments to the constitution were accompanied by a report of the International Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Nominating Committee Report

The 2008-2009 Nominating Committee will propose the following slate for consideration by the Delegates.

International President	Tom Collier
International 1st Vice President	Norm Beu
International 2nd Vice President	Barry Heckenswiler
International 3rd Vice President	Don Clark
International Recording Secretary	Anne Werth
International Treasurer	Myron Fischer
Nominating Committee	Roy B. Bernd
Nominating Committee	Don McKelvey

Other candidates for these offices may run from the floor, according to WBCCI Constitution, Article XIII, Sec. 5.

Resumes for the above slate of officers are included in the April issue of Blue Beret.

Region 8 Breakfast at Madison

The Region 8 Breakfast at International will be held at the Madison Elks Club, #410 on Sunday, June 28, 2009. Tickets will be available at the Region 8 Rally or you may contact June Ryan. We look forward to your joining us in Madison for the International Rally where June Ryan will be installed as your incoming President for Region 8.

Superior Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to all eight units for their achievement of the Superior Merit Award! This is great to have our units in Region 8 receive this kind of recognition.

Region 8 Caravan in 2009

Ed Knernschild, Region 8 Caravan Leader is planning a caravan to commence after the International Rally in Madison, WI, July 7-26. The rendezvous point will be Menominee, Michigan, about 200 miles north of Madison, WI. Deposits were due by February 15, 2009 but there may be those who cannot go so check with Ed for space if you are late in planning. Ed may be reached at 573-480-5441 or ehk9559@earthlink.net for possible space.

The rally fee reflects "high season travel" and includes campground fees, some meals and tours of Mackinac Island, Pictured Rocks, and Soo Locks. The Caravan will visit Menominee, Manistique, Traverse City, Mackinaw City, Brimley, Munising, Marquette, Houghton/Hancock, and Wakefield areas. You will have the opportunity to visit state and national parks, mines, Lighthouses, waterfalls, ski areas, and enjoy coastal scenery. The caravan is limited to 15 RVs. Caravan costs are 2 in RV \$1000, 1 in RV \$800, guests \$300. All caravan fees are due April 1, 2009.

Quote for the Day

Many people sit quietly in their seats and watch life unfold around them (Tom Asacker). RVers know that the more active they are, the better their health and enjoyment of life. Be one of those who actively enjoy life!

Farewell to A Great Bunch

This has been an exciting and memorable six year journey with the members of Region 8 from a 2nd VP to finishing the presidency this July. I have experienced joyous warm relationships with many people that I might not have met otherwise. I have found that Airstreamers are generous, compassionate, cooperative, often volunteering without request. I have been very proud of this Region. I believe that we are one of the best in WBCCI. It has been my privilege to have been your president for these past two years. Confidently, I leave you in great hands with our new president, June Ryan and her officers.

Bon Voyage!