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President's Message

As a new year begins in Region 8 with a new slate of officers I want to thank Betty Sullivan for her guidance in her term as President. That was my training years. She was a good teacher and I hope I can follow in her footsteps. I want to thank my new officers and committee chairmen who have agreed to serve and accepted the responsibilities to our Region and WBCCI. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you in the next 2 years.

We were pleased to have Jerry and Joan Larson, International President and 1st Lady attend our Region Rally. We also had visitors from Ohio and California.

There were many members who participated in the competition at the Region Rally in Columbia, Mo.

An exciting Bean Bag Baseball tournament was held and on Saturday morning the Greater Wichita Kansas Unit won the title of the "Dream Team". 1st runner up was Missouri Delta and 2nd runner up was Mo Greater Ozark. Congratulations to all.

Community Services:

Chairman, Mary Ann Braden

Hats: 1st, Greater St. Louis Missouri with 610
2nd, Missouri Delta
3rd, Greater Wichita Kansas

Blankets: 1st, Missouri Delta
2nd, Greater St. Louis MO
3rd, Kansas City Missouri

Tabs: 1st Missouri Delta 171 lbs.
2nd, North Iowa
3rd Missouri Greater Ozark

Stuffed Animals: 1st, North Iowa
2nd Greater St. Louis Missouri
3rd, Missouri Delta

Common Cents: 1st Missouri Greater Ozark, \$490.04
2nd Missouri Delta
3rd, Kansas City Missouri

**Total collected at Region 8 Rally was \$1,198.09.
GREAT!!**

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GAMES:

Joker: 1st, Charlie Kennedy and Glenn Waters, 2nd, Nadine Kennedy and Joan Larson, Int’l 1st Lady

Pitch: 1st, George Slater and Frank Soloman, 2nd, Shirley Sisk and Wendell Sisk.

Mexican Train: 1st, Nancy Helle, 2nd, Lavonne Sandersfeld, 3rd, Sue Soloman.

BULLETIN BOARDS

Winners of the Region 8 Unit bulletin boards were:

- 1st place – North Iowa
- 2nd place – Mo. Greater Ozark
- 3rd place – Greater St. Louis Mo

All the Boards were great. Keep up the good work. Check out the Unit Newsletters for the results of all the competition at the International Rally.

Thanks to all who participated in the games. Congratulations to all the winners and the in-charge chairman. We hope you all had a good time.

Thanks you all the work on your assignments to make our Region Rally a big success. Also to the Units for providing door prizes for the Saturday nights drawing.

DON'T FORGET OUR UNIT RALLIES.
 This is the time you can get together and just have lots of fun. Look forward to new faces, new places with interesting and learning experiences.

2010 Region Rally

The Nebraska and North Iowa Units helped June & Paul introduced the group at Columbia to the next Region Rally.

We will be going to FREMONT, NE. just 30 miles from Omaha and about 1 hour from Lincoln, NE.

The theme for the rally is ‘HIGHWAYS TO HISTORY’. Fremont has many antique stores, historic houses and museums. Plan to attend. The Brochure is on the Region web-site.

We will be at Christensen Field which has parking on gravel with water and electricity at each site.

Plan to Attend....Register early and save.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Region officers are looking forward to being with each of our Units for the installation of new officers. We have agreed on the schedule as follows:

9/11-13 Missouri Delta Paducah, KY	Fred
9/17-19 Kansas City Mo Clinton, MO	Fred
10/1-4 North Iowa Odebolt, IA	Pat
10/8-11 Iowa Altoona, IA	June
10/8-11 Nebraska Grand Island, NE	Pat
10/15-18 St Louis MO Bowling Green, MO	Pat
10/15-18 Gr. Ozark Carthage, MO	Fred
10/15-18 Gr. Wichita Abbyville, KS	June



We will be available to help you complete your Merit Award applications. I hope you have them already completed so you can get them to me as soon as possible.

Go to the Region 8 website
<http://region8.wbcci.net>
 and link to all the Units for their activities.
 Remember you can go to
ANY RALLY, ANY PLACE.

Just let the host know you are planning to attend
 before you arrive.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY

At the International Rally in Madison, Region 8 had many members as early workers and chairman of committees.

At the Region 8 Breakfast we asked how many were working on the different committees. This is the results.

Parking 7, Verification 2, Tours 2, Purchasing 9, Copy Center 3, Friendship Center 1, Electric 2,

Sanitation 2, Rally Promotions 1, Medical Services 1, Post Office 3, Wally Byam Control 4, Band 5, Canteen 6, Bicycling 4, Caravans 9, Choir 2, 20/20 Committee 1, Bulletin Boards 4, Dancing 2, Credentials/Registration 4, Bull Pen 2, Amateur Radio 2, Carpenter 1, Streaming 2, Community Services 1, Photography 1, Telephone 2, Unit Publications 2, First Timers seminar 2 and Knitting 1.

Several of these people are also Chairmen of a committee. Thanks you all for all your wonderful help. This is what makes our club so special. We can do the things that we enjoy with the people we enjoy being with.

The Bean Bag Baseball “Dream Team: was in competition with other Region teams at the International Rally in Madison and took 2nd place. Good going team.

We are looking forward to our Unit rallies this summer and getting together for lots of fun.

See you down the road..... *June*

MORE INTERNATIONAL RALLY

The weather at International started out just fine but within a few days the weather had changed. It started to rain. 2 ½ inches one day and the next day the same. Within just a few days we had 4-5 inches of rain. Then after that it cleared off and the temperature went up..... as well as the humidity.

We were sure glad we had 30 amp electricity. On the 28th it cooled down and the wind started up. The wind was so strong we took our flags down so the edges wouldn't get whipped out.

It was pretty cool for several days, only in the 60's so we used the heat. When we went inside it was cold there too, now we were all wearing sweaters and jackets. Go figure. You just never know what the weather is going to be when we get to the International Rally.

Larry Huttle talked on Tuesday and brought us greetings from Airstream. Not much new to report but they have discontinued the 34 foot trailer. BT Campers with Glenn & Bill Thomas brought 11 Airstreams to Madison. Several were the 34' and he sold most of them. Maybe there is a market for them..... Huttle did say, with the active outdoor lifestyle it is causing a change in products. They will continue to make the 28' with a front bedroom plus the 30' and 31' traditional classic Airstream. These are for the young, outdoor

adventurers and romantic rollers. (Who ever they may be.)

Bulletin Board competition was challenging with all the entries but Region 8 made a good showing. North Iowa's designed by Rosalie Macumber won 3rd place in originality and Nebraska's board, designed by Betty Ann Sutton won 3rd place for the geography design. We thought Region 8 had all eight great bulletin boards. Thank you all for your great participation.

Other competitions that our members participated in are too numerous to mention. Congratulations to you all. I will let the Unit Newsletters report on their members who entered and won awards for their accomplishments. Several were sewing away on their sewing machines in the quilting sessions. Everyone was busy doing something and I hope they enjoyed themselves.

Installation of officers was held on July 3rd. June Ryan was installed as Region 8 President along with 5 other Region Vice Presidents. The 12 Regions alternate between the even and odd numbered years. Eight Presidents are installed each year and this was the odd year. (09)



June & Paul in the Grand March after installation.



Fred Steurer was installed 1st Vice President at the Region 8 Breakfast by Darrell Waters. Breakfast was held on the opening day of the International Rally which was on June 28, 2009.



Pat Shaw was installed as 2nd Vice President at the Region Rally in Columbia, Mo by Jerry Larson, International President. Pat was unable to attend the Region Breakfast in Madison, WI for her installation because of a prior engagement.

I have copied the great reporting from Region 1 about the meetings and it covers it all.

IBT Meeting, June 26, 2009

The outgoing International Board of Trustees held its formal meeting on June 26th, following the open IBT Seminar on June 24th. Fred Richardson, Chairman of the Marketing Special Committee made a presentation of the need for WBCCI to adopt an aggressive marketing program based upon the concepts of "Fun", "Fellowship", and "Adventure", including a makeover of Blue Beret. The presentation was well received; however, adoption would require a budget of \$15,000 to launch the marketing program in its first year.

Notable matters decided included:

Approval of a new Airstream member forum, at <forum.wbcci.org>, which is now on line. The forum will be moderated for the purpose of assuring that content is on topic, and issue-oriented.

Approval of standard language in the International Bylaws, and for unit bylaws, with respect to use of e-mail, regular mail and facsimile in determining unit votes at Delegates Meetings. (See article on page 2.)

Defeat of the Motion to "Create Separate Criteria for Fully Sanctioned Unit Caravans". The motion was opposed by the International Caravan Chairman, and a majority of the members of the IBT did not find the arguments for international directory recognition of such unit caravans to be persuasive.

Defeat of a motion to reduce international and region officers' travel allowances, on the basis that the full allowances are essential to effective communications with, and support of, WBCCI units. The motion was intended to reduce an impending budget loss in 2009-2010.

At the Delegates Meeting on June 30, 2009 the following members were elected to offices in the International Club:

- President – Tom Collier
 - 1st Vice President – Norm Beu
 - 2nd Vice President – Barry Heckenswiler
 - 3rd Vice President – Don Clark
 - Recording Secretary – Anne Werth
 - Treasurer – Myron Fischer
 - Nominating Committee – Don McKelvey & R.B. Bernd
- Two Motions to amend the International Constitution were adopted:

To amend Article III, to add Vision and Mission Statements.

To amend Article XII, Sec. 4, to permit a unit to appoint an Affiliate Member from the same region as its Alternate Delegate.

IBT Meeting, July 5, 2009

The newly reconstituted International Board of Trustees held its open seminar and formal meeting on July 5th. Budget matters dominated the meeting. The proposed budget had a projected loss of \$21,000, but was premised upon reducing the number of issues of Blue Beret, and a related reduction of staff in Jackson Center. The IBT made the following budget-related decisions:

Failed to adopt the marketing program proposed by the Marketing Committee, which would have required a \$15,000 budget line. While the vote on the motion was 12 yea, 6 nay, it did not receive the necessary votes for adoption of a late filed motion.

Rejected a motion to reduce the number of Blue Beret issues from 10 to 6.

Adopted a revised Budget for 2009-2010 which projects a loss of \$81,000 for the year.

A motion to increase International Dues from \$55 to \$75 per year, effective with the year 2010-2011, was withdrawn in the face of substantial

widespread opposition by IBT members. (This matter is likely to be revisited at the Mid-winter IBT Meeting in January, 2010.)

The IBT decided other matters as follows:

Jerry Larson, Immediate Past President, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 2009-2010.

A motion to list Non-numbered Unit Caravans in the International Directory was withdrawn, due to the directory space required and its effect upon printing and mailing costs. (Units can list such data in unit directories if they wish.)

Agreed unanimously that future motions with cost implications beyond the usual clerical expenses must include financial impact statements with 5-year projections.

Revision of Unit Voting Procedures And Constitution & By Laws if adopted

The revision of voting procedures approved by the IBT on June 26th, permitting the concurrent use of voting in person, by regular mail, by e-mail and by facsimile in determining votes to be cast at Delegates Meetings **may** be adopted by WBCCI units; however, units which have adopted or will adopt such procedures must conform their wordings to the revised Model Constitution in the WBCCI Blue Book (Appendix 6, Article VI, Sec. 3). It is recommended that unit constitutions be brought into compliance as soon as possible. Daryl Ewles, Chairman of the International Constitution & Bylaws Committee, will accept applications solely to amend Article VI from units which are otherwise up-to-date as to the status of their constitutions and bylaws. International Headquarters will shortly circulate the revised Blue Book materials via CDs sent to Unit Presidents and Region Officers.

2010

We look forward to going to Gillette, WY for the next International Rally in 2010. I know Tom & Norma Collier will have a great rally planned for all of us. Their theme is "Explore – Discover". The colors are Navy blue, white with a touch of red. Sign up early.

The application is on the web site.

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The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Tom and Norma Collier, International President

We wish Norm and Linda Beu good luck with their plans for the 2011 rally in DuQuoin, IL.



Norm & Linda Beu, International 1st VP.



Congratulations to Jerry & Joan Larson, Past International President, for a great rally in Madison, WI. Have a good trip and will see you soon.

We are looking forward to all the Unit rallies that are planned for this fall. I just wish we could attend all of them but we will be attending the 50th anniversary of the Iowa Unit in October. You might consider attending their celebration just look on the web site for all the information.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICE FOOD DONATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL. Region 8 contributed 211 pounds. The total contribution was 4,896 pounds.

I received a Thank You from Linda Amme to our region for our wonderful donation to the common cents. For those who attended International you remember our young man Alex was in need of our assistance. Alex and his parents now have the funds to cover his dental needs.



Also Congratulations to Betty Sullivan for a great two year term as Region 8 President. We hope to see you back in Region 8 soon.

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up." Mark Twain



Region Breakfast at the Elks Club in Madison