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Region 8 wins Membership Trophy

Last year a traveling Membership Trophy was created to acknowledge superior work by a region for retaining and bringing in new members. This year at Region 8's breakfast, now Past President Norm Beu awarded the Trophy to Region 8.

The Membership Trophy will stay with us for only one year. The trophy will continue to travel to another Region next year even though they may not equal Region 8's membership success.

You and your membership chairmen worked hard under Dan Zile's leadership to convince new folks and existing members the WBCCI is the real RV club. We owe a big debt of gratitude to all of those members who bring in new members. You can help by renewing your membership before November 1, 2011.



Membership Trophy

NOTE: It's not too early to make plans to attend our Region 8 Rally in Springfield, MO April 25-29, 2012.

IBT Passes a Balanced Budget for FY2012

A balanced budget for the fiscal year ending 2012 was passed by the IBT at meeting on July 5, 2011. In addition the board was advised the current year expenses are projected to be under budget by more than \$14,000. To balance the 2012 budget, the board adopted a change to print the

Membership Directory in magazine style in lieu of one month of the Blue Beret. While this was not a popular move, it was necessary to balance the budget. It was felt should this not work, we could go back to the old way as long as other money was found to keep the budget balanced.



President's Message

Hello Everyone. Dottie and I want to thank you for all the wonderful support you have shown us. We think the world of our club and want to serve you as best as we can.

Fred Steurer

We had a large turnout of Region 8 members at the International Rally AND at the Region 8 breakfast. Our breakfast count was 114 which was a huge showing considering the total rally was about 525 units. We thank everyone who was there.

After the International Rally, Dottie and I joined the Tennessee Delights Caravan led by Ed Knernschield and JoAnn and Ray Kolley. As the title says, it was Delightful. We toured Memphis, the Jack Daniels distillery (no samples), Nashville and the Grand Ol Opry, and Pigeon Forge and the Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede.

This fall Ed K. and Wanita and Joe Bubliss will lead the Ozark Colors Region 8 Caravan. With Joe and Wanita, you can be sure of good shows at Branson on this Caravan. If you are even slightly interested, please call Ed at 573-480-5441 or email Ed at ehk9559@aol.com.

Folks, I want to tell you with Caravan leaders like

Constitution Revision

A vote on the controversial revision to the WBCCI constitution has been delayed until next year. Past President Norm Beu was told by the membership the time to analyze and understand all of the aspects of the revisions was too short. Norm responded by not proposing the revisions to the 2011 delegates at meeting in DuQuoin, Illinois. Instead now President Barry Heckenswiler will propose the revised constitution at the 2012 delegates meeting in Sedalia, MO.

The revised constitution has been a source of discussion at the WBCCI Units. They were given a short time to discuss and prepare for a delegates vote in 2011. The revision explanation took up more than 40 pages, which the Units found complicated and difficult to understand. It is hoped the year of extra time will allow the Units to spend more time among themselves asking questions and getting answers. Your Region 8 officers will be prepared to answer any question you may have concerning the revisions to the constitution at your Installation Rally this fall.

We Want You to *RENEW!*

Ed, Ray and JoAnn Kolley, and Joe and Wanita Bubliss, you will see and do things you never would have even thought existed. These are the some of the best and highly experienced caravan leaders. You will not be disappointed if you join one of their caravans.

New Region 8 Officers Inaugurated in DuQuoin, IL

At our Region 8 Breakfast, Darrell Waters inaugurated Len Sullivan as First VP and Glenn Waters as Second VP. These are two of the very best in our club.

Len is husband of Betty Sullivan who has been a Region 8 officer in the past. Glenn who has been with the club for many years is the brother of a past Region 8 officer. These are excellent folks.

As you may know, each Region officer makes a six year commitment to you, his/her region and to WBCCI. They listen to you, answer your questions, and if they cannot answer your questions, will get the information and get back to you. The region officer sits on the IBT, which is like a board of directors, and is your link to the other members of the board. Get to know your Region 8 officers.



Reflections on DuQuoin

Region 8's website, WBCCI.org has posted the new name of Greater Kansas Unit replacing Greater Wichita Kansas. There is only one unit in Kansas. The name Greater Kansas Unit encompasses and reflects current membership, ranging over a greater area than the Wichita locale. The motion for the name change was unanimously supported by the Greater Wichita members, Region 8 and was approved by the IBT at the DuQuoin International Rally.

By Len Sullivan, 1st V P

DuQuoin was the first International Rally to experience an F1 tornado. One in 54 years is probably good odds. One motor home was damaged by an uprooted tree yet the vehicle was able to be driven home at the end of the rally. No WBCCI member was hurt but the path of the twister disturbed the sleep of many at 4-5 AM.

The temperatures in DuQuoin were reasonable, highs being in the 90s while elsewhere in the plains states they were in the 100s. Many went home to experience record heat and high temperatures.

The entertainment in the stadium was excellent and well received by the Airstreamers. We had more vendors than in the past providing a greater variety. The tours were enjoyed by many and the chicken was so-o-o good if you went to the Giant State Park Lodge.

Many friends were at DuQuoin and I personally enjoyed seeing them. Hopefully we will all be able to attend Barry's rally in Sedalia and have a good time as Airstreamers know how to do. By the way Region 8 will need lots of helping hands showcasing our "Show Me" State to the rest of WBCCI next year.



THE SPIRIT OF THE VOLUNTEER

The WBCCI in an organization that depends upon the members to step forward and do the jobs that need to be done. This is true for all of the three different levels - unit, region, and international. Starting at the unit level we need the different officers as well as all of the different committee chairpersons as well as the host for the different rallies that are held during the season. When we get to the region level the same thing holds true. We need people to step forward to take on the jobs of officers as well as the chairpersons of the various committees. I have heard a past Region President make the statement the the International could not go on without the members of Region 8 taking on all on the jobs that they do. I could attempt to name all of the different jobs that our members do from being the chairperson or working with the crew. If I did I know that I would leave someone out and that could only be due to my brain not working to full speed.

By Glenn Waters, 2nd VP

One time I was asked what I got out of - or - why I started up the unit offices? I thought about that for awhile and came to the conclusion that it was not for the money - there is none - but to give back to the club for everything that the club and the people in the club have given to me. You cannot put a price on that.

When I said yes to being your 2nd VP I was told that it would be work but that what you get from meeting all of the members from the different units will be a wonderful experience. This I believe, so I put the question to all of you - the next time you are asked to do something for your unit -do not say I will think about it but say yes. You never know what you will get out of the experience. After all - without you the members we will not be the WBCCI.

Region 8 Folks Having Fun.....Who Are the Beanbag Champs?





Upcoming at the next Region 8 Rally April 25-29, 2012



Technology Comes to Region 8 Rally

We've all seen it on National News programs on TV. A reporter can be in one city and the person being interviewed in another. We can see that person on a screen. Well right there in Springfield, Missouri at the "Get Your Kicks at the Route 66 Region 8 Rally" (April 25-29, 2012) you will experience such a hook up.

There will be a live feed over the Internet directly from downtown Jackson Center with none other than Dave Schumann. You all know Dave Schumann from his highly popular articles in the Blue Beret, "SCHU'S News." He's the general manager of customer relations at Airstream. Well, as we sit in the auditorium, he will be projected live on screen. And not only that, but the whole seminar will be interactive. You will be able to ask him questions; he will respond.

If you have any questions about big things like brakes, winterization, or generators, talk to Dave Schumann. Of if you have questions about little things like switches, polishes, or faucets, talk to Dave Schumann.

So save up those questions and join us at the Rally. The "Get Your Kicks at the Route 66 Region 8 Rally" (April 25-29, 2012.)



Get Your Kicks
at the

Region 8 Route 66 Rally

At the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds
Springfield, Missouri
April 25-29, 2012

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit _____ Region _____

Adults _____ Children _____ Guests _____

Type of Airstream TT _____ MH _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Handicap _____ Vintage _____

Rally Fees

	Before 4/1/12	After 4/1/12	Amount
2 adults	\$220	\$240	\$ _____
1 adult	\$180	\$190	\$ _____
off site 2 adults	\$140	\$160	\$ _____
off site 1 adult	\$100	\$110	\$ _____
Guest (16+)	\$100	\$110	\$ _____
Total Rally Fee			\$ _____

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