



# Region 8 News



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## IBT Winter Meeting Highlights

The International Board of Trustees, the IBT, held the WBCCI winter meetings at Hattiesburg, Mississippi last week. The purpose of the meetings is to hear the reports of the Standing Committee chairpersons and to consider motions for change to either the club's Constitution or its By-laws.

Last week all of the Standing Committees reported, and 12 motions were considered. Even though the WBCCI Interclubs are not required to report at the Winter Meetings, the Vintage Airstream Interclub produced a fine in-depth report.

The Blue Beret Chairperson Anne Werth reported on the changes. Most of you have already received the Blue Beret for this month and will notice the Membership Directory has been included. It is much easier to read.

The Budget committee and the Treasurer reported a drop in revenue since we lost more members than originally budgeted. Additional items to the current budget were voted. See the budget motions later in this column.

The Electronic Communications Committee reported a new look, and new functions were being recommended for the wbcci.org website. It is also time to change out an old file server, and within two years, change



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out the database program currently in use at Headquarters as it will no longer be supported. The database program change will be expensive, however necessary. The Electronic Communications committee produced a fine demonstration for all of those attending. The demonstration was projected on a large screen and gave us a look at what is being considered. The Chairman, Damon Beals, was not present but was electronically available via Face Time during the demonstration.

Our President, Barry Heckenswiler, reported the pre-registration is about 320 for the International Rally in Sedalia, MO in June.

Don Clark, our International 1st VP  
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Fred Steurer

## President's Message

Hello, everyone. The Spring RV Shows are worthwhile events to attend and to enjoy. It is a good time to see your Airstream dealer and renew old acquaintances with his staff. Many

Units already help in the Airstream booth

at these RV shows by manning a table with material about the WBCCI. You can distribute Membership packets and speak to members and potential members about the nature of our club.

You might sign up a new member and make a new friend.

## IBT Highlights Con't

reported the 2013 rally will be in Huron, SD.

The Marketing Committee reported they were about shut down since they had very little money budgeted from last IBT meeting in order to balance the budget. The Board found it compelling to add money to the Marketing budget. See Motions later in this column.

The Membership committee reported a drop in membership of 4.9% to 5323 members as of November 1, 2011.

Jim Haddaway, chairperson of the Planning Guides & Merit Award program presented our own June Ryan with a Region Merit Award for her fine work while she was Region 8 President. Great work, June.

The Vintage Airstream Club provided a report on their progress with a new club newsletter and a report of their activities at DuQuoin, IL last summer.

There was no unfinished business left from the previous IBT Meeting.

There were 12 motions for the board to consider. The first two motions were for Unit flags requested by Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit and by the Alberta/Saskatchewan Unit. A correction was made and the motions passed.

The third motion was withdrawn by its maker. It is necessary to tell you what the motion was about. At the last IBT

meeting in DuQuoin, the board considered and passed on June 27, 2011, a motion to amend the Constitution to allow Motorhome owners who are Life Members to replace their existing motorhome with a Class A motorhome manufactured by Thor Industries. Note the complexity of this motion passed last June 27th. This motion was passed by a previous board. It is no longer in the hands of the present board, but in the hands of the delegates who will vote on it AS IT STANDS.

The current board has no authority to bring that motion back for amendment. The amendment that was proposed in Motion 3 before it was withdrawn had to do with elimination of the words 'Life time members' and the addition of a line to 'allow any owner of such a Class A Motorhome manufactured by Thor to apply for membership in the WBCCI.' These words generated many emails from WBCCI members to me against the proposed amendment to the original motion. The Motion 3 (amendment to the original motion) was withdrawn because this board had no authority over a previous boards motion. The Delegates will still vote on the original motion.

Motion 4 was passed approving a new Special Committee, the International Peace Garden Monument Committee to participate in the celebration commemorating 200 years of peace since the War of 1812 by placing a new sculpture. The original sculpture was placed by the efforts of the city of Bradon, MN and the WBCCI. The original sculpture has been removed due to deterioration and lost. The cost will be borne by donations. Motion passed.

Motions 5 and 6 have to do with housekeeping issues in the club's by-laws. Both passed.

Motion 7 added \$9500 to the Marketing budget and passed.

Motion 8 was authorization to sign a contract with the State of South Dakota for the 2013 International rally site in Huron, SD. Motion passed.

Motion 9 was authorization to sign a contract with the Campbell County Public Land Board, CAM-PLEX in Gillette, WY to host the International rally site in 2014. By signing early, we lock in the 2011 rates. A deposit of \$5000 is required at signing.

Motion 10 was passed to authorize capital expenditures for a new file server to be housed at Headquarters and for a dual platform data base software and licenses. The Executive Committee will require adequate documentation prior to the expenditure of funds.

It should be noted also the club owns both the wbcci.org and the wbcci.net domains.

Motion 11 was approved to support the specific budget impact of Motion 10. Note that Motion 10 was a capital expenditure, and Motion 11 was this year's depreciation expense of that expenditure.

Motion 12 was a proposed resolution of motorhomes which was voted to be withdrawn almost unanimously. End.



## Being at Hattiesburg

The Winter IBT Meeting held in Hattiesburg, MS was more than just business, although important WBCCI business was completed. While in Hattiesburg we enjoyed great BBQ food, good local entertainment and had a chance to visit Camp Shelby. At Camp Shelby we saw an awesome Abrams tank demonstration.

The Abrams tank is our Armies primary battle tank.

### By Len Sullivan, 1st VP

The tank went by our awe struck group of Airstreamers at 45 miles an hour with its turret gun pointed on us continuously tracking even as it went down the road and made a 180 degree turn. The tank is capable of accurately firing on target while moving which is a feature unlike its predecessor. The tank weighs 60 tons and can travel up to 60 miles per hour with its 1500 horsepower jet fueled engine. Each tank costs 5 million dollars and illustrates our tax dollars at work. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience as few of us had ever been this close to a tank of this caliber before. The only thing missing is air conditioning so they are one big dirty sweat box! In addition to the tank, the post maintains an active deportation post for the Middle East. We observed lots of troopers with their duffel bags being loaded for deployment to the Middle East. This included men and women. It was a sobering sight.

The tour of Camp Shelby was completed with a trip to Military Museum which featured the combat situations of World War I to the present war, all very well done. We all could walk through a life size replica of a World War I trench plus scenic dioramas.

Most rallies have tours associated with highlights of an area. Tours are a good way to share companionship and have a delightful interesting experience based on the recommendations of the hosts. You see things that you would not see if you traveled by yourself. We are looking forward to great tours at the Region 8 Rally in Springfield. So get your kicks on Route 66!

Think Safety as you drive down our highways and byways.

Also think RENEW your membership. Do you know if everyone renewed that our numbers would be increasing?



## Mo State Rally

By now I assume that most of you are aware through the grapevine that the Missouri State Rally has been cancelled. I would like to inform you of the reasons for this decision. It was with regret that we made this choice. I feel that the state units should know the reason why it was cancelled.

In order to understand you have to know the history behind the rally. It was started in 2000 and was to be held in the even number years. It was to be sponsored by the four units in Missouri. Each unit was assigned certain duties and these duties were rotated every year so that each unit would not be doing the same thing year after year. After three rallies one of the units withdrew from working on it. The three remaining units shifted the jobs around and the rally continued. The last rally was 2010.

In August of 2011 one of the co-chairmen had to resign for several personal reasons. I was ready to go on with the rally for 2012, however in September I was informed that another unit felt that they could no longer uphold their end of the rally and therefore withdrew from sponsoring the rally. This, of course, meant that the rally now would be up to the two remaining units to do.

The board of the rally got together to discuss the situation. We felt that it would be too much work for the two units to handle on their own and that we felt the best thing to do would be to cancel the rally. As I said at the start—this was not a decision that was easy to make. We discussed (and cussed) several options and none of them in the end seemed to work.

We the board, felt that you needed to know the reasons for this. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Get your Kicks at the  
Region 8 Route 66 Rally  
in Springfield, MO  
April 25-29, 2012*



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



## High-tech Hide and Seek

Pirate treasure maps, long-lost gold mines, and shipwreck treasures have long intrigued the adventurous person. Nowadays we can use our GPS units to find "geocaches" all over the world. So join our group of geocachers at the "Get Your Kicks at the Region 8 Route 66 Rally" and find some treasures already hidden in Springfield.

If you would like to find out more about geocaching go to [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) on the internet.

So bring your GPS units to the rally and join Darrell and Sharon Waters for some high-tech treasure hunting. If you would just like to go along with some seasoned geocachers, that would be fine too.

## Kicks at the "Get Your Kicks" Rally

What do Marcia Wooley from the Iowa Unit and Dottie Steurer from the Greater St. Louis Unit have in common? They know how to grapevine, chasse, shuffle, and weave. They have dancing feet. Yes, there will be line dancing at the "Get Your Kicks at the Region 8 Route 66 Rally."

Now there will be no excuses not to participate. This will be really easy stuff. If you can count to 4 and like peppy, happy music, this is the activity for you. It's good for your body and your brain too. If you are new at this, just get right in the middle of the group so you can always see other dancers. We will have an intermediate dance at each session for you more experienced dancers.

And remember... it isn't a mistake, it's a variation!

So please join Marcia and Dottie for some fun time (some kicks, that is) at the "Get Your Kicks at the Region 8 Route 66 Rally."

You can find a reservation form on page 5 of this newsletter or at the Region 8 website <http://region8.wbcc.net>.



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	After	Amount
	4/1/12	4/1/12	
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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