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Winter IBT Report

By Linda Agre

What a surprise to have nine units of Region 7 attending the winter International Board of Trustees meeting in Blythe, CA. Attending from the Wisconsin Unit were Annette Hooker, Joan & Mike Lahr, Bill & Marti Upton, and Carol & Ed Witzke. From the NDPG Unit, Gail & Bruce Harrower, Art Idso & Kathleen Schultz, Lillian & Don Thomson, and Bev & Vern Zink. And, from the MN Unit there was one attendee, yours truly. What a positive meeting! Many good things are in the works. First I will bring you up to speed on the motions.

Motion 1 - Unit Flag for the Illinois Lincoln Land Unit was approved.

Motion 2 - Was withdrawn and the Blue Beret Chairperson was asked to add unit numbers to Blue Book and to do an alphabetical listing in the Directory of Units with Unit and Region numbers after making it easier for Unit members to be aware of their Unit number.

Motion 3 - The Vintage Airstream Club has a Unit in each Region and asked that they would be allowed to host a 'buddy rally' in each Region once a year. This will be on a 2 year trial and is not to conflict with a Unit, Region, International, or Special Event Rally. This motion was adopted.

Motion 4 - Was to delete the information about the Unit Past President's, First Lady, and First Mate pins in the Blue Book which had been discontinued as a budget item. Cost of the pins \$35.00 plus. Adopted.

Motion 4A - Reinstated the giving of Unit Past President's, First Lady, and First Mate pins but at a cost of less than \$2.00. Design was approved.

Motion 5 - Remove information on Telephone Credit Cards from the Blue Book. Adopted.

Motion 6 - Adding 'and intra-clubs' to the By-Laws Article VI, Section 2 (page 15). It will now read: In accordance with US Internal Revenue Service requirements, every 5 years all units and intra-clubs shall prepare a Constitution and ByLaws (Incorporated units may use their incorporation

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Jan 23rd - Linda Agre and Bruce & Gail Harrower arrived at the IBT in Blythe, CA on a cool, but sunny morning. Linda decided to put up her WBCCI numbers on her B-Van, so everyone would know who she is. Yikes - she put them up backwards. Of course, I had to take a picture. I guess it was too early in the morning for Linda!! Maybe that's why they like the numbers put on the front and back of your rig -- then you won't put them up backwards!

New Region Shirt Logo

Region 7 now has a new logo for their Region. You will be able to purchase shirts from A & W Designs at Huron and have the new logo put on. Cost for the shirt and logo is approximately \$30.00 each depending on which shirt you purchase.



President's Message

TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL RALLY UPDATE - Airstreamers get your reservations in for the Tall Ships Festival ASAP. Send your rally fee to Carolyn Grandstrand. She will hold your check if you are not sure you will be able to attend. I have had such a big response from outside Region 7, and I want everyone in Region 7 who wants to attend to be able to come. I will be working with the campground on reservations to make sure you get a spot if you are on Carolyn's list. Make sure to include your e-mail address—and that I can read it.

Campground Reservations – The original instructions said not to call the Buffalo Valley Campground for reservations before April 1. This has changed. Because of interest generated by the Tall Ships Festival, the campground has opened their reservation system early. **Make your campsite reservations ASAP** (218-590-8774).

Tickets are also available to sail on some of the tall ships. Tickets may be purchased from VisitDuluth.com. Cost for each ticket is \$95. (Ticket sales open April 1.) This is not included in your rally fee.

REGION 7 LUNCHEON at the WBCCI International Rally in Huron, South Dakota is scheduled for June 28, 2013, 11:30 a.m., Huron Event Center, 100 4th Street SW. Please put this date on your calendar. I look forward to seeing you in Huron! (If you are able to give a couple of hours staffing the Region 7 table during registration please let me or Gail Harrower know.)

ORANGE CITY IOWA TULIP FESTIVAL - Region 7 has been asked to join the MN Unit for the Tulip Festival, May 15-29, 2013 in Orange City, Iowa. This is one of the best rallies if you love tulips and music. On Saturday, May 18th, you will attend the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, which I can tell you from experience, the talent in this small Iowa city is incredible. Get your reservations in for this rally ASAP as tickets for the musical need to be purchased soon. For more information call John Tetzlaff at 612-839-4013 or see rally flyer at www.region7.wbcci.net website. This will be my 3rd time attending if that tells you how good the Tulip Festival is.

Both Cathy Nelson and Dean Kyle lost their battles with cancer in February. They will be sadly missed by many of us in Region 7.

Your Unit Officers are planning a fun-filled year for you. Please offer to help with the rallies and other events. Help is always needed.

Did you get your new WBCCI directory? Please check your information to make sure it is correct and contact Jackson Center with corrections.

Linda

Florida State Rally

By Jay Thompson, President of Region 3

This concerns the discontinuation of the second largest rally in WBCCI, the Florida State Rally normally held in February in Sarasota. This was the 40th year for the rally with 335 rigs in attendance.

The Florida Board of Governors (management agency of the Florida State Rally) this week voted to:

1. Discontinue the present Florida State Rally in 2014 and future years. (They did not terminate it so that if in the future, the Units in Florida may re-establish a State Rally)

2. Discontinue the Florida Board of Governors after all finances are completed. (This will require some time as the rally had lost their non-profit tax exemption through WBCCI due to non-filing for three years. This put them in the status of being a profit organization with IRS)

3. By their Bylaws (previously approved in 2003), they have determined to distribute all remaining monies (after this years expenses and IRS) to the existing Florida Units on the basis of voting membership based on the Headquarters listing (normally done on June 1 for the Delegates Meeting)

All of this resulted in:

- A. No one willing to step forward to assume the position of Rally Director.

- B. Problems with IRS (and they do exist when activities do not properly file).

- C. An impossible situation in that WBCCI could not possibly take over the management of this rally based on work load of our management people and the extremely short time period available to sign a contract for the grounds. (Normally done before the end of the rally for next year and the lineup of other groups that would be glad to have our ground times).

- D. Most of Florida is in Region 3 (7 of 8 Units), and this Region could not take the responsibility of managing this Rally as it is a major event that takes in itself most of a year to plan and organize. This is in addition to being the largest region in number of units.

This rally will be taken over by the R & B Events LLC group that puts on the various activities such as the Alumapalooza and will known as Alumaflamingo. The dates are February 18-23, 2014 and will be held at the Sarasota Fairgrounds. The rally fee will be \$335. This group will have emphasis on Airstream products, but it will not be a WBCCI activity. We will participate in the rally and it will be a stop on the Florida Fantasy Caravan and some Region 3 events will be scheduled. The website for the Alumaflamingo is: www.alumaflamingo.com. Elna and I have registered for the rally.

Analysis: There are some things that we can learn from this, especially since we are a VOLUNTEER based organization.

1. No volunteers, no program. We really need to protect and enhance our volunteer program as this is the biggest reason for the demise of units and programs within WBCCI.

2. IRS IS watching us. It cost the Rally here \$850 to file for reinstatement plus additional taxes for being a "profit" group.

3. There are groups for profit that may be willing to step up and take over what would be former WBCCI activities.

We have something in WBCCI that is very precious and if not protected, it can be lost! ☹️

“Hands of Peace”

By: Gail Harrower

What great support we received from Region 12 at the IBT Meeting in Blythe, California, but especially during the Hobo Rally. The Hobo Rally had two special auctions with proceeds going towards the Hands of Peace Project:

1. Three brand new VAC shirts (donated by Art Idso & Kathleen Schultz) were auctioned off and then sold again - raising \$90.48.
2. Lucas Oil I-10 Speedway (located at the fairgrounds where the Hobo Rally is held) donated a certificate for \$200.00 of Lucas Oil Products - raising \$95.00.

A display was set up during the registration at the rallies and donations were collected. We received contributions from Region 5; the Long Beach California Unit and many private individuals who attended the rallies. A big THANK YOU for the contributions. The total collected was \$1,045.48 and has been sent to the International Peace Garden. Another display will be set up during the International Rally in Huron, South Dakota and we will once again be accepting donations.

Committee members in attendance in Blythe, CA were Vern Zink, Don Thomson, Linda Agre, Gail Harrower, Joan Lahr and our secretary, Lillian Thomson. ☎



Engineering Help Needed

By: Vern Schultz

I may need help on the Engineering Committee at the Huron Rally. I am not sure of the numbers yet, but if you are interested please let me know. One thing I know is that it requires early parking.

Contact: Vernon Schultz Tel. 608-580-0025 E-mail vschultz0025@charter.net ☎

Registration Help Needed

By: Dale & Joan Lafrentz

It's that time of the year to start thinking of the International Rally being held in Huron, SD. I know some of you have helped at Registration last year and in previous years so I was wondering who would be interested in helping in 2013? I know some of you said you would, but I just wanted to touch base. I have no idea on parking yet. If you know your plans, please let me know. Thanks and have a great Holiday.

Contact: jodalaf@gmail.com ☎

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documents as the unit constitution) and any amendments thereto; and shall deliver four copies of each or one (1) copy by electronic mail to the international office for review by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Motion adopted.

Motion 7 - To give MALs voting rights was sent back to Region 12 and will be addressed at the July IBT.

Motions 8,9,10,11, & 12 were withdrawn

Motion 13 - To give the 2nd Vice President the OK to sign a contract with either McGee County Park in Farmington, NM or West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, WV for the 2015 International Rally. Motion approved.

I was especially pleased with New Member Information sheets that the 2020 committee has put together. I will send to the Region and Unit membership chairpersons as soon as I receive the updated version. Membership chairpersons: PLEASE give to your new members. It will also soon be available on the website. If you have not gone to the NEW www.wbcc.org website, please visit it. You may now join or renew your membership online. Looking for a place to spend the night? Courtesy parking is now on this site with maps and will work with your smart phone (have a smart phone but need my grandson to give me a 101 course). Courtesy parking is just another way to meet friends, so please use it. Need tech support? It's on there. Unit rally info? It's on there and hopefully no more TBA (to be announced).

Check your email address in your new 2013 directory? Is it correct? Ten percent of the email addresses in the WBCCI members' database are still incorrect and bounce back.

A new member did not renew because he didn't like the politics in the WBCCI. I just gave you an insight into the politics. So to our members: I will handle the politics, you just have fun.

Congratulations to Joan Lahr for winning 'Best in Show' on her jewelry display in the Craft Show and Annette Hooker for 2nd place on her 'Stew Pot' design at the 53rd Hobo Rally in Blythe, CA. Fun Rally! ☎

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Region 7 Luncheon

On Sunday, January 27, 2013, Region 7 held a luncheon at the Red Cactus Bar & Grill in Blythe, California. Attendees were from the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit - Don & Lillian Thomson, Art Idso & Kathleen Schultz and Bruce & Gail Harrower; from the Minnesota Unit - Linda Agre and guest Tom Murphy; from the Wisconsin Unit - Carol & Ed Witzke, Annette Hooker and guest George Scott, Bill & Marti Upton, and Mike & Joan Lahr. We all had a wonderful lunch and a good visit with everyone. This was the first time that a Region 7 luncheon was held during an IBT Mid-Winter Meeting and we will plan another luncheon next year in Rayne, Louisiana.

Gail

Hobo Rally Photos

Photos By: Gail Harrower

