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The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

July 2012

## WBCCI 55<sup>th</sup> International Rally Sedalia, Missouri June 27 – July 4, 2012

Several members of the Nebraska Unit were among more than 450 units that attended this year's rally: Gary and Cheryl Burrows, Roscoe Corell, Sue Heist, Bill and LaDon Kallmer, Jim and Rosalie Macumber, Bob and Fran Olson, Dwight and Lana Olson.

Some members were able to caravan to Sedalia: Gary and Cheryl Burrows, Roscoe Corell, Bill and LaDon Kallmer, and Dwight and Lana Olson. One of the stops on the caravan route was the National Military Heritage Museum in St. Joseph, Missouri.



LaDon Kallmer, Dwight Olson, Lana Olson, Roscoe Corell  
Coast Guard Veteran Dwight Olson at Coast Guard Display

Unit President Sue Heist carried the Nebraska Unit flag during the opening ceremonies. Rosalie Macumber North Iowa Unit 1<sup>st</sup> VP (also Nebraska Affiliate Member) represented North Iowa.



## Unit Awards



Glenda Savicky's bulletin board won third place in the theme category. The bulletin board featured photos of our members and scenes of Sedalia.

Sue Heist earned a red ribbon for the Unit History Book that she made for Past President Bert and First Lady Donajean Sherwin.



All eight units in Region 8 earned their merit awards, with Nebraska earning a **Superior Merit Award**. Region President Fred Steurer and Unit President Sue Heist are quite proud!

Despite the tropical heat, Nebraska members participated in many activities. Sue Heist volunteered at Wally Byam Control, modeled in the fashion show, and represented our unit at the Delegates Meeting.

Lana Olson, LaDon Kallmer and Sue Heist attended seminars on Rally Planning and Membership Growth Strategies. Our rally-goers participated in several other seminars and activities throughout the week.

LaDon and Bill Kallmer and Sue Heist sold items donated by Murt Letcher at the flea market. All the proceeds were donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Dining out was one of the most important participation activities. Members sent in *several* photos taken in various restaurants!



## I KNOW THEY'RE HERE, I JUST CAN'T FIND THEM

(A Day at the Pet Show)

By Bill Kallmer, Sports Editor

They came in many sizes: small to large, all colors, well dressed in fine fur, and waiting for their chance to prove who was best. They came from all parts of the world; at least their ancestors did, but all of them spoke one language, "WOOF," with an occasional, "MEOW." All contestants were required to have four legs, and most complied.

Yes, it was Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at the WBCCI International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri. The crowd rushed to fill the seats at the Youth Building Arena to watch the Pet Show. Those not there by 2:00 pm were considered late, and for punishment, they had to do "do-do" duty. *(Not really, I just made that up. I tend to do that when the editor asks me to write an article.)*

The Youth Building Arena is a show building where many kinds of animals are judged during the state fair. The floor was clean and dry, however those lasting smells that permeated the concrete floor, made each dog wonder where the cow, lamb, or pig was. The Pet Show stars searched and searched, but to no avail. The former show animals were not to be found.

The pet show had a few different categories, including *Dumb as a Rock, Most Beautiful, Biggest Bark, and Who Can Hold It the Longest*. No really, judging categories were Best Looking, Costumes, Obedience, and Tricks.

From the Nebraska Unit, Dwight and Lana Olson entered their "I-Love-Everybody" poodle-bichon dog named Rylie. Also entered was Gary and Cheryl Burrows' dog, a Schipper-Poo, named Lucy.

Many dogs were asked to sit, stay, come, jump over the master's legs, or carry a newspaper. And with a hearty pile of treats, each performed his or her best despite olfactory distractions. *"Where are those pigs? I just can't find them, but I know they're here."*

One dog owner, a cowboy wearing a black hat, even tried to bribe the judges. As the cowboy and dog passed the judges' table, each judge was given a 50-dollar bill and a bottle of cold water. *(Well, at least the bottles of water were given, and kept and appreciated by the judges. Since the outside temperature was over 100 degrees, the attempted bribes were appreciated.)*



At the end of the day, Lucy Burrows won a third place ribbon in the tricks category and Rylie Olson, won an honorable mention ribbon in tricks. Thus went a day at the Pet Show.





### Region 8 Breakfast

Dottie and Fred Steurer hosted the catered breakfast that was served in one of the large meeting rooms at the fairgrounds campus.



**Sue Heist, Fran Olson, Bob Olson**



**Bill and LaDon Kallmer**

### 2012 Delegates Meeting

Sue Heist represented the Nebraska Unit at the Delegates Meeting. She reported that the new constitution was voted down.

The "Motor Home Issue" continues to be a concern. Proposals for the future of motorhomes in WBCCI will be sent to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to be discussed at next winter's IBT. Their recommendations will be presented for vote at the 2013 Delegates Meeting at Huron, South Dakota International Rally.



### Nebraska Unit Electronic News

WBCCI and the Nebraska Unit are electronically "caravanning" into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Check out the revised WBCCI website at: [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org).

Honorary Nebraska Unit member Robert Heist (Bob and Sue's son) and Unit webmaster John Sutton revised our Unit website: [www.nebraskaunit.wbcci.net](http://www.nebraskaunit.wbcci.net).

Robert also set up a Unit page on Facebook. You can access it by going to the Unit website and clicking on "Visit us on Facebook." Dale Ann Hoyt is managing the page. Perhaps we need an official title for the position. Email any suggestions to President Sue Heist.

Please add the page to your friends list and visit it often.

**Glen Sanders, Jim Shanks, Roscoe Shields,  
Ron Savicky, John Sutton**



### Luncheon – June 11

Gathering for the June luncheon was somewhat like a British television comedy. When Dwight Olson was told that Old Country Buffet had closed, he phoned the restaurant and got no answer. He hurriedly arranged for us to meet at the Omaha Garden Café. Then he called and emailed all members who might attend. Finally he drove to Old Country Buffet planning to put a sign on the door explaining the change of venue ... only to discover that the restaurant had **not** closed! We kept our reservation at the Garden Café and met there again in July.

Those attending the June luncheon were: Mary Ann and Sam Boman; Janet and John Calvin; Chuck Ciciulla and his grandson Shawn Bowman; Sue Heist; Dale Ann and Dan Hoyt; LaDon and Bill Kallmer; Don Lorenz; Lana and Dwight Olson; Glen Sanders; Glenda and Ron Savicky; Joyce and Jim Shanks; Donajean and Bert Sherwin; Leona and Roscoe Shields; Betty Ann and John Sutton; and Mary Wherrett.

### Luncheon – July 9

#### Garden Café and Bakery

**11040 Oak Street - Rockbrook Village  
Omaha, NE 402-393-0252**

Those attending were: LaDon and Bill Kallmer and their son Tim Kallmer; Lana and Dwight Olson; Glen Sanders; Glenda and Ron Savicky; Leona and Roscoe Shields; Mary and Jim Wherrett.

The next luncheon is planned for August 13 at the Garden Café. Dan Hoyt is the Luncheon Host. If you are planning to attend a luncheon, please call or email him, so he can give an estimated count of attendees to the restaurant.

Dan's cell: 402-630-3414. Email: [hoyt120@gmail.com](mailto:hoyt120@gmail.com)



**Dale Ann & Dan Hoyt, Bert Sherwin, Chuck Ciciulla, Shawn Bowman**



**Miriam Brandt**  
**June 13, 1932 - June 6, 2012**

Mimi Brandt, a long-time member of the Nebraska Unit, passed away a few days before her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. She had suffered a massive brain bleed during sleep. Roger and the children knew that she would want to help someone live a better life, so they consented to have her organs donated through the Nebraska Organ Recovery Program after her death. Mimi became the oldest organ donor in the state, giving life to several others.



Unit members have many good memories of Mimi from rallies and caravans. The Brandts frequently attended the Florida State Rally while spending their winters in Florida, and attended many International Rallies. We often saw them playing intense Joker games. Once when Mimi and Roger were playing against the Suttons, John bumped off one of Mimi's men, sending it back to the start. With quivering lips and a quivering voice, Mimi said, "You can't do that to me. I am an old woman." Just as John started to feel guilty, she burst out laughing. Mimi would do anything to get the upper hand when it came to Joker!

Last summer the Mystery Caravan stopped at the Brandt ranch. Mimi and Roger were such gracious hosts, serving a buffet lunch and telling stories.

**Mimi taught Donajeane Sherwin a new crochet stitch**



Roger and the children would like any memorial gifts to be sent to the Nebraska Organ Recovery Program.

Nebraska Organ Recovery System  
8502 West Center Road  
Omaha, NE 68124

Website: [www.nedonation.org](http://www.nedonation.org). Phone: 877-633-1800

Perhaps you will consider adding your name to the list of donors.

*Mimi, we will always miss you.*





## Member News

Bert Sherwin is still recovering from a terrible case of "Valley Fever." He contracted Valley Fever while at their winter residence in Apache Junction, AZ. Valley Fever is caused by fungus that lives in the dust in desert regions and infects the victim's lungs. Bert's case started with a nasty cough and progressed to pneumonia and other serious complications.

Bert is still recuperating at the rehab center, with plans to go home soon. Please remember him with cards and prayers.

Brookstone Meadows Rehab and Care Center  
600 Brookstone Meadows Plaza  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Home Address:  
910 South 118<sup>th</sup> Plaza  
Omaha, NE 68154

Sam Boman recently had surgery to repair a detached retina.

Murt Letcher is organizing her home and belongings in preparation to move to an assisted living apartment.

Bob and Sue Heist are temporarily without their motorhome. They were about 100 miles from home following the Springtime in Kentucky Caravan when a rear tire blew. The tire fragments took out the wheel well and black water tank. Fortunately, Bob had just emptied the waste tanks. They have taken the motorhome to Jackson Center for repairs, which they expect to take several weeks.

## Nominations for 2013 Unit Officers

### Bert Sherwin, Nominating Committee Chair Reported by Sue Heist, NE Unit President

President	Lana Olson
First Vice President	Bill Kallmer
Second Vice President	Dan Hoyt
Corresponding Secretary	Dwight Olson
Recording Secretary	Janet Calvin
Treasurer	Sam Boman
Trustee 2013	Ron Savicky
Trustees 2014	Mary Wherrett

### Procedure for nomination and election of officers is different from previous years.

Nominations from "the floor" will be accepted until August 3rd. These nominations can be sent to Sue Heist. Email: [sue\\_heist@msn.com](mailto:sue_heist@msn.com) or 6401 Rainier Dr. Lincoln, NE 68510.

She will then send a ballot with the names of all nominees to the members via email and USPS by August 8th. The ballots are to be returned to her by September 7th. She and one other member will count the ballots and announce the results at the September Rally.

We will celebrate with the new officers at the September rally, but the official installation will be held during the October Rally with Glenn Waters as the Region 8 Officer performing the installation. Those new officers who cannot attend the October Rally will be installed via telephone or, if possible, Skype.



### Unit Caravan to Fort Robinson Dwight Olson, Caravan Chairman

The Nebraska Unit is looking forward to our fall rallies (and cool weather). We will caravan to Fort Robinson for our joint rally with the Denver, Colorado Unit. This is also our annual buddy rally, so invite your non-Airstream friends to join us.

The caravan will begin near Omaha on September 11. This will be a full day as our destination is Bessey Recreation Area in the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey. Those in the Lincoln area may want to join at Stromsburg and miss the rough pavement in the Rising City area.

The park ranger at Bessey said they have room for 2 large motor homes and a total of 32 sites with electricity. Bring your marshmallows, graham crackers and chocolate! Conditions permitting, we will have a campfire. The evening meal at Bessey will be a simple potluck with hamburgers and hot dogs provided for a small donation.



Janet and John Calvin recently went on an Alaskan Cruise and Tour.

Janet panning for gold

John at the ship's rail



## Fort Rob Caravan, con't

On the second day we will stop in Thedford for a visit to the Thedford Art Gallery. Our campsite that night will be at the Sunset Motel and RV Park in Alliance, NE. We will visit our friend and fellow member, Murt in her new apartment.

Our final day, Sept. 13, will be a short trip into the Fort Robinson State Park campground.

Please contact Dwight Olson to let him know if you are planning to caravan with the group to Ft. Robinson.

Email: [lmodo1@aol.com](mailto:lmodo1@aol.com)

Cell phone: 402-490-6431



## Fall Rolling Rally September 13 - 27, 2012

The Denver Colorado and Nebraska Units are hosting a Joint Buddy Rally at [Fort Robinson State Park](#), Nebraska, beginning September 13. Since this is a buddy rally you can invite friends who have not yet caught the Airstream bug and have other brand rigs.

In addition to sites in the park, we will visit [Toadstool National Monument & Geologic Park](#) and tour the [Hudson-Meng Bonebed/Education Center](#) and the [Museum of the Fur Trade](#).

Historic Fort Robinson was an active outpost from the days of the Indian Wars until after World War II. It was the site of the 1879 Cheyenne Outbreak and the death of famed Sioux Chief Crazy Horse. Over the years, the fort served as Red Cloud Indian Agency; a cavalry remount station; K-9 dog-training center; POW camp; and beef research station.

Good food and fellowship will abound at this rally. Numerous water/electric and full hookup sites are available, and campsite reservations should not be needed this time of year.

**The Joint Buddy Rally starts a Rolling Rally and Caravan to the National Antelope Rally that can be joined or left at any stop. All Airstreamers are welcome to join us for all or parts of this Rolling Rally.**

This Rolling Rally may be of special interest to any WBCCI members travelling to the Antelope Rally from the east.

From Fort Robinson we will caravan 90 miles via [Agate Fossil Beds National Monument](#) to Gering, Nebraska, for four nights at the North Platte Valley Rally. In addition to visiting Scottsbluff National Monument and Chimney Rock we will visit museums and take other tours.

From Gering, we caravan 165 miles via [Fort Laramie National Historic Site](#) to a stop south of [Cheyenne](#) before proceeding 115 miles to the National Antelope Rally in Medicine Bow, Wyoming.

Travel between rally sites can be with the caravan or on your own as they are day trips. The routes have been planned and activities along the way have been identified.

**This rally can be joined or left at any stop as there are four separate rally fees. All rally fees can be paid with one coupon.**

Contact people are Sue Heist ([sue.heist@gmail.com](mailto:sue.heist@gmail.com) 402-304-1843) or Carl Russell ([russellcarl@earthlink.net](mailto:russellcarl@earthlink.net) 719-338-2404).

**The deadline for registration is August 27.**

**Nebraska Unit members – please note – your rally registration will be sent to Carl Russell at the DenCo Unit.**



## Nebraska Unit 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo

*Betty Ann Sutton, editor*

*John Sutton, technical advisor and webmaster*

[jdbasutton@gmail.com](mailto:jdbasutton@gmail.com)

The coupon for the October 11 – 14 Installation Rally will be sent separately, in early September. The committee is planning a change of venue. This rally will be more informal, in old-fashioned "camp-out style."

Please contact Bill Kallmer, Sue Heist or Roscoe Shields if you have any questions about this rally.

**Joint Buddy Rally, Fort Robinson State Park, Nebraska.**  
DenCO contact CJ Hahn, [hahncj@aol.com](mailto:hahncj@aol.com) 303-833-1372 (cell),  
Nebraska contact Dwight Olson, [lmodo1@aol.com](mailto:lmodo1@aol.com) 402-490-6431 (cell).

### **Thursday, September 13**

Arrive, get registered and settled

4:00 pm - Social Mixer

5:30 pm - Evening Potluck. Each trailer **bring a can of vegetables for hobo stew**, plus bread; applesauce and cookies for dessert.

7:30 pm - Draw numbers to find a like number then interview the person and introduce them to the group.

### **Friday, September 14**

8:00 am - Pancake Breakfast by Pancakemeister #1 (Nebraska and DenCO Units each have a Pancakemeister.)

9:45 am - Carpool to [Museum of the Fur Trade](#) - **on your own but expect to get walkup group rates less than \$7/person.**

Noonish - Lunch in Chadron - **on your own.**

Afternoon - Free time to tour and see Fort Robinson State Park.

4:00 pm - Social Hour.

5:30 pm - Leave shelter in carpools for MJ's Ranch House in Crawford - **optional 3-meat buffet**

### **Saturday, September 15**

7:00 am - Breakfast in your trailer or where ever.

8:00 am - Carpool leaves from the shelter for [Toadstool National Monument & Geologic Park](#)

10:30 am - Guided tour of the [Hudson-Meng Bonebed/Education Center](#), map provided if you don't go early to Toadstool

Noonish - Eat at Drifter Cookshack - limited menu, large portions - **on your own, approximately \$15/person.**

PM - Free time to tour and see the park or visit Toadstool if you didn't go earlier.

4:00 pm - Social Hour.

5:30 pm - Light dinner after big lunch - **on your own**

7:00 pm - Nebraska Unit Officer celebration followed by cake and ice cream for all.

### **Sunday, September 16**

8:00 am - Pancake Breakfast by Pancakemeister #2. (Nebraska and DenCO Units each have a Pancakemeister.)

9:30 am - Worship service led by Nebraska Unit retired Episcopal priest Sam Boman.

10:45 am - Depart by carpool for Sow Belly Canyon Park northeast of Harrison, **bring sack lunch for picnic.**

4:00 pm - Social Hour

5:00 pm - Wagon ride and steak cook-out - **optional on rally coupon, provided by the park, minimum 25 attendees.**

### **Monday, September 17**

8:00 am - Continental Breakfast.

10:30 am - Caravan departs for Gering via [Agate Fossil Beds National Monument](#).

**North Platte Valley Rally**, Robidoux RV Park, [Gering](#), Nebraska. Contact Bill Lindgren, [dblindgren@embarqmail.com](mailto:dblindgren@embarqmail.com) 308-436-4808.

### **Monday, September 17**

3:00 - pm Arrive at Robidoux RV Park.

4:30 pm - Attitude adjustment and campfire.

5:30 pm - BBQ rib dinner.

### **Tuesday, September 18**

AM - Breakfast furnished.

AM - Tour and/or hike [Scottsbluff National Monument](#), **bring Golden Age Pass.**

AM - Tour Farm and Ranch Museum

Noonish - Lunch on your own.

PM - Tour North Platte Valley Museum with lecture about Oregon Trail and Henderson Collection.

PM - Tour Chimney Rock Visitor Center.

4:30 pm - Happy Hour.

5:30 pm Supper – Spaghetti Feed, **some bring dessert.**

**Wednesday, September 19**

AM - Breakfast furnished.

AM - Tour Wildcat Hills Nature Center

Noonish - Dutch Lunch furnished.

PM - Tour Brown Sheep Factory.

PM - Tour Cozad's (featured on HGTV).

4:30 pm - Attitude adjustment and campfire.

5:30 pm - Open Grills, everybody bring own meat to grill, baked potato/bread/garlic bread/beverages furnished, **some bring dessert.**

**North Platte Valley Rally, CONTINUED.****Thursday, September 20 – FREE DAY**

AM - Breakfast furnished.

Sometime Optional trip to zoo and wildlife museum, see coupon.

PM - Possible carry in and Happy Hour.

**Friday, September 21**

8:00 am - Continental Breakfast furnished.

10:30 am - Caravan departs for Cheyenne via [Fort Laramie National Historic Site](#).

**Stop-on-the-Way Rally**, Terry Bison Ranch Resort, [Cheyenne](#), Wyoming, Contact Carl Russell, [russellcarl@earthlink.net](mailto:russellcarl@earthlink.net) 719-338-2404.

**Friday, September 21**

4:00 pm - Arrive and get settled.

6:00 pm - Possible dinner at Terry Bison Resort Restaurant.

**Saturday, September 22**

AM - Breakfast furnished.

AM - Tour museum.

Noonish - Lunch on your own.

PM - Tour Museum.

PM - Happy Hour

PM - Possible Potluck

**Sunday, September 23**

8:00 am - Continental Breakfast furnished.

10:00 am - Caravan departs for Medicine Bow.

**48th Annual National Antelope Rally**, Medicine Bow, Wyoming. Sponsored by Wyoming Unit, President Pat Foley, [texfoley@msn.com](mailto:texfoley@msn.com).

**Sunday, September 23**

Noon - Caravan arrives at Antelope Rally in Medicine Bow.



## Fall Rolling Rally Coupon

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ Type Rig: \_\_\_\_\_

### Rally (Please indicate 0 persons if you will not attend that portion of the Rolling Rally)

**Joint Buddy Rally**, Fort Robinson State Park, Nebraska, Thursday, September 13- Monday, September 17

Rally fee (includes 1 dinner and 3 breakfasts) \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Friday 3-meat buffet dinner at MJ's Ranch House, reservations required, \$18.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Sunday wagon ride and steak cookout, reservations required, \$21.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**North Platte Valley Rally**, Robidoux RV Park, Gering, Nebraska, Mon. Sep. 17-Fri. Sep. 21

Rally fee (includes 7 meals and attraction fees), **bring National Park Pass**, \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional trip to zoo (chimps) and wildlife museum (dinosaur), reservations required, \$3.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Stop-on-the-Way Rally**, Terry Bison Ranch Resort, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Fri. Sep. 21-Sun. Sep. 23

Rally fee (includes 2 breakfasts) \$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual National Antelope Rally**, Medicine Bow, Wyoming, Sun. Sep. 23-Thu. Sep. 27

Fee options (attendees circle one): **Pay with This Coupon (\$85)** or **Mail to Wyoming Unit (\$0)** or **Pay on Arrival (\$0)**

Rally fee on this coupon (includes 10 meals and campsite with caravan electric and water) \$0.00 or \$85.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Rolling Rally fee included with this coupon = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Campsites** (pay at campground except Antelope Rally included in coupon). Please **Circle Site Preferences & Give # Nights**

**Fort Robinson State Park:** Full \$24/night + \$5/day Water/Electric \$18/night + \$5/day

# nights \_\_\_\_\_

**Robidoux RV Park (Good Sam Park):** Full + Cable \$29/night Full \$26/night Water/Electric \$23/night

# nights \_\_\_\_\_

**Terry Bison Ranch (Good Sam Park):** Only Full \$34.95/night

# nights \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check for Rally Fee Payable to: Denver Colorado Unit WBCCI. Mail to the address below by August 27, 2012:**

Carl Russell, 2430 Linenhall Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80920; 719-338-2404, russellcarl@earthlink.net