

Trailhusker

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

October 2010

50th Anniversary President

Bert Sherwin was unanimously elected Nebraska Unit president at the September Unit Rally. He and Donajean were installed at the October Unit Rally in Madison. Bert and Donajean have previously served as President and First Lady in 2002. They have already begun planning for a 50th year celebration, tentatively set for August 14, 2011.



**President
Bert Sherwin**

**First Lady
Donajean Sherwin**



2011 Officers

**First V.P. Sue Heist, First Lady Donajean Sherwin,
Recording Secretary Glenda Savicky,
Second V.P. Lana Olson, Trustee Ron Savicky,
Trustee John Sutton, President Bert Sherwin,
Treasurer Dwight Olson,
Region 8 President June Ryan, First Mate Paul Ryan**

Installation of 2011 Officers



**Paul Ryan, Region 8 President June Ryan,
Nebraska Unit President Bert Sherwin**



Donajean Sherwin, Unit Historian presented a memory book to Selwyn and Florene Heese commemorating their year of service as president and first lady.



Bert Sherwin also gave the Heeses a stained glass Airstream and bowl. Bert had crafted the beautifully detailed ornaments himself.

**Madison, Nebraska Rally
Madison County Fairgrounds
October 7 – 10**

Thirteen units attended the rally: Mary Ann and Sam Boman; Mimi and Roger Brandt, Janet and John Calvin; Florene and Selwyn Heese; Sue and Bob Heist; June and Paul Ryan; LaDon and Bill Kallmer; Murt Letcher; Lana and Dwight Olson; Glenda and Ron Savicky; Donajean and Bert Sherwin; Leona and Roscoe Shields; Betty Ann and John Sutton.

The campground, with full hook-ups, and the meeting room, with air-conditioning and clean kitchen made an ideal site. Thanks to Ron and Glenda for securing such a great facility.



Paul Ryan, Ron Savicky, and Bert Sherwin assemble their tacos at the taco-salad bar.

Roscoe Shields celebrated his 84th birthday at Prenger's Restaurant in Norfolk



Rally Tours and Activities

In addition to the installation of officers, there were many activities from which to choose. On Friday we toured the Elkhorn Valley Museum in Norfolk and the Cuthills Winery in Pierce.



The Elkhorn Valley Museum has devoted an entire room to Johnny Carson. The collection, donated by Carson, includes Emmy Awards, photos of his life in Norfolk and his career, and videos of his work on the Tonight Show.

We attended a performance of Arsenic and Old Lace presented by the Norfolk Community Theater at Northeast Community College. Many thanks to Bob Heist and Bill Kallmer who provided the equipment to project the Nebraska – Kansas State football game, so all could watch in the meeting room. Several members also found time to check out the yard sales in Madison. The rally concluded with brunch and morning services at the Madison Methodist Church.

June Ryan welcomed new unit members Janet and John Calvin, and Myrtle Letcher. Murt has been a member of the South Dakota Unit and an associate member of our unit for many years. Since the South Dakota Unit has disbanded, she decided to join our unit as a full member.

The Calvins have owned an Airstream for several years, and after meeting Bill and LaDon Kallmer last winter in Georgia, they decided to become WBCCI members. They live in Omaha. Their contact information will be listed in the 2011 directory.



Murt Letcher, John and Janet Calvin, June Ryan

**Nebraska City, Applejack Rally
September 16 – 19 Victorian Acres Campground**

This year's September rally was a joint rally with the North Iowa Unit and coincided with Nebraska City's Apple Jack Festival. Despite the cool, rainy weather the participants thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. Those attending were: Marijane and Dan Bamberry; Mary Ann and Sam Boman; Jo and Ivan Curtis; Florene and Selwyn Heese; Sue and Bob Heist; LaDon and Bill Kallmer; Lana and Dwight Olson; Glenda and Ron Savicky; Donajean and Bert Sherwin; Betty Ann and John Sutton.

We also had three special guests: Sharon and Harry Ramler from the Minnesota Unit, and Rosie Soden, John Sutton's sister from Marion, Iowa.



Harry Ramler, Florene Heese, Selwyn Heese, and Sharon Ramler at brunch after church

The Future of Airstream Motorhomes

Thor Industries has considered labeling a class A motorhome as an Airstream brand. The International Board of Trustees will again consider this proposal at their winter meeting. The IBT and WBCCI membership must approve of accepting these motorhomes into the club before Thor will consider production.

The following is an opinion from Bob and Fran Olson, who own a motorhome:

We have been members of WBCCI since 1967. In that period we had trailers until 1996 when we purchased our first MH. We have found traveling via Motorhome easier and more enjoyable.

It would be devastating if WBCCI Motorhome owners were unable to replace their Motorhomes when they wore out, or had a terrible accident as our Past Region President had this past summer.

With approximately 900-1000 of our members owning Motorhomes, we cannot afford to lose these members when there are no replacements available. It would hurt the club severely.

Hopefully, Thor Industries, owner of Airstream, could build us a quality product labeled as "Airstream" to fill this niche. Thor builds several quality units and it would benefit our club which is struggling to keep members.

Always remember, we are one "Big Family", whether we tow a trailer or drive a Motorhome.

*Past Region President & First Lady
Bob and Fran Olson*

Editor's note – If you have an opinion on the motorhome issue and would like to have it printed in the next Trailhusker, you may email it to us. BAS



Tour of Mayhew Cabin, a stop on the Underground Railroad



**Nebraska City Rally Committee
Jo & Ivan Curtis, LaDon & Bill Kallmer,
Marijane & Dan Bamberry
Dinner at Parker's Smoke House**

Member News

Some members found new and unusual friends on their travels.

September 13, Luncheon Old Country Buffet, Omaha

Those who attended were: Janet Calvin, Ruby & Chuck Ciciulla, LaDon & Bill Kallmer, Lori & Don Lorenz, Gene Munch, Lana, Dwight & Crystal Olson, Katie Peterson, Glen Sanders, Glenda & Ron Savicky, Donajean & Bert Sherwin.

October 12, Luncheon

Those who attended were: Janet & John Calvin, Ruby & Chuck Ciciulla, LaDon & Bill Kallmer, Fran & Bob Olson, Lana & Dwight Olson, Katie Peterson, Willy Plith, Glenda & Ron Savicky, Joyce & Jim Shanks, Leona & Roscoe Shields, Betty Ann & John Sutton.



The Ladies' Table



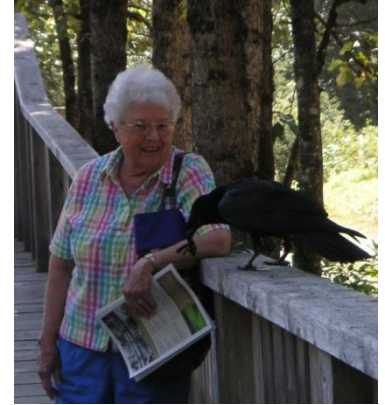
The Gentlemen's Table



LaDon Kallmer, Katie Peterson, Lana Olson



**Bob Heist – on
the Cajun
Caravan**



**Donajean Sherwin
In Alaska**

Jim and Mary Wherrett have been on an extended trip and sent this message: "One year ago, we bought our Airstream, a 1997, 30' Limited. Unknowingly, we joined a unique community, and found we owned an icon everybody seems to relate to in some way. So many people share how a relative owned an AS, or how they wanted an AS, or how they admired the quality of workmanship." Since purchasing their Airstream, the Wherrets have traveled through 31 states.

Lori Lorenz is recovering from by-pass heart surgery. Please keep her in your prayers and thoughts, and take a moment to send a card.

Marian Christiansen just renewed her membership and mentioned that she will turn 97 in February. We think she is our eldest member.

If you haven't renewed your membership, please send it in ASAP. Dwight Olson must have your renewal form by Nov. 1, to ensure that you are included in the 50th Anniversary directory. John Sutton will deliver the unit directories at the November Luncheon (Nov. 8) or mail them on Nov. 9.

There is a form in the October Blue Beret (p.23) to have your International Directory forwarded to your winter address. The directory is usually mailed bulk-rate, which the postal service will not forward. Return the form to headquarters by Dec. 1, to be sure you'll receive your directory.

The next issue of the Trailhusker will be published sometime in late winter. Email news and photos to us at: jdbasutton@gmail.com.

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