



# Trailhusker

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

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## From the President's Desk Bert Sherwin

Happy New Year!! Christmas has come and gone, 2010 is history. It seems time has flown by since we saw a good number of you at our rally in October. What a wonderful rally we enjoyed. Ron and Glenda Savicky, John and Betty Ann Sutton, and Bob and Sue Heist were our hosts and we had a great time. We had plenty to do and see with great meals. Our guest installing officers, President June Ryan and First Mate Paul, did a superb job. They also inducted our newest members, John and Janet Calvin. Welcome to the Calvin's and we look forward to many years of fellowship with them.

The Sherwins left the rally leaving quite a trademark in the sand because our rear levelers were still down on the trailer. We were almost sixty miles up the road before I stopped to walk around the trailer and found them. They were dragging at about a 45 degree angle by that time. I was lucky and thought of a good fix to straighten them back up. It only took a few minutes and we were able to use a drill to screw them back to a correct position.

The rally in Sun Valley, ID was terrific. Six days of music by 39 different bands from all over the USA and Canada played in nine different locations. The choices were many and it was hard to choose who we wanted to listen to next. There was Jazz, Big Band, and Blues music. It was certainly a reasonably priced rally to attend. Our trip to Apache Junction, AZ was good and we visited friends in Las Vegas on the way down here.

Your President turned 75 this fall and thanks to many of you who remembered and sent cards. My beautiful wife and sister planned a surprise party for me and it was truly a surprise! Friday night before my birthday, I was recuperating from 18 holes of golf, ate dinner as I had missed lunch, and went in to take a shower, dreaming of soon lying down and enjoying a good nap. During my shower time, DJ came running into the bathroom and said, "Hurry and come to the door. Someone is here to see you." My thoughts weren't quite that urgent. I dried, put on a robe and went to the door. Our two boys from Nebraska, my sister from Harlingen, TX, my brother and his wife from Dallas, TX, and a cousin and his wife from Morgan Hill, CA, were all there. What a surprise that was!!! DJ had food lined up to feed the crowd. She had expected three guests, but seven showed up at our door. We had a fun weekend and most of the relatives left on Monday morning. I will remember that birthday for a long time to come!!



**Donajean and Bert Sherwin  
at Region 8 November Luncheon, Mesa, Arizona**

We have had a couple of luncheons here in Arizona as you have had them in Nebraska since we last saw you. There will be Nebraska luncheons in Omaha the second Monday of the month at Old Country Buffet and a luncheon in Mesa, Arizona the first Thursday of the month at Golden Corral.

Ron and Glenda Savicky are wintering in Texas; Bob and Fran Olson have arrived in Punta Gorda, Florida; and the Kallmers are in Georgia and Florida.

DJ and I look forward to seeing you in April for our Caravan to the Amana Colonies and the Region 8 Rally, which will be upon us soon.

By now, hopefully most of you who are headed south to enjoy the warmth of the sun have left the north country and are in your winter locations. Those of you staying north, dress warm and keep the fires burning. I'm sure your northern trailers and motor homes are well winterized by now.



*Some of you may have heard a crashing sound, followed by whimpers of anguish, echoing off the canyon walls from Tortilla Flat, Arizona. John's computer crashed. Unfortunately, we lost all our emails with member news and pictures from the last two months. John spent a week working with the tech people at Staples and purchasing new software to get us up and running again.*

For a few days I thought I would be writing the Trailhusker using one of those wooden sticks that are filled with graphite. What are those things called?

I apologize for any information you sent that may not be included in this issue. Betty Ann



Those attending the November luncheon at Old Country Buffet in Omaha were: Mary Ann & Sam Boman, Janet & John Calvin, LaDon & Bill Kallmer, Gene Munch, Lana & Dwight Olson, Joyce & Jim Shanks, Leona & Roscoe Shields, Betty Ann & John Sutton.



Lana Olson and Mary Ann Boman at Omaha Luncheon

Dwight Olson reported that it was a small group at the December luncheon, but those attending came with hearty appetites.

The Shanks, Sherwins, Suttons, and Region 8 President June Ryan and First Mate Paul, attended the December Region 8 luncheon in Mesa, Arizona.



Joyce and Jim Shanks at Mesa Luncheon

**Member Health Update**

Lori and Don Lorenz wish to thank all who sent cards and prayers for her recovery from heart surgery. This has been a most difficult year for them, with Lori's surgery and recovery complications, and Don getting pneumonia.



**Obituaries**

Many of you know that Lori Lorenz's mother passed away after a long period of deteriorating health. We are sorry for their loss and hope that their faith has helped give them strength during this time.

Longtime member, Bob Franke died on October 24, at Tiffany Square Care Center in Grand Island. He and Jenny had been members of the Nebraska Unit for 18 years. We offer our deepest sympathy to Jenny and know she would appreciate continuing to hear from those members who traveled with her and Bob.



**Children's Emergency Fund**

Joyce Shanks reported that Unit members donated nearly \$100 for the Children's Emergency Fund sponsored by the Omaha Quilters' Guild. The Guild accepts donations for this emergency fund all year long. If you missed the chance to donate at the November luncheon, you can still send a check.

**Unwelcome Surprise Visitor**

Bob and Sue Heist recently had a terrible surprise. They returned home from shopping to discover a man robbing their house. Bob and their son Robert confronted the burglar and physically held him while Sue called the police. Bob and Robert received some cuts and bruises from the burglar, but did manage to overpower him and hold him on the ground until the police arrived.

**Olsons' Stay-Cation**

Lana and Dwight Olson are spending the winter in their new family room and kitchen. They added the family room and did a remodel of their kitchen and dining room.

**International Rally, DuQuoin, Illinois**

According to International President Norm Beu, only 376 memberships have registered for the Rally. Don't forget to send your registration in ASAP. The planning committee needs to confirm numbers of participants for many of the planned activities.

**Winter IBT, Robstown, Texas**

June and Paul Ryan will be attending the Winter IBT Meeting, January 24 – 28. If you have any topics or concerns that you think should be addressed, let them know by email.

**Caravan to Region 8 Rally**

If you are planning to caravan to The Amanas with the Nebraska Unit, contact Bert Sherwin. This overnight caravan takes the place of the usual Nebraska Unit spring rally.

The next issue of the Trailhusker will be published in May. Email news and photos to us at: [jdbasutton@gmail.com](mailto:jdbasutton@gmail.com).

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