



# Trailhusker

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

January 2013

## From The President's Desk By Lana Olson



Welcome to a new year of fun, fellowship, and adventure with the Nebraska Airstream Unit. A special welcome to the following new members: Charles and Pam Howard of Huron, SD; Michael and Susan Ferris of Lincoln, NE; Jim and Rachel McGough of Omaha, NE; and Jeremy Robinson of England. A special welcome also to Dan & Marijane Bamberry who have transferred to Nebraska.

Hats off to Sue Heist who did a fantastic job as our president in 2012. Thank you, Sue, for helping the public more easily discover the Nebraska Airstream Unit via its Facebook page and internet site, not to mention the first-ever rally with the Denver unit at Fort Robinson and the follow-on Rolling Rally to Gering, NE and the Antelope Rally in Wyoming. Thanks, also, to all those who worked on a rally committee, led a caravan, or helped in numerous other ways. Nothing would happen if it weren't for those who volunteer.

As for the upcoming year, please refer to the Nebraska Unit internet site:

[www.nebraskaunit.wbcci.net](http://www.nebraskaunit.wbcci.net)

and your unit directory for details of the events.

I am looking forward to working with everyone to meet the following goals: (1) Continue to locate and invite other Airstream owners to join the Nebraska Airstream Unit while meeting the needs of current members; (2) Review and update the Nebraska Airstream Unit's constitution and bylaws to make better use of the electronic media that is available today; (3) Hold at least one weekend rally where members may enjoy fellowship while sharing ideas about how to repair their trailers while traveling, as well as other travel ideas; (4) Establish a mentor program to assist new members in getting acquainted with fellow members, their rigs, and WBCCI.

For starters, a Fix-It Rally will be held on the weekend of May 31 to June 2, 2013, at Louisville State Recreation Area. This will be a time to get answers to what to do when the shower door falls off, or the trailer brakes do not work, or other situations Airstream owners have encountered. Come if you can on Friday evening or Saturday and leave on Sunday. Hopefully you will leave with more knowledge about Airstreams and traveling than when you arrived.

Finally, always remember that this is your organization, so be sure to volunteer whenever possible. Your ideas and suggestions to improve the Nebraska Airstream Unit are also needed, so be sure to share them with me and other members. With your help, 2013 can be another banner year of fun, fellowship, and adventure.

## The Gas Report By Bill Kallmer

*(who is also the Trailhusker Sports Reporter)*



*Last October, I was asked to report on sports events for the Trailhusker. I thought about it for a few minutes and thinking, "I'm going to be in Atlanta. What Airstream sports events will be happening in the winter? Well, none."*

*I have intensively researched my newly assigned topic. This new topic, as you may have guessed, is titled "THE GAS REPORT," or more specifically, the new "E15 GAS".*

*First, I must state a disclaimer. Even though I have some personal knowledge about gas, I have not used the new E15 gas, but some of the forthcoming information has come from a very reliable source, the Fox Business Network. E15 information has also been reported by USA Today and the Chicago Tribune.*

In June 2012, the Federal Government authorized the production and distribution of E15 gas. Fox Business Network claims this was done without consulting automotive experts about any adverse effects on engines, gaskets, seals, fuel distribution systems, fuel lines, emissions.

Ethanol, by itself, is corrosive. When it sits in your gas tank, the ethanol settles to the bottom because it's more dense than gasoline. When the car is running, it is burning the ethanol near the bottom of the tank and thus potentially harming the car. Later, the car will be burning mostly gasoline, which will have a lower octane number and poorer gas mileage. AAA has asked the current administration to stop this policy. This new gas contains 85% gas and 15% ethanol and is currently being sold in Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska. Currently,

our ethanol gasoline contains 10% ethanol and I have used it for a long time without any adverse effects, but E15 might be different.

According to the Fox report, if you use E15, there are many automotive companies that will not cover the warranty on cars older than 2012. To date, these car companies are Ford, Mercedes Benz, Toyota, BMW, Chrysler, Honda, KIA, Volvo, and VW. To get more detailed information and to watch a Fox Business video, go to the following site: <http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/2000862202001/> Also watch the label on the pump when filling your tank.

### January Luncheons Golden Corral – Mesa, Arizona

On January 3, 15 Region 8 members and guests met at the Golden Corral in Mesa, AZ for lunch. Those who attended were Bert and Donajean Sherwin; Jim and Joyce Shanks; Frank and Coke Melton and Coke's sister Maxine; Dick and Floy Winter; Shirley and Wendell Sisk; Dwight and Lana Olson; and June and Paul Ryan. Jim and Joyce reported that they enjoyed the fellowship and, as usual, everyone overate!

**Burnt Store Grille – Punta Gorda, Florida**  
The Florida Snowbirds also met on January 3. Those attending were: Cheryl and Gary Burrows, Dale Ann and Dan Hoyt, Fran and Bob Olson, Betty Ann and John Sutton.



### Old Country Buffet – Omaha, NE

For those members toughing-it-out in Nebraska, the next luncheon will be on Monday, January 14, at noon.

**Region 8 Rally  
Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson KS  
April 24 – 28, 2013**

This year's theme is *Let the Games Begin*. You can download the registration form by going to our unit website: [www.nebraskaunit.wbcc.net](http://www.nebraskaunit.wbcc.net)

Please send your registration and payment to June Ryan at her winter address, **NOT** her Birmingham, Iowa address.

June Ryan, Region 8 Treasurer  
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**Region 8 Rally Talent Show**

Pat Shaw is looking for members who will perform at the Rally Talent Show. Perhaps you are a juggler, singer, jokester, dancer, or an instrumentalist. Brush up on your talent and join the entertainers. Email Pat at: [theshaws1@gmail.com](mailto:theshaws1@gmail.com).

**Winter IBT Meeting, Blythe, CA**

June Ryan will represent Region 8 at the IBT. If you have any topics or concerns for the International Board of Trustees, please email her at: [ryan.j.p@juno.com](mailto:ryan.j.p@juno.com).

**Nebraska Unit Spring Rally  
Recreation Complex, Auburn, NE  
April 18 – 21, 2013**

The coupon and schedule for this rally will be included in the March issue of the Trailhusker.



**Roscoe Corell and Roscoe Shields enjoy lunch at the Cook Shack at the September 2012 Rally**

**2013 Unit Directory**

John Sutton published the directory again this year and sent them to all members and former members in December. If you didn't receive your copies, please contact John.

**2012 Merit Awards**

Last year's unit president Sue Heist has been compiling information for completing the application for the Unit Merit Award program. Last year, every unit in Region 8 earned a merit award. Thank-you Sue, for helping to ensure that we'll receive a Superior Merit Award again this year.

**Member News**

Lana and Dwight Olson and Betty Ann and John Sutton participated in the Southeast Coast Seafood Spectacular Caravan. We all did our best to support the Atlantic Coast seafood industry.



**Dwight and Lana in front of the Coast Guard Cutter Diligence, Wilmington, NC**



**Reception for out-going Unit President Sue Heist at Ft. Robinson Rally**

Sue and Bob Heist have signed up for three caravans for 2013. They are a wonderful example of members who take advantage of all the benefits of WBCCI membership.

Donajean and Bert Sherwin are staying in Apache Junction. Bert reports that he has recovered well from his bout with Valley Fever.



Are you a crafty person? Glenda Savicky has designed and constructed the unit bulletin board for the last two years and has decided to pass the task on to another member. Contact Lana Olson if you would like to make this year's bulletin board.



Remember: The coupon for the spring rally in Auburn, Nebraska (April 18 – 21) will be sent with the March issue of the Trailhusker. It will also include a sign-up and schedule for the caravan from Auburn to the Region 8 Rally.



If you have any news for the March issue, please email the Suttons. Any errors or omissions in this issue are to be expected. We are publishing in our trailer in Hillsborough River State Park, Florida.

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Mary Ann and Sam Boman are staying in Watauga, Texas with their daughter Suzanne, who is recovering from a stroke. They plan to stay for six to eight weeks. Mary Ann is recovering from a fractured hip and is doing well with her walker.

Lana and Dwight Olson are staying in Apache Junction, Arizona. They celebrated the new year with the traditional Norwegian lefse and lutefisk. They have been visiting cousins and touring the area, including historic Tombstone.

Several members are staying in the southeast this winter. Burrows, Hoyts, Kallmers, Bob Olsons, and Suttons are planning to attend the Florida State Rally in February.

While bicycling on the Scenic Trail around Lake Okeechobee, the Suttons observed a rare Florida panther. We watched it for several minutes while it hunted at the edge of a marsh area. Of course, the camera was back in the truck!



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