



# Trailhusker

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

March 2013

## From The President's Desk By Lana Olson



Spring is just around the corner and hopefully you have had a wonderful winter and are now ready to travel. Our first rally of the year is scheduled for April 18 to April 21 at Auburn, NE. Plan to arrive Thursday or Friday afternoon or evening, or whenever your schedule allows.

The committee has planned tours for Friday and, of course, there will be free time to check out the antique shops and local area, so be sure to look for the coupon included in this issue. This weekend might also be a good time to hone our skills with bean bag baseball.

Also, please bring a care package for "Hearts United for Animals," a shelter for dogs and cats. The most needed items are gently used or new towels, blankets, dog/cat toys, and scoopable kitty litter, newspapers, paper towels, and trash bags.

Sam Boman will conduct a church service Sunday morning and then we will head down the road to Red Cloud, NE, on our way to Hutchinson, Kansas, for the Region 8 Rally. Red Cloud is the birthplace of well-known author Willa Cather. Roscoe and Leona Shields

have planned an interesting, fun caravan to Hutchinson. If you have never been to Hutchinson, be sure to check out the Cosmosphere space museum and the Salt Mine Museum.

Finally, be sure to complete and send in your Region 8 Rally registration. The registration form is on page 56 of the March issue of the *Blue Beret*. (We also included a copy with this *Trailhusker*.) The Region 8 theme is "Let the Games Begin" so there will be all types of games, in addition to tours. The Nebraska unit will be serving Sunday brunch at the Region 8 Rally, just as we did at the Region 8 Rally in Springfield, MO, last year.

The weekend of May 31 to June 2, we will camp at Louisville State Park for a "Fix-It" rally. Arrive anytime Friday and leave on Sunday.

I look forward to seeing everyone again.  
Lana

## Beanbag Baseball – Spring Training Camp By Bill Kallmer, Sports Editor



I'm not talking about a place to park your Airstream in a campground. No, this is something better. As Alfred Lord Tennyson said "...this is something that happens every year in the spring when a young man's fancy lightly turns".....Oh, forget it. As soon as the snow melts, men and women of all ages are eager to search the

closets and dresser drawers for that special bat, ball, and glove. Well, at least the members of the younger set are ready to run the bases and hit those home runs.

For those of us north of three score and ten years, our spring training camp is somewhat different, but equally important. Our sport, which will be practiced and played at the Nebraska Spring Rally in Auburn, NE, is called Bean Bag Baseball.

Now is the time to exercise by swinging the arms, crunching the fingers, bending your knees (next to a railing just in case you need help getting back up). Clean your glasses, and stop eating those donuts so that you'll be able to hit the hole on the board.

The Nebraska players will go on and play in the Region 8 Rally Tournament in Hutchinson, KS. Good luck and be safe.

### **Hearts United for Animals**

Our group will tour this facility during the Auburn Rally. Please remember to bring your donations: gently used or new towels, blankets, dog/cat toys, and scoopable kitty litter, newspapers, paper towels, and trash bags. They also gladly accept financial donations. *Hearts United for Animals is a non-profit, 501 I (3) organization. Your contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

*“Hearts United for Animals is not a typical shelter. The dogs share large yards where they romp and play with friends. We know and love every one of our dogs. Every dog at Hearts United for Animals has been altered and is current on healthcare. We can tell you in detail about their personalities, likes and dislikes.”*

We should remember that not all animals are as well loved and cared for as our Airstream pets.

**Nebraska Unit 1<sup>st</sup> Dog  
Rylie Olson**



### **Harpeth Rising Concert**

The Auburn Rally committee has arranged for us to attend a concert by this group at the Brownville Concert Hall. Harpeth Rising is a quartet of classically trained musicians who play the banjo, fiddle, cello and hand drums. They are *"a little bit bluegrass, a little bit folk, a little bit classical and a whole lot of original."* They adopted the group's name from the Harpeth River that flows through central Tennessee.

Check their website: [www.harpethrising.com](http://www.harpethrising.com)



### **Region 8 Rally – Hutchinson, KS**



**Vintage Airstream Club  
by Scott Allen**

The Vintage Airstream Club will host the following events:

- Vintage Open House on April 27, at 2:30 to 5:00 P.M.
- Happy Hour each day at 4:30 P.M.
- April 27, at 1:00 P.M. – Presentation featuring Tim Shepard the host of "The Vintage Airstream Podcast." Tim will speak about the restoration of his 1960 Airstream Ambassador and his new book *Restoring a Dream*.

I will also be available during the Rally to help with any vintage and restoration questions you might have.

### **Sunflower Theme**

The sunflower is the Kansas state flower, so it is logical that Sunflowers are the rally theme and motif. Bring sunflower items to decorate your Airstream, yourself and pets.

There will be a carnival called Sunflowerfest, with games of skill and chance, a fortune teller, and treats to eat.

### Talent Show

Contact Pat Shaw at [theshaws1@aol.com](mailto:theshaws1@aol.com), if you have an act for Airstreamers Have Talent. You could do a short group skit, play an instrument, sing, or tell a story.



### From the Land of Gators By Bill Kallmer

I counted 12, a full dozen. They came from faraway places, nearly a thousand miles away. They arrived alone from land planted in beans and corn and arrived in a land of alligators, manatees, flamingos, pelicans, and egrets. How dreadful, especially with the cold winter temperatures in the 70's and 80's. Yes, the twelve of us suffered during our winter time in the Land of Florida.

The Nebraska Airstream members wintering in Florida include John and Betty Ann Sutton; Bob and Fran Olson; Jim and Mary Wherrett; Gary and Cheryl Burrows; Dan and Dale Ann Hoyt; and Bill and LaDon Kallmer. Many of us attended the Airstream Florida State Rally in Sarasota, FL. Prior to the rally, ten of us gathered in Punta Gorda for a noon lunch at the Oyster Village Restaurant. John and Betty Ann did not make it as they were camping too far away. Since our travels in Florida included the Florida Keys, Lake Okeechobee, and the swamps of The Everglades, many of us will have interesting stories to tell. We will soon be making our way back to the land of beans and corn. We're just hoping the snow will be gone. We'll see you at the next luncheon in Omaha.



### Nebraska Unit Luncheon

The March luncheon was cancelled due to snow and icy roads. The April luncheon will be:

**Monday, April 8 at 12 noon**  
**Old Country Buffet**  
**144<sup>th</sup> & West Center Road**  
**Omaha, NE**

### Region 8 Luncheon - Mesa, Arizona

Doris Jean and Chuck Cabalka hosted the Region 8 March luncheon at Golden Corral in Mesa, Arizona. Eighteen WBCCI members attended, including Nebraska members Donajean & Bert Sherwin and Lana & Dwight Olson. The last luncheon of the season will be on Thursday, April 4, at 11:30 A.M. at Mesa Golden Corral.



### Nebraska Unit Member News

Mary Salmen is looking forward to returning home from the rehab center very soon. She then plans to move to an assisted living center in Hastings as soon as a space becomes available. As always, she appreciates receiving cards and letters.

Mary and Jim Wherrett spent the winter touring Florida, including Key West and the Everglades. They camped with Michigan Airstream friends in Crystal River: watching manatees and preparing gourmet meals. Homeward bound, they visited family in Fayetteville, NC, and Kansas City.

Lori and Don Lorenz sold their park model home in Mesa Regal Resort in Arizona and are now back in Nebraska enjoying the cold and snow for the remainder of winter.

Lana and Dwight Olson have been busy this winter. They bought a mobile home in Apache Junction, AZ. At the end of February they travelled to Sedona, the Grand Canyon and Lake Havasu with friends from Minneapolis, MN. The Grand Canyon was rather cold, with a daytime high of 33 degrees.

They also drove out to Indio, California to visit with friends from Eugene, Oregon, that they hadn't seen for ten years. They rode the aerial tram to the top of Mount San Jacinto. As they watched a video about the construction of the tram, there was an earthquake!



LaDon and Bill Kallmer stopped in Atlanta, Georgia, on their way home from Florida to visit their daughter's family.

One of the greatest joys of Airstreaming is introducing your grandchildren to camping.



If you have any news for the May issue, please email:

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**Nebraska Unit 50th Anniversary Logo**

**Spring Rally April 18-21, 2013**  
**Nebraska Recreational Complex, Auburn, NE**

Thursday April 18

The campground is located on the North edge of Auburn, ½ mile West of Highway 75 on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Meet at the campground before 4:00 p.m. Electric hook-up. Water available close to each campsite. There is a dump station at the campground.

**We are having a bean soup supper so please bring a couple of cans of the bean of your choosing to toss in the pot and also bring a dessert to share.**

Friday April 19

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the picnic shelter

9:30 a.m. Assemble for carpool

10:00 a.m. Hearts United for Animals (a national no-kill shelter) tour. **Bring items for care package.** (gently used or new towels, blankets, dog/cat toys, and scoopable kitty litter, newspapers, paper towels, and trash bags.)

12:00 noon Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. Nemaha Valley Museum tour (Auburn), Free

4:00 p.m. Carpool to Brownville

5:30 p.m. Dinner at Lyceum Restaurant (four menu options, Dutch treat)

7:30 p.m. Bluegrass with **Harpeth Rising** Concert (Optional) \$23 per ticket

Saturday April 20

8:00 a.m.\_ Pancake breakfast by Dwight and Lana

9:30 a.m. Look around Auburn. Antique stores, local shops or plant sale at fairgrounds

11:30 a.m. Family Connection Restaurant in Auburn for Dutch treat lunch followed by:

12:30 p.m. General Meeting

2:00 p.m. Leave restaurant and meet back at campground for afternoon games, relaxation, or free time.

5:30 p.m. Carpool to Arbor Manor Steakhouse

Sunday April 21

Breakfast in your trailer

8:45 a.m. Church with Sam then prepare to leave with Roscoe for Hutchinson, KS

**Coupon**  
**Spring Rally April 18-21, 2013**  
**Nebraska Recreational Complex, Auburn, NE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Nights of camping at \$15 per night \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bluegrass Concert tickets at \$23 per ticket \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Rally fee at \$ 8.00 per person (\$16 maximum) \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return coupon and appropriate money by  
APRIL 10, 2013 to:**

**Dwight Olson, Treasurer**  
**9007 S. 225<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Gretna, NE 68028**

**\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will participate in the caravan from Auburn, NE,  
to Hutchinson, KS.**

**Nebraska Unit Caravan  
Auburn, NE to Hutchinson, KS  
Roscoe and Leona Shields, Leaders  
402-489-1515  
Cell: 402-432-1827**

This will be a pay-as-you-go caravan.

- Sunday 4/21 --- Leave mid-morning from Auburn, NE, and travel to Red Cloud, NE. There will be a two night stay in Red Cloud. Campsites have full hook-ups at approximately \$16/night. Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 P.M. at the Motel-RV Park Restaurant
- Monday 4/22 --- We will explore historic Red Cloud. The town was home for author Willa Cather. There is much to see and learn about early Nebraska.  
Guided tour: \$12 per person  
Dinner at Palace Lounge and Steakhouse
- Tuesday 4/23 – Travel to Hutchinson, KS, site of the Region 8 Rally.

There will be a stop in Concordia, KS, to visit the National Orphan Train Complex. (\$5 per person) This is a very interesting part of our country's history.

Roscoe will discuss options for those who don't want to visit the Orphan Train Complex.

There will be an additional \$20 fee for camping on Tuesday night at the fairgrounds. (Tuesday night camping fee was not included in the Region 8 Rally registration.)

**REGION 8 RALLY**  
**Let the Games Begin!**  
**Hutchinson, Kansas**  
**April 24 - 28, 2013**

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Airstream TT \_\_\_\_\_ MH \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Vintage \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee:	Before 4/1	After 4/1	Amount
Airstream w/2 adults	\$220.00	\$240.00	\$ _____
Airstream w/1 adult	\$180.00	\$190.00	\$ _____
Off site 2 adults	\$140.00	\$160.00	\$ _____
Off site 1 adult	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$ _____
Guest (16+)	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL RALLY FEE</b>			\$ _____

<b>Make check payable to: WBCCI Region 8</b>	
<b>AFTER APRIL 1</b>	<b>BEFORE APRIL 1</b>
<b>Send your check to:</b>	<b>Send your check to:</b>
<b>June Ryan</b>	<b>June Ryan</b>
<b>P.O. Box 232</b>	<b>11313 E. Boise #48</b>
<b>Birmingham IA 52535</b>	<b>Apache Junction, AZ 85120</b>



# Kansas State Fairgrounds

Address:

2000 North Poplar Street  
Hutchinson, KS 67502

Phone: 620-669-3600

[www.kansasstatefair.com](http://www.kansasstatefair.com)

Coordinates:

N 38-04.875  
W 97-55.733

## Driving directions from Wichita

From 96, take the Yoder exit  
Turn right (north) onto Yoder Road  
Follow Yoder road into Hutchinson  
Cross Highway 50  
Yoder road curves around the  
airport and becomes Airport Road  
The Airport Road changes to  
17th Avenue  
Stay on 17th through town  
Turn right onto Main Street  
Turn right on State Fair Road  
(25th Avenue)  
Turn into the RV Park at Gate 4

## Driving directions from I-35:

Exit at Highway 50  
Go west on 50 into town  
Turn right on Yoder/Airport Road  
Follow above directions from the  
point where Yoder curves around the  
airport.

# LET THE GAMES BEGIN

## Region 8 Rally

Hutchinson, Kansas

April 24-28, 2013

*Get your thinking caps on because we  
will be playing Jeopardy, Name that  
Tune, and Wheel of Fortune.*

*Get your logic in order for carnival games.*

*Get your creativity going to participate  
in "Airstreamer's Have Talent."*

And, the usual activities will include:  
Food, Seminars, Tours, Flea Market,  
Entertainment, Door Prizes, Ice Cream,  
and Good Times with your friends.



## Area Attractions

### Kansas Cosmosphere

Has one of the most significant  
collections of space artifacts in the world  
and the largest collection of Russian  
artifacts outside of Moscow.

### Kansas Underground Salt Museum

After a 90 second descent down on an  
elevator, the doors open and you are 650  
feet under the Kansas prairie surrounded by  
salt deposits formed 275 million years ago.

### Reno County Museum

Depicts the history of early pioneers.

### Yoder Amish Community

Stroll down the streets in the quiet, quaint  
community and look at the treasures in  
the stores.

### Dillon Nature Center

Is a wildlife sanctuary on 100 acres with  
nice trails.

### Hutchinson Zoo

See animals native to the prairie.

### Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and Sand Hill and Cheney State Parks

### Indian Creek Bison Ranch

Tours on trailers take you to the pastures  
for an up-close visit with the bison.

### Walking/Biking Trail

3.5 miles between Carey Park and  
Rice Park

### Hutchinson Mall

Features anchor stores Dillard's, Penney's  
and Sears.