



# Trailhusker



The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

December 2015

## From the President's Desk by Jim Wherrett

Here it is. The time has arrived. The past two years have culminated into this. I am now President of the WBCCI Nebraska Unit for this year with the help of my 1st Mate, Mary. I sure hope to do a good job. The club is in great shape thanks to Dan Hoyt's leadership and his team of officers and chairpersons. Thanks to them, we are off to a good start.

I actually have some goals for this year. I tried to keep them attainable and not lofty with the intent of improving our interaction with each other. The goals are to increase the number of rallies, retain more of our new members, and increase our usage of the club's website and Facebook page.

We've already increased the number of rallies from 3 to 4. Our first rally of the new year will be the "Fix-It" Rally to be held at the Optimist Lodge in Branched Oak State Park, April 21 to 24. This rally will have few organized activities. A broad outline will be followed allowing for impromptu activities and events. Sam and I have a couple ideas that will add to the fun. I hope this will be a recurring rally for years to come. Same time, same place. A caravan will leave the "Fix-It" Rally for Region Eight Rally to held this year in Hastings.

The annual Spring Rally will be held the weekend following Memorial Day, June 2 to 5, at Gavin's Point Dam near Yankton, SD. It has been named, "The

Best Rally by a Dam Site"! Ron and Bobbie have volunteered to be on the Rally Committee, along with Mary and me, but we could sure use more volunteers. It's been many years since our club has visited this area.

Retaining new members is an important matter. We live in a low population state, and a state that has no Airstream dealers. Bob Heist does a super job of contacting and recruiting new members, and we get contacts and leads from our members. Once they sign on, we want to keep them as members. The best way, of course, is by getting them to participate in our activities and letting us get to know them. To that extent, I'd like to pair each new member up with a mentor/buddy (I haven't come up with a title yet.) whose one goal would be to get the new member to a luncheon and to a rally. Dwight and Bert fulfilled that roll for Mary and me when we first joined. Please email me to be listed as a mentor/buddy. We can then contact you when a new member comes into our club and see if you are available to match you with a new member.

To be honest, I hardly looked at our club's website and never looked at its Facebook page till now. I have found it to be a great site, in fact, I'm referring to it right now as I'm writing this. Plan to check it out frequently. To help you remember, check it out every time you get emails from Airstream or get the Blue Beret in the mail. Anything that will trigger you to check out <http://nebraskaunit.wbcci.net>.

Our Facebook page can be accessed through the webpage, too. And the best part is you don't even have to be a member of Facebook to see pictures of

our members having fun! In fact, I'll post a picture and see if you can find it. Here's a hint as to which picture it is. Just think of the old Bill Withers song, "Lean On Me"

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you sometime this year at our many activities. Don't forget we need volunteers for the June 2, Rally Committee, "The Best Rally by a Dam Site," and to also sign up for the new-member mentor/buddy list.

Happy Trails. Jim

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**2015-2016 Nebraska Unit Officers**

President	Jim Wherrett
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Mike Sisk
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Larry Link
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Ann Boman
Recording Secretary	Lana Olson
Treasurer	Bobbie Vanneman
Trustee (2 yr)	Ron Vanneman
Trustee (1 yr)	Marcia Link

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**Olive Hors D'oeuvre: A Recipe ala James Bond / James Wherrett:**

**Ingredients:**

- 2 jiggers Gin                      Gordon's Gin (Never ever, ever use vodka) Tanqueray is also acceptable)
- 1/2 capful                          Vermouth or Dry Vermouth
- 2 Olives (Bleu Cheese stuffed are a great variation)

**Directions:**

Cold is important, so place ice in martini glass  
 Fill glass or pitcher with ice  
 Introduce Vermouth to taste  
 Introduce Gin DO NOT SHAKE! James Bond was wrong on this one. It will dilute your great gin to water.  
 Boo Hoo  
 STIR, but do not shake. Don't bruise the gin.  
 Pour into a martini or shallow wine glass in order to smell the botanicals of this great brew. The stem will keep the drink cool.  
 Now sip and take in the vapors of this classical drink.  
 Take it in slowly and savor.  
 All things will become clearer and colors will become richer.  
 Nirvana has been reached!  
 Can you remember your designated driver's name? Can you remember yours?

**(Your Trailhusker Editor Takes No Responsibility for this Recipe)**

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**September Buddy Rally  
 LeMars, Iowa  
 September 17 - 20**

The rally was well attended. The Suttons, Sherwins, Vannemans, Hoyts, Roger Brandt & Jan, Knowles, Rothermels, Links, Bomans, Kallmers, Frisbies, and Sisks were all there. We kicked it off with a potluck dinner at the Boy Scout cabin in Willow Creek Campground. We even had a visit from the Mayor of LeMars at the campground.



The highlight of the day on Friday was a tour of Plymouth Dairy Farms. LaDon Kallmer said "This was a great tour. Learned so much about a dairy farm operation of 2900 cows. Our tour guide did a terrific job. So





interesting & amazing!”. We watched them milk the cows and learned how they keep the cows giving milk.

We met for lunch at Bob’s World Famous Hot Dogs and then toured the very comprehensive Plymouth County Museum and the Ice Cream Museum where, funnily enough, they sold ICE

CREAM. There was antique hunting downtown, ice cream eating at Blue Bunny, and “sidewalk dining”.



On Saturday we had a breakfast of egg casserole in the meeting room after which we had a business meeting. The afternoon was spent tailgating, watching

the Nebraska game, and playing corn hole.

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### October Installation Rally Hastings, Nebraska October 8 - 11

There were ten rigs, including the Past President of Region 8, Glenn Waters at the Adams County Fairgrounds for the Installation Rally. In addition, two other couples came without their rigs for at least part of the rally. Those unit members attending were Dwight & Lana Olson, Ron & Bobbi Vanneman, Dan & Dale Ann Hoyt, Larry & Marcia Link, John & Betty Ann Sutton, Roger Brandt & Jan, Mike & Cheryl Sisk, Bill & LaDon Kallmer, Jim & Mary Wherrett, Roscoe & Leona Shields, and Bob & Sue Heist.

As seems to be our tradition there was a potluck supper at the Methodist Church on Thursday night. Friday was a



full day beginning with a guided tour of the new Science Building at Hastings College and the rain garden on campus.

After lunch we gathered downtown for a tour of the

area. Hastings has a vibrant downtown with



several buildings turned into condos, many restaurants/pubs, and 15 beautiful bronze sculptures by local artists. Oh, and it is the birthplace of

Kool-Aid.

Back to the Methodist Church where Glenn Waters installed Dwight Olson as Region 8 Second Vice President. We also had a talk and slideshow about the Naval Ammunition Depot by Walter Miller. We were encouraged to tour the remnants of the depot on our own. The group had dinner at Kitty’s Roadhouse that evening.



Saturday people had a choice of touring the Naval Ammunition Depot and/or the Hastings Museum or, heaven forbid, shop. Supper at the Methodist Church was provided by the church youth group, as a fund-raiser for their mission to Puerto Rico.



After supper we had installation of officers and held a reception for the newly installed Executive Committee.



Back Row: Mike Sisk, Jim Wherrett, Dan Hoyt, and Larry Link  
 Front Row: Dwight Olson, Mary Wherrett, and Marcia Link

On Sunday church services were held at the Methodist Church where the youth group served brunch afterwards, again as a fund-raiser for their mission.

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### 2016 RALLY SCHEDULE

April 21 - 24	Fix-It-Rally Branched Oak Lake SP
April 26 - May 1	Region 8 Rally Hastings, NE
June 2 - 5	Spring Rally Yankton, SD / Crofton, NE "Best Rally by a Dam Site"
June 28 - July 4,	WBCCI International Rally
Sept 15 - 18	September Rally Bellevue, NE "Big Times in the Big 'O!'"
Oct 13 - 16	Installation Rally Wilber, NE "Czech Us Out Rally"

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### Hint from Betty Ann Sutton

We use biodegradable tank treatment for both grey and black tanks. Using harsh cleaners in the toilet bowl is counterproductive; it kills the helpful bacteria that are keeping the tank in great condition. Use a few drops of the biodegradable treatment and a soft baby bottle brush to clean the bowl. Hold the trap open to scrub the gasket a little. That will keep the gasket free of nasty gunk so it doesn't leak.

Editor's note: never using tank treatments with formaldehyde.

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### October Luncheon

The October Luncheon was held at Parkers Smokehouse in Ashland, as usual. There was an excellent turnout. Not pictured are Bobbie Vanneman and Bob Heist.



Roscoe Shields, Mike Sisk, Ron Vanneman, Jim Wherrett, Bill Kallmer, Dwight Olson, Sam Boman, John Sutton, Bob Olson

Betty Ann Sutton, LaDon Kallmer, Mary Wherrett, Marcia Link, Fran Olson, Leona Shields, Sue Heist



Our newly installed president, Jim Wherrett, presided over the special unit meeting.

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## November Luncheon

Members present were Bob & Fran Olson, Bob & Sue Heist, Bill & LaDon Kallmer, Sam & Maryann Boman, Roscoe & Leona Shields, Larry & Marcia Link, Ron & Jan Frisbie, Mike & Cheryl Sisk, Dwight & Lana Olson, Dan & Dale Ann Hoyt, and Jim Wherrett.



We held a short business meeting where Sam & Maryann Boman agreed to host the April Fix-It Rally at the Optimist Club facilities at Branched Oak Lake. Members who plan to attend will need a Nebraska State Parks pass and make their own campground reservations at Branched Oak Lake SP.



The members present voted to approve two unit caravans for 2016, one to the Region 8 Rally in Hastings, Nebraska to be lead by Larry & Marcia Link and the other to the International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia to be lead by Bob & Sue Heist.

Our luncheon host Mike Sisk.

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## December Luncheon

The December luncheon was held on Saturday, December 12th at Parkers' in Ashland. Members present were Bob & Sue Heist, Sam & Maryann Boman, Ron & Jan Frisbie, Mike Sisk, Ryan, Amy, & Avery Knowles, and Jim Wherrett. The service was much improved from last month.



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## In Memoriam



Godown, Leonard J. Apr 4, 1922 - Oct 5, 2015 Bellevue, NE. Preceded in death by wife Josephine; parents Guy and Elizabeth Godown; brothers, John and Edward Godown; sister Yvonne Greene. Survived by son James Godown (Cindy); daughters, Mary Jo Bailey; Betty Van Woert (Darrell); grandchildren, Ken Godown; Jeff Godown (Marianne); Chris Godown; Eric Bailey (Stephanie Walkenshaw); Jennie Bailey (Gabriel Szejnberg); Drew Van Woert (Erin); Dana Van Woert; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Eileen Samway; Anne Heffelfinger. Interment Bellevue Cemetery. Memorials St. Mary's Endowment Fund.

2016 Luncheons  
Parkers Smokehouse, Ashland, NE  
At 12 Noon

Saturday, January 9	Monday, February 8
Monday, March 14	Saturday, April 9
Monday, May 9	Monday, June 13
Saturday, July 9	Monday, August 8
Monday, September 12	Saturday, October 15
Monday, November 14	Monday, December 12

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