



Trailhusker

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

March 2011

From the President's Desk Bert Sherwin

Hi to all our Nebraska people wherever you are. I talked with Betty Ann at noon today and I'm not sure I can add anything to this newsletter that she hasn't already taken care of. I am one lucky guy to have the staff of people on our team to make our unit look good. We are still in Arizona and enjoying the warm weather. Our plan now is to leave here sometime in early April to be home in time for Easter. Maybe we will be home soon enough to see you all at our April luncheon in Omaha. Speaking of luncheons, we went to luncheon in Mesa, Arizona and there were 31 in attendance. Out of the 31, 13 were from our Nebraska Unit. Wherretts arrived in Arizona a few days ago and showed up for lunch; also Dwight and Lana Olson made it down here. This afternoon after lunch was spent at our home with Wherretts, Dwight Olsons, Suttons and Donajean and me telling Airstream stories. Later Olsons and we played Five Crowns.

We are looking forward to our up-coming trip to the Amana Colonies and I hope many of you can come with us. It will be a good time to get your unit out and limber it up. DJ or I will maybe be giving you a call to help with a couple of things we have been asked to take care of. We still need one person to make a bowl of minestrone soup to feed 15 and we need some help with organizing outdoor games. If you feel adequate in either of those fields please give Donajean or me a call.

We have a couple of new members since last fall. If you feel like doing the club a real favor look those new members up in the directory and give them a call, welcome them and invite them to meet you at our noon luncheon or to travel with us to Amana, IA. We will have a couple of items of business to take care of at our overnite in Saylorville on the way to Amana. There are new region officers to consider for 2012-2013. and there are Blue book revisions that will take a little time and study. Possibly we can rely on Bob Olson or Selwyn Heese for advice on these changes. One last thing that needs mentioning is that June Ryan our President of Region 8 was given a Region Award of Excellence at the recent IBT meeting in Robstown, Texas. A special thanks to June for persisting with our units to achieve this degree of perfection. Really, it helps each unit in growth and retention of members, which is a goal all of WBCCI needs to attain.

This is our fiftieth year as a club, as the Nebraska Unit of WBCCI. I have asked the Shanks, Life Members, of WBCCI to help us put together a party on Saturday afternoon August 13th,

2011. Keep in mind all of our previous members that are close enough to attend, any memorabilia, or anything else you can think of to share that with Jim and Joyce. Our party will be at the Wedgewood Clubhouse in Omaha, 118th and Mayberry Plaza. The Shanks and the Sherwin's both live in Wedgewood in Omaha. The day after our party we will be leaving for our Surprise caravan led by Dwight and Lana Olson.

I'll see you soon for the summer, Bert Sherwin



Caravan to Region 8 Rally Mon. April 25 – Tues. April 26

If you are planning to caravan to The Amanas with the Nebraska Unit, contact Bert Sherwin. (402-639-3337, bndsherwin@msn.com) This overnight caravan takes the place of the usual Nebraska Unit spring rally.

We will gather at the **east bound rest stop on I-680, just east of I-29, at 11:00am on Monday, April 25.** Overnight camping will be at a Corps campground on Saylorville Lake, north of Des Moines. The caravan will arrive at Amana RV Park on Tuesday afternoon.

Dwight and Lana Olson are planning a caravan for returning from the Region 8 Rally. So far, plans include two nights at a Corps campground on Red Rock Lake. Camping fee will be about \$6/ night with your Golden Age Pass.

On Monday, the Olsons have planned tours of the Scholte House and Gardens, Vermeer Mill and Historic Village in Pella. On Tuesday we have the option of stopping at Viking Lake in southwest Iowa. This is a small lake with a new camping area run by the State of Iowa. This is a good chance for a last round of joker before heading the rest of the way home.

Let Dwight know if you are interested in caravanning home from the Rally. (402-332-5384, lmodol@aol.com)





**Region 8 Rally
Springtime in Amana
April 27 – May 1, 2011
Amana RV Park, Amana, IA**

A copy of the Rally coupon is included with this Trailhusker.

This year the Nebraska Unit is responsible for:
Friday morning continental breakfast
Outdoor games
Distribution of door prizes on Fri. and Sat.

John and Betty Ann Sutton will order and fetch the food for the continental breakfast. We need a few volunteers to help set up and clean up.

For outdoor games, the park has horseshoe pits. We will need members to bring horseshoes. Suttons will bring a croquet set, beanbag baseball and bocce balls. Does anyone know how to play bocce?

If anyone has Holey Board, badminton, another croquet set, horseshoes, goofy golf, or any other outdoor games to share, please contact Bert Sherwin.

Soup-er Supper

All Units will bring soups and salads for the Friday night supper. Each Unit needs to provide two pots of soup, each serving 15 people. Donajean Sherwin has volunteered to make one pot of minestrone. Lana Olson and LaDon Kallmer have volunteered to make salads.

Bert will be contacting members to ask for volunteers to make a second pot of soup and another salad.

Bulletin Board

Glenda Savicky is designing and constructing our Unit bulletin board and will bring it to Amana for display.

Region 8 Rally Workshop – What’s New for 1955

Scott Allen from the Iowa Unit and Nebraska affiliate member will host a Vintage Airstream Club presentation. It will be at 2:00 PM on April 30. He and Kathy have been having their 1955 Flying Cloud restored. Scott said that everyone is invited to attend the workshop; it’s not just for vintage Airstream owners.

**International Rally
June 28 – July 4
DuQuoin, Illinois**

Region 8 President June Ryan reported that 488 units have signed up for the rally. She hopes that the rising price of gas will not deter members from attending. If you haven’t sent in your registration, check the Blue Beret for the coupon and mail it in soon.

This is June’s last year as Region 8 President. She has been nominated for International Treasurer. Her biography, as well as the biographies of other candidates will be in the next issue of the Blue Beret.



**June and Paul Ryan
Model their DuQuoin International Rally Shirts**



Winter Luncheons

A few members were able to brave the weather to attend the Nebraska February luncheon at Old Country Buffet in Omaha: Leona and Roscoe Shields, Katie Peterson, Ruby and Chuck Ciciulla, Lana and Dwight Olson, Crystal Olson, and Sam and Mary Ann Boman. The next luncheon will be Monday, March 14, at 12:00 noon.

The February Region 8 luncheon Golden Corral in Mesa, Arizona was very well attended. It seems to expand every month, gathering Airstreamers from other Regions as well as Region 8. Those attending from the Nebraska Unit were: Glen Sanders, Donajean and Bert Sherwin, Betty Ann and John Sutton, Lori and Don Lorenz, Joyce and Jim Shanks.

Nebraska members attending the Mesa luncheon in March were: Don Lorenz, Lana and Dwight Olson, June and Paul Ryan, Glen Sanders, Joyce and Jim Shanks, Donajean and Bert Sherwin, Betty Ann and John Sutton, Mary and Jim Wherrett.



Dwight and Lana Olson



Jim Shanks, Glen Sanders, Don Lorenz

April 7, will be the last Region 8 luncheon in Mesa until next fall.



**Nebraska Unit 50th Anniversary
Our unit was chartered in September of 1961. So
we will do some celebrating!**

We will kick this off with a birthday party/reception in Omaha on August 13. Details later, but this will be an afternoon event at the clubhouse where Sherwins and Shanks live. Those travelling by trailer to this event (we hope this includes a lot of you!) will camp in the Gretna area beginning Friday, August 12 for two nights. This will include food, camp fire and maybe a tour of some restored 1950's automobiles.

**The Anniversary Reception is also the beginning of the
Surprise Caravan.**

We hope you will join us as we wander around Nebraska and see some new places. The 'surprise' part is that only the leaders (Dwight & Lana) know exactly where we are headed. Of course, we will spill the beans as we go along. Be prepared for both dry camping and camping in Nebraska State Parks. For those needing a battery charge, there may be a couple small generators along. We will have cookouts, pot luck meals and some eating out. We will roast marshmallows and share anything you would like to contribute. We will be off the beaten path occasionally, so fill your fridge.

The dates for the caravan are **August 12-21**. Rendezvous point is Gretna, Nebraska on August 12, 2011. Questions to Dwight & Lana.

We hope to have a large group, and this is NOT restricted to Nebraska Unit members. If you would like to share in our celebration – y'all come! We will look forward to hearing of your intentions.



Member News

Several Nebraskans were among the more than 300 units that attended the Florida State Rally.



Mimi and Roger Brandt, Bob and Fran Olson, Bill and LaDon Kallmer, and Cheryl Burrows enjoy a spaghetti supper at the Sarasota Boys and Girls Club. Photo by Gary Burrows.

Fran and Bob Olson returned to Paradise Park in Punta Gorda, FL, following the Rally. Bob's knee is doing better, but he still has difficulty driving. They'll be stopping at Bill Thomas RV to have some work done on their motor home on their way north.

The Kallmers recently received news that they will soon be grandparents again. Their daughter Cherlyn and husband Brent, are expecting twins.

Lana and Dwight Olson are visiting the Mesa, AZ area for a few weeks. They are staying at Lana's sister's house in Queen Creek.



Betty Ann and John Sutton

Betty Ann and John Sutton will finish their volunteer assignment at Tortilla Campground, Tonto National Forest on April 1.

Bert Sherwin was elected president of the Superstition Resort in Apache Junction, AZ.

Murt Letcher emailed that the February issue of Trailer Life Magazine featured an Airstream in a full-page advertisement for Progressive Insurance.

Lori Lorenz is recovering at Mi Casa Nursing and Rehab Center in Mesa, Arizona, after surgery on her lung and an ulcer on her tailbone. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. We know she would appreciate email and cards.

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Pat Shaw of the North Iowa Unit, and affiliate member of the Nebraska Unit has decided to resign from her position as 2nd Vice-President of Region 8. She and husband Dave will continue to be active in the North Iowa and Nebraska Units. Thank you, Pat for your service to WBCCI.

Mary and Jim Wherrett are currently spending six weeks in Casa Grande, Arizona. This winter they have toured New Orleans and Cajun Country, meeting up with Airstream friends they had met in Glacier National Park last summer. After leaving Louisiana, they moved on to Bolivar Peninsula near Galveston and Tucson, AZ.

Jim emailed, "We took a four day vacation from our vacation spot in Casa Grande and attended the "Deadhorse 5" Rally at Deadhorse Ranch SP in Cottonwood. This is the second time we've attended this rally put on by the 4 Corners Unit (4CU). It is such great fun! There were 31 units (all trailers) with plenty of shiny vintage units. We definitely plan to attend next year."



Mary and Jim Wherrett

Janet and John Calvin have been staying at the North Texas Airstream Community since mid-January. Janet said they love the people at the community, have enjoyed excellent potluck dinners, and have been playing bridge and Joker.

Glen Sanders is most likely the youngest member of the Nebraska Unit – by far the youngest member. His birthday is February 29, so he only has a birthday every four years. This year friends gathered on March 1, at Pier d'Orleans Restaurant Mesa, AZ, to celebrate. The group then adjourned to Len McGuire's house for homemade lemon meringue pie and Joker.



Lana Olson, Len McGuire, Glen Sanders



Restoration Part Needed

Kathy and Scott Allen are searching for a pre-1980 storage hatch door for their 1955 Flying Cloud. If you know where they can find one, call them at 515-229-1319, or email sallen@rdgusa.com.



Help keep your fellow Nebraska Unit members informed by sending news, for sale ads, Airstream related jokes, maintenance tips and photos to the Trailhusker staff.

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

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