



# Trailhusker

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

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## From the President's Desk Bert Sherwin

Hi All Our Nebraska Friends. We have just completed a wonderful week at Amana, Iowa. There were eleven units that caravanned to Amana and we had a delightful time even though it rained a lot. We barbequed hamburgers in the rain and ate a potluck meal under Heist's motor-home awning. It was fun, one we will long remember.



Janet Calvin, Mimi Brandt, Murt Letcher, Donajean Sherwin



John Calvin and Sam Boman  
Pot Luck in the rain at Saylorville Lake



After the rally, Dwight and Lana Olson led a caravan home by way of Pella, Iowa. The tulips were in bloom for the Tulip Festival.

Bert and Donajean  
Vermeer Museum  
Pella, Iowa

We are planning several caravans this year and they will all be fun. Next is a caravan led by Bob and Sue Heist to the 54th International Rally at Du Quoin, Illinois. If it is possible to make it, I'm sure you will have a good time. There are full hook-ups at Illinois State Fairgrounds.

The Nebraska Unit 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception and Mystery Caravan will begin on August 12th in Gretna, NE. We will be close to Dwight and Lana's home, dry camping as Wally Byam taught us many years ago. The anniversary celebration will be held at Wedgewood Town Homes Club House on the afternoon of August 13th. Our hosts for that afternoon will be Joyce and Jim Shanks. Joyce and Jim are Life Members of WBCCI. Sunday morning we will have breakfast at our camp followed by a church service led by Father Sam Boman and then a mystery caravan through Nebraska led by Dwight and Lana Olson.

We received new members into our group at our April Luncheon. They are Dan and Dale-Ann Hoyt from Missouri Valley, Iowa. Dan and Dale-Ann are hoping to join us on our caravan to Du-Quoin, IL

Donajean and I are very blessed to have such a great bunch of friends to help us through this year. Thanks to all of you for your help. We couldn't do it without you.

## April Luncheon Old Country Buffet 144<sup>th</sup> & West Center Rd., Omaha

Those attending the luncheon included several people who had recently returned home after wintering in warmer areas:

Mary Ann and Sam Boman; Janet and John Calvin; Ruby and Chuck Ciciulla; Florene and Selwyn Heese; Dale Ann and Dan Hoyt; LaDon and Bill Kallmer; Crystal Olson; Fran and Bob Olson; Lana and Dwight Olson; Glen Sanders; Joyce and Jim Shanks; Donajean and Bert Sherwin; Leona and Roscoe Shields.

The June luncheon will be on Monday, June 13, same time and same place.

Please add this information about our new members to your Unit Directory:



**Region 8 Rally**

**Amana, Iowa \* April 26 – May 1**

Region 8 President June Ryan and the members of the Iowa Unit organized this year's rally. The days were filled with activities and good food. Ninety units attended the rally.

Those attending the rally from the Nebraska Unit were: Mary Ann and Sam Boman; Mimi and Roger Brandt; Janet and John Calvin; Roscoe Corell; Sue and Bob Heist; LaDon and Bill Kallmer; Murt Letcher; Lana and Dwight Olson; Glenda and Ron Savicky; Donajean and Bert Sherwin; Betty Ann and John Sutton.



**Lana Olson, LaDon Kallmer, Dwight Olson, Pat Shaw, Jim Macumber, and Dave Shaw were also members of the Caroleers.**

**Nebraska Unit Bulletin Board**

Glenda Savicky earned an honorable mention for the bulletin board she designed and constructed. For the DuQuoin Fairgrounds theme, she used acrylic paint to enhance photos and showed harness race horses pulling Airstreams.

**Beanbag Baseball**

Last year our team won the Region 8 competition. Unfortunately, this year we matched against the red-hot Iowa team in the first round. Even though we took a shellacking, the game was as fun and exciting as ever. The Iowa team went on to triumph in the finals and will represent Region 8 at the International Rally.



**International President Norm Beu played for the Iowa Team**



The North Iowa Unit bulletin board, by Rosalie Macumber and Jeanette Peterson won first place.



**Members of the Region 8 Caroleers  
Fred Steurer, Dwight Olson, Linda Beu**



There were several activities from which to choose: geocaching, the Maifest Parade, shopping in Amana and the outlet mall in Williamsburg, robber bingo, flea market, and the joker competition.



**Robber Bingo**  
**John and Janet Calvin, Roscoe Corell**



**Joker Tournament**

**Mary Ann Boman and Shirley Sisk (Kansas City Unit) won second place.**

**Mimi Brandt and Mary Ann Braden (Greater St. Louis) won third place.**

## Flea Market



**Affiliate Members Jim and Rosalie Macumber sold hand crafted joker boards and warm blankets.**



**Murt Letcher sold Watkins Products**

There were also tours of Kinze farm equipment manufacturers, The Woolen Needle yarn and quilting shop in Williamsburg, and the Amana Historic Church.

Did you know ???  
The Amana Society  
owns approximately 26,000 acres of land.



**Nebraska Victory Cheer entry in the talent show.**

**We still need a bit more practice on determining which hand is the left and which one is the right.**

**Best Quote of the Rally**

Affiliate member Scott Allen gave a great Power-Point presentation on the restoration of his and Kathy's 1955 Flying Cloud. He jokingly explained that he had given Kathy two new gray water tanks for her birthday. Kathy answered, "I guess that's better than a black water tank." Such a romantic Airstream couple!

**September Rally**

**Please note a change in venue for the September Rally. It will be held at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland on September 15 – 18.**

The rally was originally planned for Halsey National Forest. The committee members were concerned that the increasing cost of gas and diesel might cause some members to skip this rally. The coupon for this rally will be sent in early August.

**Other Important Reminders**

Contact Bob or Sue Heist if you would like to caravan with the group to the DuQuoin International Rally. They have planned several interesting sites along the route.

Contact Dwight and Lana Olson if you would like to participate in the Surprise Caravan, August 12 – 21. Dwight has asked that you have a current Nebraska State Park permit for this caravan. So far that's the only hint he has given regarding the route.

Please contact Bert Sherwin if you know of any former Nebraska Unit members who did not receive an invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on August 13, in Omaha.

We asked Bert and Donajean Sherwin to tell us about their first Nebraska Unit rally. "I recall it was to Valentine, NE. We dry camped by the Niobrara River and took a float trip down the river. We arrived at the rally after everyone had gone out to dinner as I was still working and couldn't take the time off to arrive on time. We had a golf game for those who wanted to and I golfed with Frank and Madelyn Kuska. Our next door neighbors were Bob and Lou Litjen."

**Do You Remember Your First Rally?**

Send an email to Betty Ann telling about your first rally so we can include it in the next Trailhusker.

*The next issue of the Trailhusker will be published in August. Please submit any articles or photos by July 31.*

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