



Trailhusker

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

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From the President's Desk Sue Heist



It's the beginning of a new year full of possibilities! Hope all is well with everyone and the holiday season was merry. The weather in Nebraska has been unusually mild so our snowbird friends in the southern half of the country haven't had much to lord over us. We did get a call from Bert during our first and only snowstorm. That snow, as well as the Christmas wrapping paper, is long gone.

Roscoe & Leona tell me that the plans for our Spring Rally in Lincoln are set and they have a route for us to follow on our way to Springfield for Region 8 Rally. So we're ready. They hope to have a big turnout so make your plans now. I know they would appreciate a call to let them know if you'll be attending the rally and joining the caravan (no email you know). Their number is 402-432-1827.

I am in a contemplative mood, which is rather normal for me this time of year. I feel so lucky to be an American and to live in the "fly over" part of the country. We have clean water, clean air, and fabulous blue skies. I attended Michael Forsberg's presentation at the Lied, "Pulse of the Plains", as part of the E. N. Thompson Forum on World Issues. The theme of the Forum this year is "Water and Global Security". From Michael's photographs and words I was impressed by the bounty that comes from the Platte River valley and water shed.

As much as some of us suffered from too much water this past spring we must still count our clean, fresh water as a treasure to be protected.

Bill Kallmer will be back in cold-winter country as he hurt his other shoulder and is coming back for surgery. The good news is he'll be at our January luncheon.

Bob, Grizzy and I head south next month for the Civil War Part II caravan. Let's hope there is no foul winter-weather between Lincoln and Charleston in mid-February. Not long after we return it will be time for the Spring Rally. See you then, I hope!

Old Country Buffet - Omaha, NE January Luncheon

Six members attended the January luncheon: Sue Heist, Bill Kallmer, Gene Munch, Glen Sanders, Leona and Roscoe Shields.

Golden Corral - Mesa, Arizona January Luncheon

Several Nebraska Unit members wintering in the area attended the Region 8 luncheon: Lana and Dwight Olson, Joyce and Jim Shanks, Bert and Donajean Sherwin.

Member News

Lana and Dwight Olson have joined the Suttons as volunteers in Tonto National Forest in Arizona. The Olsons and Suttons provide forest information for visitors who drive and hike in the area.

Small World Department: One day when Lana and Dwight worked at the information table in Tortilla Flat, they met friends of Mary and Dennis Salmen. The friends said they frequently played pinochle with the Salmens.

To celebrate their 62nd anniversary, Bob's 83rd and Fran's 80th birthdays, the Olsons took a Princess Cruise from Los Angeles to Hawaii. They do love cruising!



Lana and Dwight on a Segway Tour at Fort McDowell, Arizona.

Donajean and Bert Sherwin are as busy as always. Bert is president of their community in Apache Junction this year. In mid-January they will attend a Blue Grass Rally in Blythe, California. And they have signed up for the September Sugar Creek Rally in Ohio which starts right after the Nebraska Unit September Rally.

Ron Vanneman had knee replacement surgery in December, followed by physical therapy at the rehab center in Lincoln.

Bill Kallmer injured his "other shoulder" while in Georgia. He's back home in Omaha and will have surgery on the shoulder, scheduled for January 26.

Jim Shanks has been experiencing some health difficulties this winter and is scheduled for a hospital stay on January 18.

In December Murt Letcher underwent a radiation treatment to help relieve pain in her hip. Murt would like to sell her Airstream B-Van. If you know anyone who is interested in purchasing it, have them contact Murt directly.

Lori Lorenz is still convalescing from surgery and always appreciates your cards and emails.



**Official Fly Swatter Salute
Leonard Sullivan, Florene Heese, Sue Heist,
Roscoe Shields**



The October Rally was held at the Columbus, NE Fairgrounds and Race Track. We soon discovered our meeting room attracted many flies from the barns. Roscoe Corell came to the rescue with a clutch of swatters!

**Spring Rally
Lancaster Event Center – Lincoln, NE
April 19 – 22**

Chair-Couple Leona and Roscoe Shields have been firming up plans for the rally, including a tour of the Nebraska Statehouse.

Roscoe and Leona will also lead the caravan to the Region 8 Rally. The caravan will depart Lancaster Event Center for Springfield, Missouri, directly after the Unit Rally.

The coupon for this rally will be sent out in March.



Nebraska Unit 50th Anniversary Logo

The next issue of the Trailhusker will be published in March. Please submit any news and photos by March 1.

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