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The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

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From The President's Desk By Bill Kallmer

57th INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN GILLETTE, WY

Three units left Omaha on June 23rd. The three; Sherwins, Wherretts, and Kallmers, headed west to Hooper, NE where we met up with Dan and Dale Ann Hoyt. We caravanned to Halsey National Forest where we spent the night. Two additional members were there waiting for us, the Links and Roger Brandt. I noticed on our travels that day, that our refrigerator was not cooling with the main box temps in the mid 50s. I thought it had gone bad, so what were we to do with all the food? We were having a pot luck meal that evening, and LaDon needed to cook something on the range. She popped her head out the door and asked if we had propane as the range would not light. "Oh, I guess I still have the tanks turned off", I said, so I turned them on. I'm sure you're figuring this out sooner than I did. LaDon sarcastically said, "so do ya think that's why the refrigerator is not working"? I sheepishly responded, "Yup, I think so".

Our next stop was Fort Robinson State Park where we met our seventh members, Ron and Bobbie Vanneman. I had miscalculated the mileage from the Fort to Gillette, so we arrived the next day at the Wyoming CAM-PLEX Fairgrounds around 3:15. They parked us immediately along the west side of the campground. It was hot and sunny. Our eighth member, Bob and Fran Olson came in their motorhome several days before our

caravan arrived. The following day, we all registered. The Nebraska Unit had two first timers register that morning causing whoops, hollers, and bell ringing' but the rally would not officially start for another two days.



First timers, Ron and Bobbi Vanneman



First timers Larry and Marcia Link

On June 26th, LaDon and I attended the Unit President's Appreciation Dinner. The opening ceremony was the evening of the 28th. The International President and Officers were announced, then the Region Presidents, and lastly and lastly the Unit Presidents carried their Unit flag and we posted them at the front of the auditorium.



Highlights from the 57th International Rally

There are a total of 116 Units in WBCCI in the U.S. and Canada. Of the 116 Units, there were 96 Units present in Gillette. The Nebraska Unit ranked 8th with a total of 8 motorhome/trailers in attendance. We also collected four pounds of aluminum tabs and donated \$243 to the Wounded Warrior Project.

In the morning of June 30th, we had the Delegates' meeting and voted on the International President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, and 3rd VP. All except the 3rd VP were unopposed, so they were affirmed without voting. Since it

was known that two additional members would be nominated from the floor for 3rd VP against Jim Cocke (IBT's nominee), we needed to vote by a roll call. The two nominees from the floor were June Ryan from Region 8 and Barry Bell from Region 5. Jim Cocke was elected for 3rd VP by a large margin.

We also voted on three amendments to the WBCCI's Constitution.

1. Applications for new Unit Charters outside the North American Continent as determined by WBCCI Headquarters. PASSED
2. The period for holding the International Rally and Annual Delegate Meeting shall be between June 20 to July 30 as determined by the International President. This will be in effect starting in 2017. PASSED
3. The passage of this amendment allows WBCCI to upgrade their computer system and to allow members to pay their International and Unit dues to WBCCI on the internet. It will take some time before this will be implemented. PASSED



Members posing with a dump truck tire, coal mine

During the following seven days, there were seminars on equipment maintenance, tires, hitches, full timing, quilting, the State of Airstream, Inc, insurance, medical emergency flight, wigs, geocaching, amateur radio, and many more. They had a pet show, hobby show, photo contest, crafts, police dogs, vendors, tours of coal mining, and a flea market. The Airstream Vintage Club had a good showing with many shiny trailers and special activities for them. An Airstream dealer from Phoenix had five new trailers to show to prospective new buyers. During the award presentation, I accepted the "2013 Superior Merit Award" for the work Lana Olson did during her 2013 presidency. We will add this certificate to her history book.

During the Airstream, Inc seminar, two members of the Nebraska Unit won cash certificates to be used at Airstream dealers or in Jackson Center. Bill and LaDon Kallmer won \$100 and Bob and Fran Olson won \$250.

In the evenings, we had outside entertainers namely Kenny Miller, Festival of Music with the WBCCI Band, Scott Woods Band, and Yancy de Vere from Canada.



On July 4th, the Nebraska Unit had a picnic dinner at our trailers.

That evening after dark, we watched the Gillette fireworks that were on display at the fairgrounds. We had a great view of them as

we were about 1100 feet away from the launch pad. They were great.

Our weather during the rally varied with some hot, sunny days, cloudy cool days, strong winds, torrential rain and thunderstorms, but we had no hail.

Next year the 2015 International Rally will be in Farmington, NM. Farmington is rich in native culture, trading posts, museums, performing arts, galleries, hiking, and gaming. There's something for everyone. Plan to go on our Nebraska caravan.

Bill Kallmer, 2014 Nebraska Unit President



2013-2014 Nebraska Unit Officers

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| <i>President</i> | <i>Bill Kallmer</i> |
| <i>1st Vice President</i> | <i>Dan Hoyt</i> |
| <i>2nd Vice President</i> | <i>Jim Wherrett</i> |
| <i>Corresponding Secretary</i> | <i>Mary Ann Boman</i> |
| <i>Recording Secretary</i> | <i>Lana Olson</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>Bobbie Vanneman</i> |
| <i>Trustee (2 yr)</i> | <i>LaDon Kallmer</i> |
| <i>Trustee (1 yr)</i> | <i>Mary Wherrett</i> |



Nebraska Rallies for 2014

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| Spring Rally at West Point NE | Apr 24 - 27 |
| Region 8 Rally at Kirksville MO | Apr 29 –May 4 |
| International Rally at Gillette WY | Jun 29 – Jul 5 |
| Buddy Rally at Beatrice NE | Sept 11 – 14 |
| Swiss Festival at Sugarcreek OH | Sept 19 - 28 |
| Installation Rally at Grand Island NE | Oct 9 – 12 |



Luncheons

Parker's Smokehouse in Ashland, NE was the meeting place for our April luncheon. The Old Country Buffet where we usually meet has closed. Twenty-four members were in attendance. We are happy to welcome Larry and Marcia Link from Lincoln as new members. We had a great time getting to know them and we also took turns telling what we had done over the winter.



Larry and Marcia Link welcomed by Bill Kallmer

In May, President Bill went over the amendments that are to be voted on at International. Everyone seemed to agree they would vote in favor of all three. At the July lunch we discussed the upcoming September and October rallies and the caravan to Sugar Creek Ohio. The food and service is good at Parker's and so until further notice that will be our new meeting place on the second Monday of each month at noon.



Members enjoying lunch at Parker's in June.

Spring Rally West Point, NE

The 2014 Spring Rally was held April 24-27th at Neligh Park, West Point, NE. Twenty members were in attendance including the committee of Dwight and Lana Olson, John and Betty Ann Sutton and Dan and Dale Ann Hoyt. There were 10 trailers at the park. Thursday night was a chili supper provided by the committee followed by an evening of fellowship and discussion of members' winter activities. Friday was a busy day. First breakfast in our beautiful meeting room followed by tours of Valmont's galvanizing plant and then a tire retread company called D & S. We were given very friendly and informative tours of each company. We then dined at a local restaurant called Sunny Side Up Cafe. An informal fix-it session occurred during the afternoon and then we all went to the Pizza Ranch for dinner. Fun and exciting competitions of Joker and Five Crowns in the meeting room finished out the day.

Saturday we enjoyed a pancake breakfast. The Executive Board meeting was held followed by the General meeting. The general meeting included all of the routine committee reports, approval of caravans, and discussion of the Amendments to the By-laws and Constitution that our President, Bill Kallmer, will be voting on at International in June. It was also voted that Dan Hoyt will be the alternate delegate to International. After all of this we still had time to tour a local distillery before lunch. The rest of the day was free to do as one wished including resting up for the Caravan to Region 8 in Kirksville, MO. In addition to the committee, others in attendance were Sam and Mary Ann Boman, Roscoe Corell, Bill Kallmer, Larry and Marcia Link, Bert and Donnajean Sherwin, Roscoe and Leona Shields, Ron and Bobbie Vanneman, and Jim and Mary Wherrett.

Sunday morning wrapped up the Rally with some members traveling home and the remainder caravanning on to Kirksville, MO, led by Dwight.



REGION 8 RALLY, KIRKSVILLE, MO

We left West Point on April 27th and Dwight Olson led the caravan toward Kirksville. Those on the caravan were Olson, Sherwin, Wherrett, Brandt, Corell, and Kallmer. The first night we stayed at Viking State Park. The second night was at Honey Creek State Park on the north side of Lake Rathbun. The following day, we arrived at the NEMO State Fairgrounds in Kirksville.

At the rally there were 59 trailers, three more or less than last year in Hutchinson, KS. Glen Waters, our Region 8 President, announced that he had a nominee for Region 8, 2nd Vice President, and her name is Beth McCall from the Kansas Unit. The 1st Vice President is Gary Rush. Glen said that we currently have 270 people signed up for the International Rally.

The opening ceremony was on Wednesday evening. We had the parade of U.S., Canadian, Region 8, and Unit flags. The spokespersons from the city were a city councilman, and the head of the visitor's center, and they addressed the Airstream attendees. Per the usual events, we had three breakfasts, two catered and good dinners, ice cream at the conclusion of each evening, door prizes, entertainment two nights, a movie called 'RV' the third night, several tours, several seminars, puzzling puzzles, hobby show, a flea market, and bean bag baseball. We collected about 56 pounds of aluminum tabs and they will be going to International. The awards won by the Nebraska Unit included 2nd place for hats (Donajean), 2nd place in bean bag baseball, and I believe 2nd place in Joker won by Roger Brandt. Roger, correct me if I'm wrong on that. We won our first bean bag baseball game by the score of 18 to 17. Then we drew a 'no continuation place', which meant we were done, finished, washed up, zapped, and kaput. Need I say more? On Saturday, the Kansas Unit won the championship.

On Sunday, the North Iowa Unit was in charge of the Sunday service. A local pastor gave a good message on the prodigal son. At the Sunday service, the collection netted over \$200, half going to Common Sense, which helps a medically challenged family in Kirksville, and the other half going to the pastor's local congregation. At the conclusion of church, the flags were retired and Glen Waters called an end to the 2014 Region 8 rally. Next year's Region 8 Rally is in Tonganoxie, KS, just west of Kansas City, from April 29th to May 3rd.



Thank You for Your Service



Don Lorenz and Glen Sanders

On March 25th Glen Sanders and Don Lorenz had the privilege of being among 460 Korean Veterans making the trip to Washington DC to visit the Korean Memorial among other DC monuments. It was a cold snowy day and as Don said, "It just brought back reality of Korea and made the trip more memorable". He was also very impressed with the Welcome Home greeting at the airport in the middle of the night.



Cleaning Tip
From Betty Ann Sutton

Betty Ann suggests that we can keep nearly everything in our trailers sanitized by using the following homemade cleaner.

Fill a clean spray bottle one third full with white vinegar. Add isopropyl alcohol until you have the bottle half full. Now add water to the full line. You may add some orange peel to this solution to give it a citrusy aroma. Betty Ann says this is useful in washing your fresh produce as it cuts down on the amount of water going into your holding tank, sanitizes you kitchen surfaces, and is safe on cat fur.



Homemade Tank Treatment
From Dan Hoyt

We have been using this treatment in our holding tanks for several years and find it works very well. Also, it makes a fine cleaner for the toilet bowl and gives the trailer a clean smell.

Mix together equal parts each of Liquid Wisk, Liquid Downey, and Liquid Pinesol (say 4 cups each). Add one quarter part Lemon Ammonia (that would be one cup). Shake well before each use. Pour a cup of the mixture into the toilet bowl and use plenty of water to rinse it down.



Member News

We are so pleased to have four new members and look forward to meeting them soon. They are: Jim and Alicia Chrastil from Lincoln, Greg and Marcela Rothermel from Omaha, Westley and Kay Tarr from North Platte, and Larry and

Ruth Rahn from Plattsmouth. Lots of family and friends were on hand to help Roscoe and Leona celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary.



Roscoe and Leona Shields anniversary party.

Please keep the following in your thoughts. They would appreciate hearing from you.

Mary Salmen, Dan Bamberry, Jim Macumber, Glen Sanders, Lori Lorenz, Ron Savicky.



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*Next Nebraska Luncheon
Monday, August 11
12:00 noon
Parkers Smokehouse
Ashland, NE
2nd Monday each month*

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