



# Trailhusker



## President's Column March 2016 by Jim Wherrett

They're coming! First, the cranes, then the Snowbirds. One by one the Snowbirds show up back here after having basked their tanned bodies in the warm southern sun. Think of all those phone calls where the first question was, "What's the temperature back there?" knowing full well exactly what it is, "It's cool down here, it must've gotten down to 65° last night!"

We are happy to have them all back, so we can begin our Rally Season. We can't wait to hear all their stories, experiences, and trailer issues. Our first Rally is coming up at the end of April (Apr 21-Apr 24) at Branched Oak State Park, north of Lincoln. This rally will have no designed program. It will be high on the interaction of visiting with each other and even repair of our trailer problems. A great highlight is that we will be camped at our own facility with a lodge to meet in, right in the middle of the state park! Thanks must be given to Sam for arranging this facility for our use.

Immediately following will be a short caravan to Hastings for the Region Eight Rally (Apr 26 – May 1) As state hosts, we are responsible for parking, Friday's breakfast and having tables set up for the flea market and hobby show. Betty Ann has already volunteered to make six dozen of her famous cookies for the rally, and I am looking forward to that.

Sign up now for the Fix-It Rally and then save money and register for the Region 8 Rally before Apr 10, here: <http://region8.wbcci.net/region-8-rally>

See you soon,

Jim

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## 2016 RALLY SCHEDULE

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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 20 - 24	Unit Caravan to International Lewisburg WV
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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### REGION 8 RALLY FOLLOW THE TRAILS WEST April 27 – May 1, 2016

The cost is \$245 (prior to April 1) and \$260 (after that). The sites are on gravel or black top, with water and electric (30- 50 amp). There is a shower house and the dump is on site. The cost includes 4 nights of camping, 4 breakfasts, 3 catered meals, 2 nights entertainment and other activities. The bus tour is an additional \$5.00 per person. If you haven't received a registration form through your unit, please contact Beth and one will be sent by email right away.

The meeting building will be open on the morning of 4/27, Wednesday at 9 am for setup and registration

Our unit duties at rally are: Parking, Breakfast on Friday, Arrange for Flea Market and Hobby Show on Saturday plus each unit is to bring 5 to 6 dozen cookies for the hospitality table.

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## JANICE RAMSVICK 90th Birthday Open House



Janice and her husband, Orlando joined the Nebraska Unit of WBCCI in 1972. They traveled with their two children in a Bambi. After having tent camped in Yellowstone National Park they thought they were in lap of luxury in the Bambi.

They joined the Iowa Unit and were Charter Members of the Vintage Airstream Club. They enjoyed traveling and meeting all the wonderful people far and wide.

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## RECIPES

### Banana Bread from Donajean Sherwin

Preheat oven to 350°F.

3 1/2 C flour

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp allspice

3 C sugar

2 C banana (mashed)

4 eggs

2/3 C water

2 tsp baking soda

1 tsp nutmeg

1 tsp cinnamon

1 1/2 tsp cloves (optional)

1 C oil

1 C nuts

Mix all ingredients. Bake in two loaf pans or one 9X13 pan. Bake 1 - 1 1/2 hours. If using two small pans the time will be shorter. Or you can make five small loaves.

## Zucchini Bread from LaDon Kallmer

Warming!! Bread sticks to the bottom of the pan! Grease and flour pans.

Preheat Oven to 350°F.

3 eggs

2 C sugar

1 C oil

2 C flour

2 C grated zucchini (unpeeled)

2 tsp soda

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp baking powder

3 tsp vanilla

3 tsp cinnamon

1 C nuts

Mix all ingredients. Bake in a 9X13 pan for 1 hour.

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**Volunteers Betty Ann and John Sutton host tours of W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (Photo by Jacksonville District)**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers offers free tours of the W. P. Franklin Lock and Dam on the Okeechobee Waterway in Alva through March.

The 45-minute tour begins with a presentation at the Visitor Center, followed by a narrated visit to the lock. Visitors can learn more about the Corps and its water management systems.

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Betty Ann Sutton reported on February 29th: I talked with Fran tonight. Bob is still in the hospital in Port Charlotte. His gall bladder surgery went well, but he is very weak and has needed a feeding tube. She is driving the long miles from Paradise Park to the hospital every day. I'm sure they will appreciate all the prayers and positive thoughts you can send. Address: 46900 Bermont Road, Unit 274, Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Fran Olson wrote on March 13th:

Wish we could be with all of you at the luncheon. We want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. They have meant a lot over this past month.

Bob was transferred to the hospital Rehab Friday night and is doing much better, but has a long way to go. He is still unable to get out of bed and stand on his own, but the pneumonia and surgery are now past. He will be here several more weeks and have no idea when we will be back in Lincoln.

We send our love and prayers to all of you

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## January Luncheon

The January Luncheon was held at Parkers Smokehouse in Ashland, on Saturday January 9th. We had a few of our usual suspects, Dwight & Lana Olson, Roscoe & Leona Shields, Bob & Sue Heist, Ron & Jan Frisbie, and Jim Wherrett. But there were two additional diners who drove all the way from Des Moines to join us for lunch, Scott & Kathy Allen. Thank you for making our January Luncheon so special.



At the far end of the table were the three musketeers, Dwight,



Roscoe, and Bob Heist (who is usually behind the camera). They were up to no good.

Of course, Roscoe had to have apple cobbler and ice cream for his main course. Just how does he stay so skinny?

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## February Luncheon

The February Luncheon was on Monday, February 8th at Parkers. Members present were Bob & Sue Heist, Roscoe & Leona Shields, Sam & Maryann Boman, and Ron & Jan Frisbie.

Jan took a move



from Roscoe's play book and had dessert as the main course.

Roscoe was not to be out done. Ron is thinking 'They told me Roscoe was a little crazy.'"



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## March Luncheon

The March luncheon was held on Monday, March 14th at Parkers' in Ashland. Members present were Sue Heist, Sam & Maryann Boman, Jan Frisbie, Roscoe & Leona Shields, and Jim Wherrett. We discussed the upcoming rallies. The coupon for the Fix It Rally is attached to this newsletter. Jim needs volunteers for the planning committee for the Spring Rally at Yankton.



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## In Memoriam

### Jenny Franke, 90



Genevieve "Jenny" Roberta Franke, 90, of Grand Island died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, at CHI Health St. Francis. Interment at the Wood River Cemetery.

Jenny was born Aug. 7, 1924, in Seward, the daughter of Fred and Anna (Wickenkamp) Mason. Survivors include her three children, John Franke (Barb) of Wood River, Laurie Berggren (Christopher) of Blair, and Jim Franke (Debbie) of Lincoln; and a brother-in-law, Herman Larsen of Geneva.

She was raised in Seward and was valedictorian of her high school class. Jenny attended business school in Lincoln and also worked for the Social Security Administration. During that time she met Robert "Bob" Stuart Franke, whom she married on July 31, 1948, at First Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln.

Jenny and Bob moved to Provo, Utah, for three years after they were married, where Jenny was employed by U.S. Steel. Bob and Jenny then settled in Grand Island when Bob was employed by Countryman and Associates. Jenny was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother to her entire family. Cooking and sewing were passions of hers, and she was an active 4-H leader and enjoyed passing on her knowledge and skills of cooking and sewing to others. She was always showing hospitality to family, friends and guests that visited her home. Music was important to Jenny, and she enjoyed singing with Mother Singers and going to dances with Bob. Jenny was an avid bridge player and played in many bridge clubs. She enjoyed golfing with her family and taking her family on vacations to Estes Park, Colo. Jenny also enjoyed traveling with the Airstream Club when Bob retired. They traveled to Texas, Alaska and all over the country with their Airstream trailer. Jenny was a devoted caregiver to Bob in his later years of life. Jenny and Bob were married for 62 years, until the time of Bob's death.

Memorials may be sent to Stephen Ministry through Trinity United Methodist Church.

## Wayne R. 'Butch' Preston, 77



Wayne R. Preston, 77, of Arnold, passed on Dec. 31, 2015, at his home.

Wayne was born on Feb. 12, 1938, in Holstein to Merna and Rex Preston. He was the third of four children. He lived most of his life in the Arnold area. He graduated in 1955 from Logan County High. He married his high school sweetheart Maxine "Mick" Bersley on July 22, 1956, at the Garfield Methodist Church.

To this union came four children, Christy, Carmen, Ray and Wade.

In the early years, he worked for several farmers and ranchers in the area as well as farming and ranching for himself. He also drove a truck for Pete Hagler. In 1965, he sold out on the farm and moved the family to California where he worked for Masonite in Ukiah, California. They moved back to Nebraska where he attended college and received his accounting degree at Grand Island School of Business. He then worked for CIT Financial Group and then was hired as an accountant at the St. Mary's Hospital in North Platte.

In 1971, Wayne and Mick purchased the Arnold Insurance Agency in Arnold from Don Kellenbarger. They operated it together until 1995. After retirement, he pulled camper trailers from factories and dealerships and drove long-haul trucks from coast to coast for a short period of time. The farm boy in him always lured him back to the farm, where in the spring he hauled fertilizer for All Points and in the fall he helped farmers harvest until his health failed.

He was a member of the Arnold Rotary Club from 1972-95 where he held many offices. He was a member and officer of the Nebraska Wally Byam Airstream Caravan Club. From 1993-2000, he led a caravan from Nebraska to Dayton, Ohio, for a rally. He was a member of the Broken Bow Elks Club No. 1688, and the Arnold volunteer fire department and served on the city council. Wayne was a member of the Arnold United Methodist Church and served on the administrative council. He and Mick traveled the United States and wintered in California and Arizona for many years. He loved golf, hunting, fishing and playing cards.

Survivors include his wife, Mick; daughters, Christy (Tim) Olin, of Lincoln, and Carmen (Larry) Willard, of Stapleton; sons, Ray (Jan) Preston, of Griswold, Iowa, and Wade

(Patty) Preston, of Waukee, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Arnold Fire Department or Arnold United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be shared at [carpentermemorial.com](http://carpentermemorial.com).

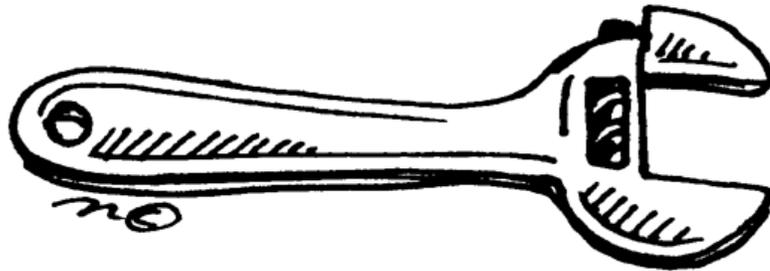
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2016 Luncheons  
Parkers Smokehouse, Ashland, NE  
At 12 Noon

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

If you have news for the next issue, please email:

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**BRANCHED OAK SP FIX-IT RALLY**  
**APRIL 21 – 24, 2016**

Everyone loves the Annual Fix-It Rally, everyone. It's Huuuge! The rally is generally unformatted giving plenty of time to enjoy our company and to make those needed repairs and fixes that we'll need for the oncoming camping season.

This year we're rallying at the **Optimist Cub Lodge** located in Branched Oak SP. They have a great facility to congregate. Sam provided the following information: Camping space and a picnic shelter are available. Other resources available include a frisbee golf course, horseshoe pits, sandlot volleyball, docks to access the lake, a large fire ring with benches, plenty of space for games and activities and some playground equipment. The Lodge itself has a fireplace, kitchen sink, microwave and refrigerator, and tables and chairs to use inside. A large deck looks out over the lake and has picnic tables and a charcoal grill.

If you have some appropriate tools that would help repair the various trailer systems, bring them along. Everyone should leave the rally with their tires pumped up and their batteries in good shape. To that end, I'll bring some distilled water, hygrometer, and a battery wire terminator crimper. I also can repair and make TV cables. We could use a good air compressor. That's something I don't have. Oh yes, I won't forget the Huge socket wrench to tighten the hitch ball.

See you all there! Jim

**FOR BRANCHED OAK FIX-IT RALLY  
APRIL 21 – 24 2016**

DATE	EVENT	COST	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Thu 4/21	Parking	\$8.00		_____
Fri 4/22	Parking	\$8.00		_____
Sat 4/23	Parking	\$8.00		_____
	Rally Fee \$16 max.	\$8 per person	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>				_____

Please complete and return with your check payable to WBCCI Nebraska Unit by April 4, 2016

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You must have a Nebraska State vehicle park permit to enter.  
Motor homes will also need a permit for towed vehicle  
Annual park permits are \$26  
Daily park permits are \$5

