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A Note from our President

Mike Sisk

President of the Nebraska Unit

What a hot summer this has been here in Nebraska! Hopefully, we are in for more comfortable temperatures. Cheryl and I just completed our first National Caravan. Along with Dan and Dale Ann Hoyt, we toured the Canadian Rockies. We've been asked what the most memorable experience on the caravan was. Without hesitation, we all agreed the sights. It was as if we were looking at a picture or a postcard. Caravans provide a great opportunity to meet other Airstream members from across the country; our caravan was no exception.

We attended the WBCCI International Rally in Escanaba, Michigan along with several other members of the Nebraska Unit. Those with us were: Roger Brandt and Jan; Gary and Cheryl Burrows; Bob and Sue Heist; Dan and Dale Ann Hoyt; Ryan, Amy, and Avery Knowles; Bill and Diane Larson; Dwight and Lana Olson; Fran Olson; and Jim and Jeannine Wright. The big news from International was that our Membership Directory won first place! HURRAY! The next International Rally is in Salem, Oregon and registration has started. There will be a Region 8 Caravan to the rally, so watch for more news on that. Our next unit rallies are September in Kearney and October in Nebraska City and both promise to be lots of fun. See you at the August Luncheon!

~ Mike

2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

April 20 - 23	Spring is in the Air Fix-It Rally Branched Oak State Park
July 22 - 29	WBCCI International Rally Escanaba, MI
September 14 - 17	Bring Your Buddy to the Rally in Kearny Kearny, NE
October 5 - 8	Trick-or-Treat Installation Nebraska City, NE



2016-2017 Nebraska Unit Officers

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2017 Fix-it Rally Branched Oak SRA



Our first rally of the season was held April 20-23 at Branched Oak SRA near Raymond, NE. An amazing 38 members attended. We enjoyed the company of Al and Kay Becher; Bill and Diane Larson; Darin McCarty; Chris Leon; Roger and Margo Young; Jim and Jeanine Wright; David Olson; Lynn Scott; Sam and Mary Ann Boman; Ron and Jan Frisbie; Bob and Sue Heist; Dan and Dale Ann Hoyt; Bill and LaDon Kallmer; Ryan, Amy, and Avery Knowles; Larry and Marcia Link; Fran Olson; Dwight and Lana Olson; Bert and Donajean Sherwin; Roscoe and Leona Shields; Mike and Cheryl Sisk; and Jim and Mary Wherrett. It was sunny, but windy, when we gathered in the common area for our first happy hour. We relocated to the clubhouse for a Mexican dinner, complete with margaritas thanks to a great drink machine provided and expertly operated by the adult Knowles.

Friday morning's fix-it discussion was led by Mike and Dwight and featured in-depth information on brakes and tire pressure. Lots of questions were answered, and stories, both good and bad, were shared, but nothing was actually fixed at this point. The wind continued to howl, but it didn't stop us from taking a brisk tram tour of the James Arthur Winery in the afternoon. The tasting



room was lovely and warm following our ride that afternoon. In the evening, we enjoyed a Dutch treat dinner at the local Boathouse Cafe. Then, it was back to the clubhouse for a very interesting presentation by the Heists on caravanning.

The committee, Mike and Cheryl, Dwight and Lana, and Jim and Jeanine, were up early to prepare the famous Nebraska Unit pancakes for our breakfast. The rest of the morning was filled with executive and general meetings. After lunch, we did witness some fixing getting done. All recipients of the help were very appreciative. We finished up the day with a do-it-yourself grill-out and pot luck dinner. A white elephant

gift exchange, organized and led by Jim and Mary, was the highlight of the evening. Each gift was a treasure to the recipient.

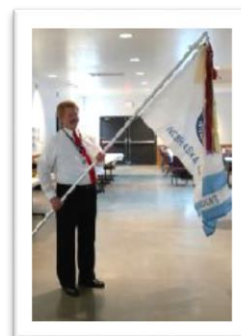
The rally closed on Sunday morning with an emotional message from Sam during our church service. Those not staying on for the caravan to Osceola packed up and made their way home. The Links, Wrights, Sherwins, Kallmer, Sisks, and Hoyts dined out Sunday evening at a nearby restaurant, Toast, and then prepared for the caravan to the Region 8 Rally in Osceola, Ia.

Dale Ann Hoyt (Dan)



Caravan to Osceola

The sun was shining and the wind was howling on Monday morning, April 24, when the Links led the Sisk, Kallmer, Sherwin, Wright, and Hoyt rigs eastward toward Osceola for the 50th annual Region 8 rally. We spent the night at Green Valley State Park in Creston, Iowa and arrived at our destination, the Clarke County Fair Grounds, in Osceola on Tuesday morning just in time to get the decorations set up for Wednesday's opening ceremony. Our Nebraska Unit was assigned decoration duties, and by the sole talent and imagination of Cheryl Sisk, a soda fountain, juke box, and 50's diner-kind of stage appeared out of a pile of boxes and odds-and-ends. We all helped with assembly of the props and then enjoyed an evening out at the local restaurant.



Wednesday, some of us carpoled to Winterset, Iowa's famous for covered bridges and John Wayne. It was cold and windy, but we managed to stroll through a couple of bridges and enjoy the John Wayne Museum. Opening ceremonies evening started with a salad supper provided by the members. Following dinner was the official opening of the rally, and Mike Sisk, our president, carried our flag with dignity and composure. We sang the national anthems of Canada and the United States and listened to numerous

announcements and instruction delivered by Glenn Waters.

Thursday was a busy day. We carpooled again; this time to Des Moines for a tour of the beautiful capitol building. We got some great insight into the history of Iowa, and because Scott Allen was part of our group, we also received some informative facts on the recent remodel. I think everyone was in agreement that it was a great day. Hy-Vee catered a fried chicken dinner and Nebraska Unit was assigned the task of serving it. Following dinner, all enjoyed the movie 'The Long Long Trailer' starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez, complete with popcorn and cotton candy treats.

Iowa Unit served oatmeal and ice cream for breakfast on Thursday. I know this sounds odd, but if you have never tried, it you should give it a go! Lunch was again catered by Hy-Vee, but this time served



by Missouri Greater Ozark Unit. The rest of the day included seminars and a Skymed presentations, dinner on our own, and then the highlight of the rally, a 50's Soc Hop. We slicked back our hair, donned our 50's clothes and socks, and smoked our candy cigarettes, only to discover we don't hop like we used to! It takes a lot of stamina to get through an entire song. None the less, we laughed, we huffed and puffed, and we danced to the best of our ability.



The rally wrapped up on Saturday with some 50's games and the Joker Tournament and Flea Market. Roger Brandt got second place in the Joker Tournament, Marcia Link won the Hula Hoop competition, and Jim Wright is the Yo-Yo champion of Region

8. We concluded with another catered dinner, great entertainment, lovely door prizes, and some ice cream. We are all looking forward to next year's rally in Branson, Missouri.



Dale Ann Hoyt (Dan)



Canadian Rockies Caravan

Our first ever caravan! Starting in Drumheller, our caravan leaders (Rosemary and Carlos Leach) took us to Banff, Kootenay Plains, Jasper, Lake Louise, Longview, Oldman Dam, and Cochran – all in Alberta. We



experienced breathtaking views, awe-inspiring hikes, interesting museums, a play, gondola rides, hoo doos, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a frigid glacier walk, gorgeous waterfalls, unbelievably aquamarine lakes, varied weather conditions, and the Calgary Stampede. We met wonderful people who are now friends, ate native foods, and explored, explored, explored! We would recommend this caravan...or any other one, for that matter,

to members of our unit. Our notebooks and picture galleries are full to overflowing with recordings of what we have seen and experienced. And I haven't yet mentioned all of the animals we encountered – black bears, grizzly bears, moose, elk, bighorn sheep, stone goats, raccoons. All in all, time well spent, and we are ready for our next adventure!

Cheryl Sisk (Mike)



60th International WBCCI Rally in Escanaba, Michigan

609 Airstream rigs descended on Escanaba Michigan for the International Rally held July 22-29, 2017. Of those, were eight rigs from the Nebraska Unit. The Burrows, Dwight Olson, and Heists were among the early arrivals, busy with parking and set-up duties. Mike Sisk and Roger Brandt carried flags in the Parade of Flags on Saturday night during opening ceremonies. The Wrights and Knowles represented us well in the Vintage section, opening their trailers to open house on Sunday. Our unit directory, published by Cheryl Sisk, won first place in the directory competition. Grizzly and Libby Heist placed in the dog show. Also attending and lending moral support were the Hoyts and Larsons.



We now officially have two Nebraska Unit members serving as Region 8 officers. Dwight Olson is

our first Vice President and Mike Sisk is second Vice President. Thank you to these two and their wives for serving the club and keeping things on track for the rest of us.

Dale Ann Hoyt (Dan)



2017 Luncheons

Don't miss out on our monthly luncheons held at Parkers Smokehouse in Ashland, NE. We meet in the reserved party room, about 11:45 AM, on the second Monday of the month. Quarterly, we meet on the second Saturday to accommodate our working members. The food is always good, followed by a short social time. Mark your calendar according to the following chart.



Saturday, January 14	Monday, February 13
Monday, March 13	Saturday, April 8
Monday, May 8	Monday, June 12
Saturday, July 8	Monday, August 14
Monday, September 11	Saturday, October 14
Monday, November 13	Monday, December 11

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