



THE GOLD AND SILVER

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President's Message

As we get older, time seems to go faster, at least for me. When I ran for the office of 2nd Vice President, I thought I had a lot of time to prepare for taking over from Jim and continuing the great job he has done as president. Then I woke up on July 26 and realized I would be installed that day to lead Region 12 for the next two years. I cannot tell you how honored I am to be your president knowing I have big shoes to fill beginning with our first



woman Region 12 president, Judy Bechthold followed by Bob Stansbury (no pressure there), Tom Smithson and Jim Polk. I am proud to say that Region 12 is viewed by WBAC members as being one of the more forward thinking regions. We have brought more motions forward at the International Board of Trustees (IBT) meetings to implement positive changes that have occurred in our club than any other region. In addition, we should be proud of our membership accomplishments having received the WBAC membership award for largest growth in membership several times, and during my tenure I hope to bring that award home once again.

We are an active region that hosts several events including our upcoming Region 12 Rally in Bakersfield, October 9-13 (sign up on the website today!). This year will be our 39th year to host the Rose Parade Rally in Pasadena and we look forward to another exciting Cali Rally in Parkfield. Another special event will be the Mid-Winter IBT, hosted by GLAAC, at the Oasis RV Resort in Las Vegas, January 20-27.

Besides the goal of growing membership in our region, I plan to visit each club/unit at a rally where I look forward to meeting new friends along with seeing many familiar faces. I encourage all members to contact me with your questions at: cecstansbury@yahoo.com.

I want to thank all who participate in Region 12 leadership which includes LaVerne McHenry, 1st VP; Alan Amundsen, Parliamentarian; Jean Amundsen, Secretary; Lynda Polk, Gold & Silver Editor; and Bob Stansbury as R12 Blue Beret Editor. Welcome to Kathy Hampel who takes over the role of Treasurer from Bill Kerfoot and Linda Maddox who picks up the role of Webmaster from Eric McHenry. Nancy Murphy will lead the way as Membership Chair giving Don Williams a well deserved break after six years.

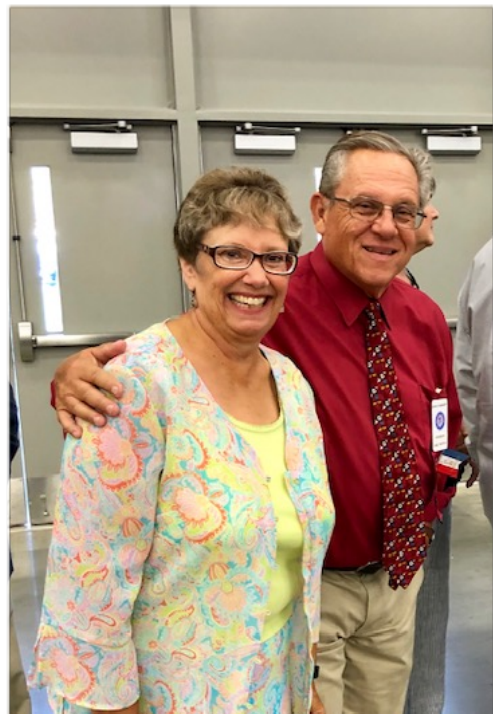
Thank you again for electing me as your president.

Regards, Cecelia Stansbury

Congratulations and Thank You!



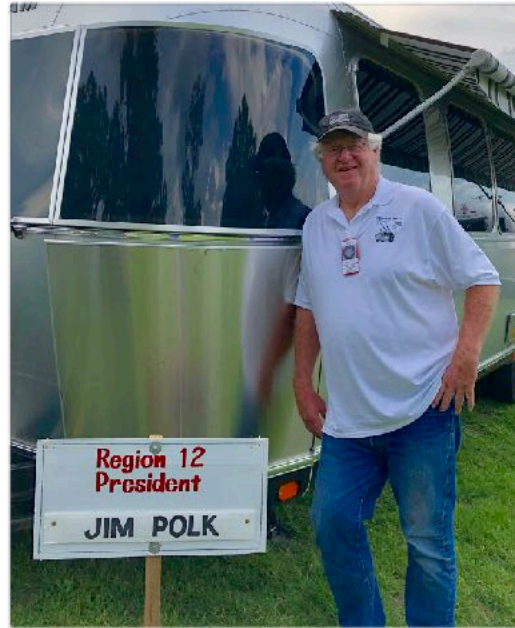
Eric McHenry, International 3rd Vice President and LaVerne McHenry, R12 1st VP
Mona Heath, 2019-20 International President
Cecelia Stansbury, R12 President and husband, Bob
James Polk, International Treasurer



Congratulations and Thank You!...continued



Barry and Karen Bell
2018-19 International President and First Lady



Jim Polk
2017-19 Region 12 President

Thank you to our Region 12 Flag Bearers and Delegates at the 2019 International Rally

- Teresa Tighe, Central Coast California Unit
- Jay Nordgren, El Camino Airstream Club
- LaVerne McHenry, Greater Bay Area Airstream Club
- Denise Morrow, Greater Los Angeles Airstream Club Delegate, Lynda Polk
- Bob Stansbury, Lake Tahoe Airstream Club
- Sandra LeVan, Las Vegas Airstream Club
- Hedda Smithson, NorCal Airstream Club
- Ken Bechthold, Sacramento Valley Airstream Club
- Abe Hernandez, San Diego Unit
- Don Williams, Sierra Nevada Unit
- Bob Kirkpatrick, South Coast Airstream Club



The purpose of an International Rally is to conduct the business of the Wally Byam Airstream Club and to vote on issues before the delegates. Members who attend enjoy the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.

President Barry and First Lady Karen Bell put together a fabulous rally in Doswell, Virginia, where members parked their Airstreams on what once was a thoroughbred horse park called The Meadow. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the farm is where the famous Triple Crown winner, Secretariat, was born and raised. The Farm Bureau Center housed the vendors, caravan displays, evening entertainment, craft show, photo contest, flea market, line dancing, presentations, and meetings. Atop a hill sits Meadow Hall, the home of Penny Chenery, Secretariat's owner, where Region meals and small meetings took place. The Friendship Center where people played Joker and attended jam sessions most afternoons happened here as well.

On July 17, we were met by greeters who gave us an envelope with a welcome letter from Barry and Karen, rally ribbons, dinner tickets, and a ticket to exchange for an insulated tote plus a welcome bag with rally programs, pins, plaque, and Doswell information. If we had our Airstream (we stayed in a hotel) the RAT (Rally Arrival Team) would have guided us to our spot where parking was handled from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. At the credentials desk, Tom and I received committee chair ribbons. I exchanged the Delegate Authorization form signed by Mike Minadeo, NorCal's president, for my delegates credentials and was cleared to represent the NorCal Airstream Club on the Delegates floor.

Food is always important to Airstream folks. In the Farm Bureau Center, there was a small food stand that served salads and sandwiches. In one corner was a MARVELOUS ice cream stand where a line gathered every night after the entertainment! Group meals were held in Meadow Hall and Meadow Pavilion. The center pieces took the theme of "Enjoy the Ride" to unbelievable heights!



Flag bearer Tom Smithson with R12 President Jim Polk and wife, Lynda

At the July 20 International Board of Trustees (IBT) Meeting, motions were approved that shortened National Caravans and cleaned up the Blue Book. New logos for two clubs were approved. Recently the board voted to include the seminar where member input is encouraged within the IBT meeting. Smooth!

The Opening Ceremony was held later that evening where Tom carried the Region 12 flag and I carried the NorCal flag. Region 12 looked great as all eleven clubs were represented so far from home. Region 12 past president Robert Stansbury sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "O Canada".

The entertainment that evening was Mountain Highway, a family band. Dad plays the upright bass accompanied by four of his kids on banjo, fiddle, mandolin and guitar. It was bluegrass at its best!

At the July 24 Delegates meeting, a quorum (91 of 108 clubs) was present. Again, each of the eleven clubs in Region 12 had a delegate. Officers elected: Mona Heath, President; Andrew Selking, First VP; Tye Mott, Second VP; Eric McHenry, Third VP; Vickie Courtney, Secretary; and James Polk, Treasurer. In addition, Carolyn Beardshear and Debbie Hammer were elected members of the Nominating Committee and will work with Barry Bell, immediate Past President.

Doswell International...continued

President Mona Heath conducted a flawless IBT Meeting on July 27. The Board approved motions concerning the Corporate Manager, renaming the Electronic Communication Committee as the Information Technology Committee, and approved a three digit Airstream number for a past Region President.

Highlights of the rally were the presentations and round tables. Tom gave presentations on "iPhone Basic Function & Use" and "Smart Apps for Smart Travelers." We both attended Gina Eggers' presentation "The Art of Airstream Cooking". (Gina writes the column for the Blue Beret.) I also went to "Ultimate Airstream: Imagine the Possibilities." Want a dishwasher or a washer/dryer? They can help you!

Edgar Cruz, a member of Antsy McClain, rocked the house on July 23. He could go solo anytime, and does! He earned a BA in Music from Oklahoma City University in 2010. The next evening we enjoyed the WBCCI Band and Choir and Mona Heath introduced the 2020 International Rally to be held in Loveland, Colorado, June 20-27. Rumor has it that 500 of the 700 sites have been booked.

Digital communications were a big part of this rally: Facebook, doswell.wbcci, Twitter and a super cool app called Grupio. With Grupio on a smart phone, one could look at schedules, speakers, vendor, attendees and their locations, daily rally news and more!



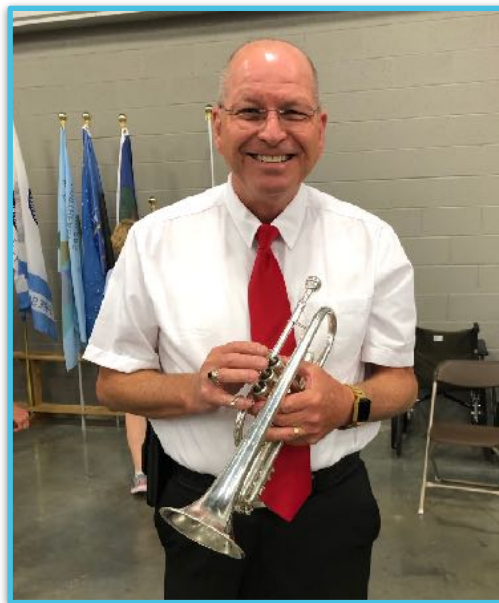
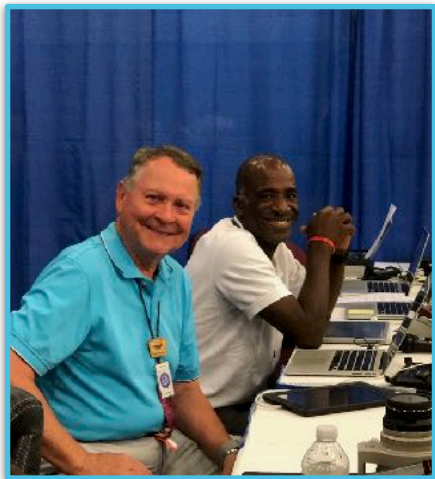
See all those fun people in their Colorful (Loveland) Colorado shirts? You, too, can look just as smart and be ready for the Loveland International Rally, June 20-27, 2020. To order your shirt, hat, canvas tote or just about anything, simply head over to business.LandsEnd.com and set up an account. Once you have an account, watch your email for great offers! With your account number in hand, choose your apparel, size and color and call 800.338.2000, 5 a.m.-5 p.m. (Pacific time), Monday-Friday.

The helpful staff at Lands End will be glad to assist you!

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- Loveland 2020 announcement
- Marla Liberty (San Diego Unit) enters Mario in the Pet Show
- John Holly and Eric McHenry maintain the production booth
- Bruce Morrow (GLAAC) of the WBCCI Band
- Jim Polk and San Diego Unit president, Abe Hernandez

Region 12 Updates



Upcoming R12 Events

Region 12 Rally -

October 9-13, 2019

Bakersfield RV Resort

Rose Parade - December 28, 2019 - January 1, 2020

Event full, wait list started

Pasadena, California

Mid-Winter IBT -

January 20-24, 2020

Oasis RV Resort, Las Vegas

Cali Rally - April 16-19, 2020

Event full, wait list started

V6 Ranch, Parkfield

2020 Region 12 Rally -

October 21-25

Palm Desert, CA

Emerald Desert RV Resort

Region 12 Rally and Website Update!

Region 12 Club/Unit Presidents...we encourage you and your club to provide a basket filled with something that makes you happy for the Silent Auction at this year's Region 12 Rally. All proceeds from these baskets will benefit this year's charitable organization, Marley's Mutts of Tehachapi, California.

Be sure to access the Region 12 website for all the Region information you need to know. Sign up for the upcoming Region 12 Rally **by September 10** to be held in Bakersfield!

The new address for the site is:

Region12.AirstreamClub.net

Here We Grow Again!

Jackson Center, Ohio

Airstream, Inc. is growing once again! In August 2018 ground broke on a 750,000 square-foot building to keep up with the demand for our iconic silver travel trailers.

It was in 1952 when Wally Byam opened the Jackson Center location and by 1979, all Airstreams were manufactured in this small, western Ohio town.

The existing facilities will be used as Basecamp, Interstate and Nest factories while the new building will bring travel trailers under one roof along with an amazing Heritage Center. It is scheduled to open at the end of 2019 and forecasted to add an additional 280 jobs. Look for this shining new facility on your next trip to the Mothership!

