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Region 7 at the Rayne IBT



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Region 7 hosted a luncheon at Chef Roy's Frog City Cafe on Wednesday, Jan 8, 2014 in Rayne, LA during the Mid-Winter IBT. A total of 20 people attended the delicious luncheon. Pictured above, back row, left to right: Don Thomson, Jerry Larson, Bruce Harrower, Harry Ramler, Barbara Vaughan; 2nd row: Jim Schwerdfeger, Lillian Thomson, Gail Harrower, Sue Arnesen, Darlene Caldwell, Sharon Ramler, Joan Larson, Bob Caldwell. Front row: Pearl Adams-Kyle, Linda Agre, Raisin Schwerdfeger, Bill Upton, and Marti Upton. Missing from the photo is Adolf & Hazel Knopp. Thanks to everyone for coming to the luncheon.

On Jan 10, 2014, Region 7 members celebrated the additions of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to Region 7. Bill & Marti Upton brought Wisconsin cheese for the party! Welcome Yoopers to our Region. Cheers!!



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President's Message

THE MAC COMPUTER ATE MY REPORT

I worked on such a great Winter IBT report for the March Region newsletter, and it has completely disappeared. Can't even find it on my back up drive. Maybe I just thought I wrote it. Maybe I didn't save. Not like me. Anyway, here goes again and with all the trouble I've had, Region 7 members, you better read it word for word! Just kidding.

This was the best Region Officers pre-IBT meeting get together I have attended since being Region 7 President. They really addressed the 'politics' of issues facing us, with the spotlight on 'what our members wanted and were asking for.' This is a recap:

Officers to be voted on by Unit Delegates in Gillette:

President - Joe Perryman
1st Vice President - Jim Schwerdfeger
2nd Vice President - Richard Girard
3rd Vice President - Jim Cocks
Secretary - Vickie Courtney
Treasurer - Adolf Knopp
Nominating Committee - Karin Kurkowski,
Tom Smithson, & Jay Thompson
(From which 2 will be elected)

Look for great things to happen with this slate of officers.

Three motions will be sent to Region 7 units to have membership vote on (by the time you get this newsletter you may have already received this). Please discuss and vote at your spring meeting. Note: Your Officer Training Manual has the formula to calculate the vote which your delegate will report at the IBT meeting in Gillette.

Motion 1: Provision for chartering units outside the established geographic regions and for supervision once chartered (for example, the recent Australian Unit).

Motion 10: Changing the Constitution to read: The period for holding the International Rally and Annual Delegates Meeting shall be between June 20 & July 30. This gives more flexibility, moving the International Rally away from the 4th of July and Canada Day, July 1st. Many members have asked for this change. Contracts have been signed for International Rallies thru 2016 so this would not go into effect until 2017.

2015 International Rally in Farmington, New Mexico

2016 International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia

Start planning Unit slow caravans. Travels to both sites offer great caravanning experiences.

Motion 12: Strike the words 'to a Unit' referring to pay Unit & International dues. This paves the way for setting up online dues renewals.

The following motions were policy and bylaw changes. I will just highlight those which might interest you:

Motion 13: A policy voted on so that any motions of the IBT would reflect the action sought to have all votes be by roll call, except when a request for a unanimous consent is approved. The minutes would show the names of members voting for, against and abstaining. Passed. (Did this ever speed up the meeting!) Thank you to Pat McFadden, Region 2 President.

Motion 5: Region boundary change taking the Upper Peninsula of Michigan from Region 4 and adding to Region 7. Members in the UP asked for this change as they are closer to Wisconsin and belong to the Wisconsin Unit. Thank you to Bill and Marti Upton for addressing the IBT and helping to get this passed. And a BIG WELCOME TO THE YOOPERS!!!!

Motion 15: Reinstate the News & Views Newsletter by the Electronic Communications Committee subject to editorial review.

Motion 16: Remove yearly allotment of \$45,000 for Headquarter's Services from the International Rally budget starting in 2015. The net result should be lower rally fees.

HELP NEEDED AT THE INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Can you spare an hour or two to man one of the tables that we are responsible for during registration? 1. Region 7 Table - 2. Pet Show Table - 3. Unit Publications

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REGION 7 GET-TOGETHER AT GILLETTE

This year we are going to do something different. As a Region Officer I have spent out of my own pocket between \$100-\$150 on meals (and this is only the ones required that I attend). Because of the costs of luncheons in Gillette, Gail, Pete & I have decided to have an 'on site' Social Hour Sunday afternoon June 29 at 4:00 pm in Equality Hall Main Dining Room, which will be listed in the rally program as EQ Main. No cost to Region members and a small charge to our friends. Sign up at the Region table during hours of registrations.

COMBINED RALLY

A first time ever combined spring rally has been planned among the Iowa Unit, the North Iowa Unit, and the Minnesota Unit at Clear Lake, Iowa (please note I said Iowa and not Minnesota) on May 15-18, 2014. So if you are not involved in your own Unit rally please join us. Contact: Wanda Paine, 507-237-5106 or email: jnwpaine@aol.com

Linda

Region 7 Second Vice President Position

by Linda Agre

We are STILL looking for an incoming 2nd Vice President for the Region. Will someone PLEASE step forward????? I have enjoyed almost every minute of my term. I love the members of our Club. I love working with and visiting the other Units & Regions. So I send out this challenge: Step up to the plate. Keep Region 7 the strongest and most active Region in WBCCI. We may be little, but we're loud! You can count on help from me, Gail, and Pete. We are a GREAT team! Come join it!

REGION 7 ACTIVITIES

MINNESOTA UNIT ACTIVITIES

May 15 -18, 2014 A joint spring rally with the Iowa units (see Presidents Message for details)

June 6-8, 2014 Airstream Tech Rally In conjunction with the Airstream Park, Clear Lake, MN

NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDENS UNIT

May 9-11 Rally at Governor's Inn, 2050 Governors Drive, Casselton, ND Luncheon (11:00am – 3:00pm on 5/10/14) (Business meeting @ 1:30pm)

June 12-15 - Westward Ho Rally, Location:Red Trail Campground, Medora, ND

September 11-14 Fall Installation Rally, Centennial Campground at the Fairgrounds, Aberdeen, SD

WISCONSIN UNIT ACTIVITIES

April 18—20, 2014: Easter Camp Out, Peninsula State Park, Fish Creek, WI. Hosted by Ed & Sandy Emerick, 920-475-7893, SandyEmerick@yahoo.com


April 25-27 - April Camp Out - Wisconsin Dells KOA, Wisconsin Dells, WI

April 26 11:30 Luncheon & Business Meeting, Moose Jaw Pizza & Dells Brewing Co

May 16—18, 2014: Madison Camp Out, Lake Farm Park Campground, 3113 Lake Farm Rd, Madison, WI 53711, (608)242-4576. Hosted by Steve or Lynne Piotrowski 608-255-3953 slpiotro@tds.net

Region Photos

By Bob Manak

Photos from Region events and the International are available on the Region website photo page at <http://region7.wbcc.net/photos/>. The photos are located at Picasa, and they can be viewed, played as a slide show, downloaded, or printed by an outside company (including your local Walgreen's). If you have photos to contribute, please email them to me, and I will post them. If you have a web gallery (Flicker, Picasa or other) that has Region 7 content that you would like to share, please email me the link. 



Region 7 President, Linda Agre receiving Region Award of Excellence from Past President John Boutwell.

**2014 Region 7
National Event Rally**

Around the World



with Folklorama



You can now register on-line for "Around the World" with Folklorama and pay your \$200.00 required deposit by Pay Pal. Visit the Region 7 website:

Region7.wbcc.net/Folklorama-2014

Around the World



with Folklorama

Region 7
National Event Rally
August 6 - 12, 2014

Oak Bluff Recreation Centre
Winnipeg, MB, Canada



Come on up to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and experience "***Around the World with Folklorama***" a new WBCCI National Event Rally sponsored by Region 7. Folklorama is the world's largest and longest-running multicultural festival of its kind that is two full weeks with 20-plus pavilions open the 1st week and a second set of pavilions in week 2. The rally will span the last half of the 1st week and the first half of the 2nd week, enabling you to visit any of the pavilions. Included in your rally fee is two nights of VIP Premium Group Tour experience with luxury motorcoach transportation to three pavilions each night. You will have VIP entry to bypass the line-ups at the door and reserved seating. A progressive, three pavilion, cultural meal with an appetizer; dinner; and dessert with lively, world class cultural entertainment at each pavilion.

Do you love railways? Do you want to enjoy a once in a lifetime experience by becoming a Locomotive Engineer For a Day on Friday, August 8th, when we get "All Aboard", the Prairie Dog Central for a private railway train charter? Learn how the diesel locomotive works with hands-on experience. Assist in preparing the train for the day's excursion and/or putting it away for the night. Sound the bell and blow the horn at grade crossings as you ride in the locomotive. Due to safety requirements, the honorary Engineers must be physically fit and must be able to converse in English. **Register by June 1, 2014 to be eligible to be the "Engineer For a Day"!**

Bring your best Chili (with meat) and add it to the Mega Pot for the main part of the meal on Sunday, Aug 10th. Those wishing may enter our "Best Chili Competition" to be judged by one of our appointed "tasters" and a small prize will be awarded to the winner. Whether competing or not, everyone is asked to take part in the Mega Pot. Everyone's Chili will be added to the pot to provide the basis for our dinner. No canned Chili please. Garlic toast, salads and ice cream will be provided. Contact Evelyn Skelton at ev_skelton@icloud.com for further information.

Your rally fee includes: six (6) nights of parking, daisy-chain water, pump-out, Welcome dinner, Two (2) nights of Folklorama VIP Tour, "All Aboard!" the Prairie Dog Central train for a ride to Grosse Isle, MB, a prime-rib buffet dinner and live thoroughbred racing at Assiniboia Downs, guided tour of Assiniboine Park Zoo, featuring the Journey to Churchill Display and "Hudson" the polar bear, Steak and Corn dinner, Chili cook-off, Tours and technical seminars.

Don't wait, register now **on-line** at <http://region7.wbcci.net/folklorama-2014>. For information, contact Gail Harrower at airstream4478@gmail.com or call 204-781-1987. Hope to see you there!

There's so much to see and do in Winnipeg,

come early and stay late!

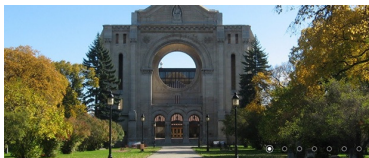
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"All Aboard! " the Prairie Dog Central for a private railway train charter.

We'll go on a historical train ride to the Hitch 'n Post and you'll be able to look inside ... and outside ... at hundreds of "one-of" items from long ago. The train leaves Inkster Junction Station and travels to Grosse Isle, Manitoba. We will be greeted by a volunteer from the Prime Meridian who will chat with the passengers about the trail and the various species that can be found there.

Tour the art, music and food in Winnipeg's French Quarter and visit the St. Boniface Museum, St. Boniface Cathedral and cemetery, and Fort Gibraltar, a replica of a circa-1810 North West Company fur-trading post. The costumed interpreters relive the daily life of the inhabitants of the



site in 1815 as you visit significant buildings in the fort such as the blacksmith shop, the winterer's cabin and the trading post.

Enjoy a prime-rib buffet at Assiniboia Downs and the excitement of live thoroughbred racing comfortably in the air-conditioned dining room or on the outside stands.



Be a part of history in 2014 with the opening of the "Journey to Churchill" exhibit at the Assiniboine Park Zoo. Your guided tour of the zoo is where you will meet "Hudson" the polar bear in his new enclosure.



Be sure to bring your best Chili recipe and enter the Chili Cook-Off. Judging will take place and a winner will be acclaimed. The judging criteria: Chili should look good, smell good and taste good!

Arrangements are being made for you if you medically require an electric hookup to operate lifesaving medical equipment such as CPAP machines. There is a charge of \$160.00 and you must pre-register.

Of course, if your unit is equipped with a generator or you have one, bring it along - you will be able to use it. We will have a special generator section.

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