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## Region 7 at the Huron International



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Photo by Terrol Rogers  
Third Place Ribbon, Travel Portraits Category.

### A Short Recap of Region 7 at 2013 WBCCI International Rally

Region 7 had 10 units from Minnesota, 7 units from Wisconsin, 10 units from ND Peace Garden (5 units from North Dakota, 2 units from South Dakota, 2 units from Manitoba) in attendance at the International Rally in Huron, SD. In addition, member Shirley Rohrer from Huron joined us at the Region 7 luncheon on June 28, 2013.

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Region 7 at Huron International Rally,  
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Several Region 7 members won ribbons for their displays and talent.

Ann Marie Turnbull (MN Unit affiliate) won a Second Place Ribbon on her beautiful quilt. (at right)



Joan Lahr (Wisconsin Unit) won a First Place Ribbon on her lovely handcrafted jewelry. (on page 1)

Terrol Rogers (ND Peace Garden Unit) was the big winner with 5 ribbons for photography.

**Snapshot Contest (4 x 6):**

Third Place Ribbon in the New Approach category

Third Place Ribbon in the Travel Portrait category. (on page 1)

**Photo Print Contest (5 x 7 & up):**

Third Place Ribbon in the Spontaneous Moment category

Honorable Mention in the New Approach category

**AND BEST OF ALL:**

**BEST OF SHOW - PURPLE RIBBON WINNER**

Terrol says she was tickled pink.

Ruby Star Piotrowski took home a Blue Ribbon as Best Cat in the Pet Show. Dazzle Piotrowski took home an Honorable Mention Ribbon in the Tricks category. Pictured with Ruby & Dazzle are their mom and dad, Lynn & Steve Piotrowski.



## Region 7 Second Vice President Position

Two years pass very quickly and it's hard to believe that it's time to recruit an incoming Second Vice President for our region again.

Interested candidates for the position of Region 7 Second Vice President are requested to email their resumes to Joan Lahr. Applicants will be interviewed by a three person nominating committee representing our units. If interested, please contact Joan or Linda Agre for more information about the position and responsibilities.

Please send your resume to:

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# REGION 7 UNIT ACTIVITIES FOR 2013

## MINNESOTA UNIT ACTIVITIES

- May 16-18, 2013 - Tulip Rally - Orange City, Iowa
- June 14-16, 2013 - Spring Rally/Business Meeting - Airstream Park, Clear Lake, MN
- June 20-26 - Caravan to International Rally - Airstream Park
- July 25-29 - Region 7 Festival of the Tall Ships Rally
- Sept. 13-15 - Installation Rally - Airstream Park

## NORTH DAKOTA PEACE GARDENS UNIT

- May 3-5, 2013 - Spring Rally - Frontier Fort Campground, Jamestown, ND
- May 4, 2013 - Spring Luncheon 11:00 a.m.
- June 6-9, 2013 - Summer Buddy Rally - Stump Lake Park, Lakota, ND
- July 20, 2013 - Early Volunteers Luncheon 11:00 a.m. - Aberdeen, SD
- July 20-21, 2013 - Caravan to International Rally - Wylie Campground, Aberdeen, SD
- July 21-24, 2013 - Caravan to Region 7 Rally - Fairgrounds, West Fargo, ND
- July 25-29, 2013 - Region 7 Festival of the Tall Ships Rally
- Sept. 12-15, 2013 - Fall Installation Rally - Icelandic State Park, Cavalier, ND

## WISCONSIN UNIT ACTIVITIES

- April 26-28 - April Camp Out - Wisconsin Dells KOA, Wisc. Dells, WI
- May 25 - Caravan to Alumapalooza - Ed Emerick Leader
- June 22-26 - Caravan to International Rally in Huron, SD
- July 20-24 - Caravan to Tall Ships Rally, Duluth, MN
- July 24-30 - Region 7 Festival of the Tall Ships
- Aug. 15-20 - 'Meet our Northern Neighbors' - Marquette, MI
- Sept. 6 - Road America Camp Out, Elkhart Lake, WI
- Oct. 4-6 - Fall Rally Snyder Park, Clark County, WI



Mike & Joan Lahr;  
Carol & Ed Witzke  
in DeSmet before  
touring the Laura  
Ingalls Wilder  
complex

## President's Message

My 2 year 'reign' as your President of Region 7 is winding down and I hope I have accomplished some of the things I wanted to achieve. One of my goals was to have great rallies where people got to do different things—things that they wouldn't have gotten to do had they not been a member of WBCCI. (Sometimes rain does get in the way though.) My second goal was to increase Region 7 membership. All of our units have achieved this. And, my third goal was to bring the Airstream Club back to what Wally envisioned. I'm still working on that.

I have tried to pass on all information sent to me by Headquarters and the Executive Committee to Region 7 Presidents. (Sometimes even sending twice.) Hoping that by opening up the lines of communications between the International Board of Trustees (aka the IBT) and our Units, I could dispel some of the myths that have been circling around in the Units for years. One example is that we enjoy a lot of free meals: this is not so. Region and International Officers pay their own way. Are there too many dinners given at the International Rally? I think so, but "it's always been done that way." Do I get flak? You bet!

Over the past several years the Officers of the 12 Regions have gotten together to discuss the motions and changes coming forth at our twice a year meeting with the IBT. Input comes not only from the Region Presidents but also the Region Vice Presidents. These meetings were started by

our own Past Region President Don Rogers. Your Region Officers do not just go to IBT meetings for the fun of it or the meals. We work for you, our Region Members. We shoulder the politics of WBCCI so you can enjoy the 'fun, travel, and adventure.' This is why it is so important for both the Region President and the Region 1st Vice President to attend. A Big 'Thank You' to Region 7 for making that possible.

A Region Officer (not from Region 7) told me that one of their Members, who came to Huron for their first International Rally, said they would never attend another International Rally because things needed to change. My answer to this Region Officer was, "If we don't attend the International Rally how do you expect things to change?" If we work together we can bring about change. Change in working with the Blue Book, with the International Officers, and WBCCI Headquarters. Little by little ideas will come forth and changes will be made.

Some of these ideas are coming forth from the Membership. Good ideas that should be given a chance 'to see if they work.' A group made up of Region Officers and Unit Presidents want to try these new ideas and are asking for your input, ideas from Members. I believe our club needs all the help it can get as our membership numbers suggest. We need to address the needs of younger Members. Let's take a look at the new ideas. Let's bring these new ideas to the IBT. Let's work together. Can we implement any of these new ideas? We will not know if we don't try. Visit them on their Facebook page, Moving WBCCI Forward. Offer your input. It's YOUR club.

Linda



Mike Lahr (WI Unit) and Don McKelvey (Ontario Unit) U.S. and Canadian fly bearers for opening ceremony and Fourth of July parade.



(left upper) International Rally Fashion Show. Pearl Adams-Kyle, Sharon Ramler, Linda Agre, Joan Lahr, Annette Hooker, Lynne Piotrowski

(left lower) The youngsters were 'installed' by International 2nd VP Jim Schwerdfeger Region Rally

By John Sellers, Reprinted from the August 2013 Badger Bulletin

## Region 7 Tall Ships Rally Duluth, Minnesota July 24 – 30, 2013

Linda Agre's 2012 Region 7 rally showcasing the New London to New Brighton (Minnesota!) Antique Car Run was a hard act to follow, but she outdid herself this year with the *Tall Ships* rally!



U. S. brig *Niagara* arriving at Duluth Harbor

Needless to say every campground near Duluth was jammed for the Tall Ships Festival, including the Buffalo Valley Campground which had agreed to accommodate the rally. Airstreams were packed in as best they could be, 2 or 3 to a campsite, but there was plenty of water and electricity and the spacious *Buffalo Junction* party room for rally activities.



Airstreams every which way.



Breakfast at the *Buffalo Junction*.

Airstreamers went “first class”, beginning the rally by watching the Parade of Tall Ships into Duluth Harbor from the harbor tour boat. It took two bus trips to ferry everyone from the campground to the harbor; those in the first busload

found a comfortable wall to sit on to await the second bus! (Between construction on I-35 and the crowd in town for the Tall Ships festival traffic was terrible!)



Waiting for the bus (and the boat).

The harbor tour boat was **the** place to watch the parade. The shoreline was lined with people—an estimated quarter million visitors the first day of the festival.



The *Pride of Baltimore II* leads the parade into the harbor.

The rally boasted a full schedule of activities, including all three days of the Festival—shuttle busses provided—a tour of Duluth and the Harrington Arts Center (a.k.a “the Accordion Museum”), fish fry at the Buffalo House, dinner at the Spirit Mountain Chalet, and scenic ski lift ride up Spirit Mountain. The rally fee also included a tour of the historic Glensheen Mansion and Split Rock lighthouse.. And as a bonus, the Tall Ships were departing Duluth for their next stop in Chicago the day we toured the mansion, so we had a great vantage point to watch them stand out to sea!



Stan Schwenke tells stories from his show business days in *Airstreams and Acrobats*.



Sunday breakfast by the Wisconsin Unit



Feet up! Airstreamers prepare for landing on the ski lift.



Entering the front door of Glensheen Mansion.



Watching the tall ships sail, from the lawn of Glensheen.

Congratulations, Linda, on another spectacular Region rally!

## Crock Pot Breakfast Casserole (As served at Tall Ships Rally)

By Region 7 President Linda Agre

Prep time: 15 minutes (30 for me)  
Serves 6-8 (I think more like 12-15)

Spray Crock Pot

Ingredients

12 eggs

1 cup milk

2 pounds hash brown potatoes (If using frozen cook 8-9 hours instead of 7-8)

1 pound bacon (or sausage or ham) cooked, drained and cut into pieces

1/2 cup diced onions

3 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1/4 teaspoon dry mustard

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1 tsp. salt & 1/2 teaspoon pepper

May add green peppers and anything else you wish

1. Beat eggs well
2. Beat in milk, garlic powder, mustard, salt & pepper. Set aside
3. Layer potatoes (I suggest to season each potato layer to taste--a small pinch of salt & pepper and sprinkle 1/3 of the onions
4. Next sprinkle 1/3 of the bacon, sausage
5. Last top with 1 cup of cheese
6. Repeat this layering 2 more times to have a total of 3 layers-- ending with cheese
7. Take your egg mixture and pour over layers.
8. For refrigerated hash browns, cook 6 - 7 hours on low. For frozen hash browns, cook for 7 - 8 hours on low or until eggs are set

**Postscript. . .**



*Aye, Lassie, it be Five Dollars for a Hot Dog and Five Dollars for a bottle of beer at the Tall Ships Festival! Why d'ye think we be called Pirates?!*

Photos By: Roxanne Towles & Joan Lahr



*Mike & Joan Lahr and Sharon & Gary Colbert take a break from the Tall Ships Rally at a pizza restaurant in Duluth.*



*Linda in motion at the auction*



*ND Peace Garden Unit*



*The group at the Glensheen Mansion*