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President's Message

One of the great things about being the Region 7 President is receiving the newsletters from our Units. I am always amazed at the ideas that are 'hatched' by our Airstream members and the interesting ways our newsletter editors put everything together. Example: The Wisconsin October 2012 newsletter in which is the picture of Vicki Engelstad and Dave Sherman in full pirate costumes. Now how did these two WBCCI members know that the Region 7 entry at the International 4th of July Parade was going to have the nautical theme of the Tall Ships?

I never really thought much about the International Rally 4th of July Parade. The past two International's I have HAD to march in the parade as part of my duties as a Region Vice President. And you know what? I have found it to be a fun, lighthearted event that we all need to take part in and enjoy the fun of being a little nutty.

So if you are going to the 2013 International Rally in Huron, and if you are willing to join your 'Nutty Region President', and if you are willing to help me advertise

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The rally folder is attached and also available on the website



Engineering Help Needed

By: Vern Schultz

I may need help on the Engineering Committee at the Huron Rally. I am not sure of the numbers yet, but if you are interested please let me know. One thing I know is that it requires early parking.

Contact: Vernon Schultz Tel. 608-580-0025 E-mail vschultz0025@charter.net

Registration Help Needed

By: Dale & Joan Lafrentz

It's that time of the year to start thinking of the International Rally being held in Huron, SD. I know some of you have helped at Registration last year and in previous years so I was wondering who would be interested in helping in 2013? I know some of you said you would, but I just wanted to touch base. I have no idea on parking yet. If you know your plans, please let me know. Thanks and have a great Holiday.

Contact: jodalaf@gmail.com

Blythe, CA Luncheon

Region 7 will be having a luncheon on Sunday, January 27th, 2013 at the Mid-Winter IBT in Blythe, California. Sign up at the Winter IBT. Hosted by Gail & Bruce Harrower

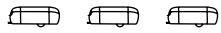
Website Update

By Bob Manak

An RV Maintenance Tab has been added to the Region 7 Website. This tab contains information provided by the Airstream Tech Help Group. Included are handouts that were used at Spicer Rally Maintenance Seminar. ZipDee awning use and maintenance videos are included. Please send me links for additional interesting items to add to the maintenance tab.

the "Tall Ships Festival"...bring any nautical costume you wish, be it pirate, Navy, fisherman, or anything else pertaining to the sea. Please let me know if you are willing to make our parade unit entry the biggest and the best.

Maybe, our final dinner at the Tall Ships Rally should be a costume party????



My thoughts on membership...

I joined the MN Unit at their annual Christmas party. What fun we had doing the chicken dance! Two new MN unit members joined us for the first time and are excited about our upcoming rallies. It's all about peaking their interest in the greatest RV club and making them feel welcome.

I have heard via the grapevine that all our units have added members this year. What great news! Now how do we retain these new members? What is working in your unit? Let's share your ideas.

The rule of thumb is we sign up a new member, they receive their number from headquarters, and someone in the unit makes up their badges. Unfortunately, in some cases these badges get handed out without making a big deal of it. I believe we should make a BIG DEAL about it. Make them feel welcome and get them involved.

New WBCCI member names are sent out by Headquarters to the Region President, Vice Presidents, Unit Presidents, and Membership Chairpersons. Who makes up new member badges in your unit? How does that person receive the names of the new members? How are the badges given out?

What a great opportunity for the Unit Membership Chairperson to welcome these new members and at that time give them their badges. Make it a special occasion at the first rally or event that they attend. Have fun with it - I have been known to do this as the 'Minnesota Bag Lady'.

Anyway, those are my thoughts on membership. Send me yours.

Linda



MN Unit Christmas Party & the Chicken Dance.



May the Blessings of Christmas follow you
where ever your Airstream takes you.

May your New Year be filled with the
adventures of new places and new friends.

Merry Christmas Airstream Friends, Linda Agre

REGION 7 & REGION 7 VAC CLUB

2013 Rally Reservation

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Prov _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit # _____

RALLY FEE: (CAMPING EXTRA)

Unit w/2 -----\$340.00

Unit w/1-----\$170.00

Children # _____ X \$60.00-\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Region 7, WBCCI

Forms due July 1, 2013

Mail to: Carolyn Grandstrand

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NOTE: Rally fee Does NOT Include camping - CALL: 218-590-8774

BUFFALO VALLEY CAMPGROUND

LIMIT OF 55 UNITS



TALL SHIP CHALLENGE

TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE Great Lakes 2013 will celebrate the 200th anniversary of major military events of the War of 1812 that took place in the Great Lakes. The series is also dedicated to promoting awareness of the Lakes' ecosystems and fresh water conservation. The series will sail to all five Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. There will be point-to-point races, more than ten ports, wonderful hospitality, and a millions of visitors.

THE MISSION OF TALL SHIPS AMERICA IS TO ENCOURAGE CHARACTER BUILDING THROUGH SAIL TRAINING, PROMOTE SAIL TRAINING TO THE NORTH AMERICAN PUBLIC, AND SUPPORT EDUCATION UNDER SAIL.

REGION 7 RALLY

TALL SHIPS

JULY 24-30, 2013



DULUTH, MN

BUFFALO VALLEY CAMPGING

EXIT 245 ON I-35

2590 GUSS & BUFFALO VALLEY ROAD

DULUTH, MN 55810

218-590-8774



REGION 7 - 'TALL SHIPS'



SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE



GLENSHEEN

THE CHESTER CONGDON ESTATE

Imagine the sun rising over clear blue waters, white fluffy clouds, a gentle breeze blowing, the slap of gentle waves washing up on the pebble beaches of Lake Superior, then in the distance the appearance of white sails, masts of tall timbers, bodies scrambling up the masts controlling the white of the silk sail. Step back into the era of the "Tall Ships" in a time 200 years ago.

Join Region 7 & the Region 7 VAC Club for a once in a life time experience of White Sails, The War of 1812, an era where pirates robbed and buried treasure in yet to be discovered places. The era of the Tall Ships and romance on the high seas.

Come with us to 'Glensheen' the Chester Congdon Estate where you will hear a tale of riches, greed, and murder. The gardens and the grounds show cased in a beautiful setting in the woods on the shore of Lake Superior. Walk the grounds, imagine going for a sleigh ride from the carriage house. Take yourself back in time to a place where life was a little slower, and if you were the richest man in Minnesota, pretty comfortable.

Join us for the history of the Split Rock Lighthouse. The story of the 'Last Lighthouse Keeper', what stories he has to share.

Put on your walking shoes, pack a bag lunch, your camera, and spend the day on a trip up the northern shore of Lake Superior to the 100 year old Split Rock Lighthouse. Where a guided tour will take you back to a time of the lonely life of the 'Light Keeper.' Stop at Gooseberry Falls for a hike or walk the shores of Superior looking for agates.

Join the Region 7 and Region 7 VAC Club in this joint rally for more fun and fellowship. It's a chance in a lifetime and who knows what this may lead to.

THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT!

LINDA



ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN RALLY FEE

FESTIVAL OF THE TALL SHIPS - Two Full Days on the Waterfront - with optional shuttle bus service

WELCOME DINNER

3 BREAKFASTS

CATERED DINNER

ENTERTAINMENT

BIKE RIDING

LAKE CRUISE

-TOURS OF-

DULUTH SKYLINE DRIVE

ROSE GARDENS

ENGER TOWER

SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE

GLENSHEEN - THE HISTORIC CONGDON ESTATE

HARRINGTON ARTS CENTER & ACCORDION MUSEUM

VINTAGE AIRSTREAM OPEN HOUSE

BUS INCLUDED WITH TOURS

OPTIONAL AT EXTRA ON YOUR OWN FEE

GOLF

CASINO NIGHT