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Region 7 Rally Update

By Linda Agre, 1st VP

Planning a Region Rally without a First Mate or someone to bounce ideas off is harder than I thought it would be. To plan on a tour only to find out that this point of interest had been closed for the week of your rally or has had an auction sale, then having to plan something else that will peak the interest of WBCCI members, maybe I'm just getting old.

I read Ed Emerick's president's message in the Wisconsin newsletter and can relate to his disappointment in planning a rally and only a few units show up. Did we pick the wrong week end? Were activities not interesting to unit members? Are we too 'clicky' or not friendly enough? I don't know the answer and I wonder what I am doing wrong as I hear via way of the grapevine of members not coming, members that always attended in the past. I know we are all

aging and with the price of gasoline...Oh, well, things will work out and we will have fun.

The Region 7 Antique Car Run Rally officially starts on Wednesday, August 8. Registration is 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Social at 4:30 p.m. - Opening ceremonies at 5:00 p.m. - followed by a Shore Dinner. Bring your kids or grandkids (and money) as there is a lot for them to do. The Big Kahuna Fun Park features a go-kart track, 18 hole mini-golf course, bumper boats, kids go-carts, and an arcade with redemption prizes.

We will be visiting some of the industries in West Central Minnesota, from farming to candy making, learning the hows and whys the owners went into this particular business. There will also be suggestions for things to do on your own as I know we do not all like the same thing.

I have asked Unit Officers to come in a day early (a Pre-

Rally). We will be having a leadership 'think tank session' for new officers, members thinking about becoming an officer, and seasoned officers. This is a first time try at doing this before the rally starts. A lot of time and work has gone into the planning of this session, so I hope for a good attendance.

If you would like to join the rally without your unit, hotel accommodations may be made at the Northern Inn Hotel & Suites, 154 Lake Ave. S, Spicer. For reservations call 1-800-941-0423.

See you in Spicer.

Note:

The rally camping reservations deadline is July 1, payment (\$60.00) is due before July 25.

Rally registration form is due July 25.

See the website or the March Newsletter for more information.

International Peace Garden Monument Project

Research is progressing to develop costs for the various aspects of the project. More information on the progress of the project will be released later this year.

Be sure to occasionally visit the link on the Region 7 website for updated information. 

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President's Message

July 5th will soon arrive, when my term as your Region President will come to an end. Linda Agre will be installed as the new Region 7 President at the International Rally in Sedalia. The ending is bittersweet for both Mike and me. We have immensely enjoyed serving you, the Region 7 members these past four years, the first year as Second Vice President, the second year as First Vice President, and the past two years as President.

In 2009, when Mike was "on the edge" considering becoming more involved in the Club, one of our Wisconsin Unit friends convinced him that serving as a Region officer will be our best years in WBCCI. We can both attest that he was unquestionably right! We have enjoyed planning and executing two successful Region rallies, as well as enjoyed participating in many other events at International, and at other Region and Unit rallies. I feel it's an honor to serve on the IBT Board and I've learned so much about the workings and organization of the Club, including lots of rules and policies under Robert's Rule of Order (☺). But, all good things come to an end and now it is time to move on.

For the past year, Linda has been developing plans to make our Region stronger and better. She is well prepared and extremely capable of leading our Region. She has been planning her first Region rally in Spicer, Minnesota for two years and I know that everyone who attends the rally will have a fantastic time participating in the activities. More details of Linda's rally are in this newsletter. Please read her article and be sure to support her! I am!

Mike and I wish to express our sincere gratitude and thank you to all of our terrific members for "pitching in" to help at our two rallies: planning suggestions, arranging and leading tours, setting up, taking down, lifting and carrying endless amounts of food and rally items, moving tables, setting up coffee, preparing and serving food, shopping for food and door prizes, and many other things too numerous to mention here.


Special recognition and much thanks to Linda for all of her support, to Pete Yanke; our faithful treasurer; to Carol Witzke, our reliable Secretary; and to the committee chairs: Gail Harrower, Sharon Ramler, Annette Hooker, Don Rogers, and Judy Nickel, and all the Unit officers. A sincere thank you to Bob Manak, who formats and routes this newsletter, manages the Region website, and prints rally programs and other materials whenever needed; to Vern Schultz for serving as emcee and auctioneer; to Larry and Cathy Ruebel for all their time and work for the Medora rally; and to Gary and Sharon Colbert for their never-ending support.

We are very fortunate to have Pete Yanke and Gail Harrower on board to fill two past vacancies. I sincerely hope that interested members willing to serve as future leaders for Region 7 thoughtfully consider to volunteer and talk to Linda or me soon.

Thank you again for all of your support and very best wishes!
Joan

Region 7 Luncheon



Enjoy a delicious lunch and excellent fellowship with fellow Region 7 members and guests at the Region 7 luncheon. This event will be held off site at the Ivory Grille Restaurant, 317 S. Ohio Avenue in downtown Sedalia on June 29 at 11:30 a.m. The restaurant is located in the historic Hotel Bothwell. Attendees will savor a six-ounce Certified Angus Beef ribeye steak sandwich, accompanied by a house salad, brownie, and iced tea or coffee. Tickets for the luncheon will be available for purchase at the Region 7 table or from Joan Lahr or Linda Agre at the International Rally for \$13.00 per person. 

International Rally Checklist for Unit Presidents

- Unit flag and flag pole. Bring your unit flag, pole, and merit banners to the rally. Unit presidents or their designated alternate present the flags during opening and closing ceremonies. There will be an opening ceremony practice using poles only.
- Flag ceremony dress code. Dress for unit presidents or their designated alternate is white shirt or blouse, navy or black pants or skirt, black or dark shoes, and blue beret (red tie or scarf optional).
- Delegate/alternate authorization form.
- Unit publication contest entries (directory and newsletter).
- Unit bulletin board.

Region Rally Checklist for Unit Presidents

- Unit flag, flag pole, and stand. Bring your unit flag, pole, stand, and merit banners. Unit presidents or their designated alternate present the flags during opening ceremony.
- Flag ceremony dress code. Dress for unit presidents or their designated alternate is white shirt or blouse, navy or black pants or skirt, black or dark shoes (blue beret and red tie or scarf optional).
- Region 7 board of directors meeting. Elected officers and unit presidents or their designated alternate make up the region board of directors. Dress for the region board and appointed officers at the board of directors meeting is the Region 7 polo shirt or any white shirt or blouse and navy or black pants or skirt.