



# Region 7

Wally Byam Caravan Club International  
The Airstream RV Owners' Club

## Highlights from the Region 7 Heritage Days Rally in Huron

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South Dakota Unit  
And Rose Larson, 2nd Vice President  
North Dakota Peace Garden Unit

Forty-four units from Region 7 (Manitoba, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota) attended the Region 7 Heritage Days Rally at the state fairgrounds in Huron. Also attending were **International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Norm Beu and wife Linda** and **Region 3 President Tom Tisdale and wife Jackie**.

Activities included tours of the U.S. Post Office distribution facility at Huron and the Pearl Creek Hutterite Colony east of Huron, where rally-goers were served a typical colony lunch.

Saturday afternoon and evening activities at Wessington Springs included shopping, a ladies low tea at the Anne Hathaway Cottage, walking tour of the town, a buffet meal, and a lively concert by the Stoneback Brass at the Opera House.

Special thanks go to Shirley and Herb Rohrer, Huron, and Bev and Wayne Salmen, Wessington Springs, for planning with the rally's activities.

International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Norm Beu and his wife Linda were there promoting next year's International Rally to be held in Bozeman, Montana June 28 to July 4. The 2008 Mid-Winter IBT Rally to be held in Gonzales, Louisiana January 14-18. The 51<sup>st</sup> International Rally will be held at Montana State University, with air conditioned buildings. Trams will be running from the parking area to the buildings. There will be a rededication of a Wally Byam Park that was started 19 years ago when the rally was last there. There will be new vendors, a fly fishing seminar, and a GeoCache search, to name a few activities planned.

There will also be a Host Couple Exchange of 25 Airstream couples with 25



*International 3rd Vice President Norm Beu and Past ND Unit President Ron Larson take time out for a chat at the Hutterite Colony, one of many tours during the Region 7 Rally at Huron*



Bozeman couples. The campus cafeteria will also be open for meals.

The Rally colors are electric blue, light gray and a little green. There is an eagle mascot with the name of Bow.

Two candidates have submitted resumes for the region's 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president position. Joan Lahr is the current president of the Wisconsin unit. Ed Emerick is a past Wisconsin unit president and past Vintage Airstream Club president and the Region's Con-

tributing Editor to the *Blue Beret*.

See the Rally photo highlights in this issue!

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## From the Executive Board

Greetings.....

Those of you who thought you were in the GWN, are not. According to Bob and Doug McKenzie, of the Second City Television Network, Canada is the true Great White North. SCTV has the copyrights on this one. (for confirmation, please refer to stage backdrop at the International Rally, Perry, GA)

A BIG THANKS and congratulations to Region 7 President Pearl Kyle Adams and 1st Mate Dean, for hosting a great Region 7 Rally in Huron, SD. Pearl and Dean did a fantastic job of reconstructing the rally after getting short notice that the Heritage Days in Huron had been cancelled. New tours were scheduled, which included a fabulous tour to a Hutterite Colony. Seeing and hearing first hand how others live is always a great education for both young and old. This was topped off with a delicious lunch cooked for us by the colony ladies, which included everything from homemade turkey nuggets to pickled watermelon. Mmmm good!

The Rally, as always, was great, with lots of good food and door prizes. One prize that everyone received, was "Up your butt" Chicken racks that included Butt wash and Butt rub. Get cooking everyone. Again skits were presented by all the units, with a children's rendition of a schoolroom scene based on Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House series.. Terrol Rogers and all the children played parts. Thanks again to Pearl and Dean for a great time had by all.

Region 7's Unit Installation Rallies are upon us again. To my best information Regions 7's President, Pearl Adams Kyle will be attending the MN Unit Installation Rally and Region 7 2nd VP, Stan Schwanke will be attending the WI Unit's Installation Rally. I will be looking after the MB Installation Dinner and also traveling to Eckelson, ND to attend ND/SD Units' combined Installation Rally.

We have an opening for 2ND VP for Region 7 and I hope all the Region units will take the time to review and discuss all possible candidates. This Region business needs to be taken care of so the the new 2nd VP may be sworn in at the 2008 International Rally in Bozeman, Montana..

Speaking of 2008 Rallies....the Region 7 Rally will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. This is the Canadian Lakehead on the North shore of Lake Superior. The Rally will be held from Monday, Aug.11th to Friday, Aug.15th,



*Canadians pause on Canada Day pictured in front of the stage backdrop at the 2007 International Rally. Apparently, Canada is the Great White North. Photo by Region 2 President Don McKelvey*

2008. We are trying something different at this rally by running it from a Monday to a Friday, giving you the weekends for traveling to and from. Let's see if this will help with limited holiday time for those members that are not retired. Thank you for your indulgence in this new endeavour.

**PASSPORTS, PASSPORTS, PASSPORTS !**

Please apply for your passports now ! Do not wait ! With the influx of applications it is going to take time to get them. Remember Canadian and US citizens will need passports to get into or back into the United States. There may be an extension on the Jan. 2008 deadline, but don't count on it. **APPLY NOW !**

More information on Rally Fees, directions, activities, accommodations, and Rally site will be posted in Blue Berets and upcoming Region 7 newsletters. Split Rock Light House, Kekabeka Falls, Old Fort William, The sleeping Giant, Amethyst Minds and much more awaits you in Thunder Bay. Think Adventure.

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1st VP Region 7*



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Region 7  
1st Vice President  
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Owns a 1974  
Airstream trailer*



## Plan Ahead for Thunder Bay 2008! Passports needed to enter Canada

Many of you have heard about the vacation nightmares around the U.S this summer in the wake of the new Passport requirements for travel outside of the United States. And with the implementation of the new law, the State Department was inundated with applications. What used to be three to six week processing has turned into a prayer that the new passports will arrive in three to six months.

Region 1st Vice President Don

Rogers urges everyone who doesn't already have a current passport, or if will be expiring in the next year to apply NOW. It's not just about being able to go to the Region Rally next year.

This is a sign of the future, and there is talk about making passport requirements for domestic travel on airlines, and even entrance to national parks. Having your passport ready for any last minute or unplanned travel, where you just would be able to do it.

## How to Apply for a U.S. Passport

*Excerpted from [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)*

### New Application for a U.S. Passport

To obtain a passport for the first time, you need to go in person to one of over 9,000 passport acceptance facilities located throughout the United States with two photographs of yourself, proof of U.S. citizenship (certified copy of birth certificate), and a valid form of photo identification such as a driver's license.

Acceptance facilities include many Federal, state and probate courts, post offices, some public libraries and a number of county and municipal offices. There are also 13 regional passport agencies, and 1 Gateway City Agency, which serve customers who are traveling within 2 weeks (14 days), or who need foreign visas for travel. Appointments are required in such cases.

You'll need to apply in person if you are applying for a U.S. passport for the first time: if your expired U.S. passport is not in your possession; if your previous U.S. passport has expired and was issued more than 15 years ago; if your previous U.S. passport was issued

when you were under age 16; or if your currently valid U.S. passport has been lost or stolen.

For more information on getting a new passport, please visit "How to get a passport" page at the State Department website,

[www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

### Renewal of a U.S. Passport

You can renew by mail if: Your most recent passport is available to submit and it is not damaged; you received the passport within the past 15 years; you were over age 16 when it was issued; you still have the same name, or can legally document your name change.

You can get a passport renewal application form by downloading it from the State Department Website.

If your passport has been, altered or damaged, you cannot apply by mail. You must apply in person.

For more information on how to renew a passport, please visit "How to renew a passport" webpage.



## *Bringing your pets into Canada?*



*Make sure to get  
your Pet's Health  
Certificate within  
30 days of travel!*



# Region 7 Rally

Huron, SD

August 8-12, 2007







Panoramic photos by Cordell Woods #5158



