



Region 7 Newsletter

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Congratulations to the new in-coming Region VII Officers :

President and First Lady - Don and Terrol Rogers
1st Vice President and Spouse - Stan and Mary Schwenke
2nd Vice President and Spouse - Joan and Mike Lahr
Treasurer - Harry Rambler
Recording Secretary - Kathy Treston
Membership Chairperson - Gail Harrower
Parliamentarian - Margaret Ann Miller
Newsletter Editor - Bob Manak and Joan Lahr
Webmaster - Bob Manak

A BIG THANK YOU to the out-going Region VII Officers :

Treasurer - Mark McGaughey
Membership Chairperson - Ellen McGaughey
Recording Secretary - Lilly King
Newsletter Editor (Fall 2008) - Cathy Reubel
Webmaster - Jim Cooper

This Region runs on volunteers, Terrol and I want to thank these past chairpersons for all their hard work and dedication. Good luck in your future endeavours.

Region VII President Pearl Kyle-Adams, Class of 2008

Pearl finishes her term as Region VII President on July 5th, 2008 at the International Rally in Bozeman MT. Her duties will continue as immediate Past President for the next two years.

Pearl and Dean worked hard and gave us a great rally in Baraboo. It was one of my favorites, from the Circus Museum, to the International Crane Foundation, to the tractor tour. What a time we had! And, let's not forget the rally in Huron, SD, with the tour to Wessington Springs, the Hutterite Colony visit, and the "Up your Butt" chicken racks we all received. On the way home, many of us visited DeSmet for the Laura Ingalls Wilder tour.

There is a lot more to being a Region President than planning and hosting the Region Rallies, which is a lot in itself. There are three or four weeks of time at the International Rally site in preparation for the rally, the IBT meeting, Region officer meetings, and numerous conversations, phone calls, emails and meetings on all things WBCCI. Also required is the Winter IBT meeting and rally, which

runs for 5 days, plus the trip to and from its location.

This is just a quick summary of things Pearl and Dean, as her First Mate, have done on their own time. It's a lot of work! So Thank You, Pearl and Dean, from all of us in Region VII.

*Submitted by Don Rogers
1st VP Region VII*

Promotion of Madison '09 at Bozeman

*By Stanley Schwenke, Chairman
Madison '09 Promo Committee*

As you know, the International Rally in '09 will be held in Madison, Wisconsin. Region 7 has been asked to do the promotion on the evening of June 30th in Bozeman. We are asking members of Region 7 that wish to participate to join us in the march around the hall. We will be carrying signs and distributing promotional items to the crowd.

Since we are a small region (in number of members) we have invited Regions 5 and 8 to help us with the promo. We are looking forward to having a good, enthusiastic group to kick off the Madison '09 invite.

Let your Unit President know if you are planning on attending the International in Bozeman and they in turn can give me an approximate number, so we can plan on how many signs and shirts to have available.

Can we count on you to help promote Madison '09?

Beanbag Baseball Tournament

By Joan Lahr

Have you ever played beanbag baseball? Would you like to learn to play beanbag baseball? This game is very simple, anyone can play, and it is a lot of fun.

A beanbag baseball tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2:00-4:00 p.m. during the Bozeman International Rally. Regions will be competing against each other. This is an excellent time to meet members from Region 7 as well as members from other regions. The tournament will give our members an opportunity to show the other regions what good times and team spirit we all have! We may be the smallest region in number, but we are mighty!

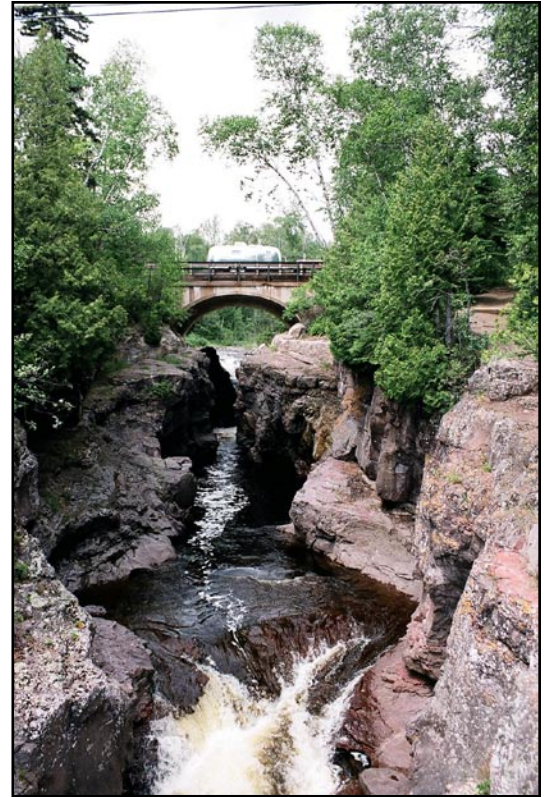
A minimum of five with a maximum of eleven players are needed for each team. We can have more teams if we have enough players. Let's have all five units in our region represented and enjoy an afternoon together. Please

see me in person at the rally or contact me by cell 262-251-2159 or email lahr@wbcci.net by June 27.

Region VII, Voyageur Rally, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada August 11-15, 2008

Rally fee includes 4 nights parking with water and limited electricity, 4 breakfasts, welcome BBQ, 2 catered dinners, tour of Fort William Historic Park and Amethyst Mines. Sign-up tours include Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, Ouimet Canyon, longest swinging bridge, Kekabeka Falls and planned children's tours and activities. See pages 4-5 for the rally schedule and registration form.

For current passport information see the US State Departments web site at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html



A new Passport Card will be available in summer. It can be used for land based travel into Canada and Mexico.

Pet health documentation is required to enter Canada.



Split Rock Light House, On Hwy. 61, 20 miles northeast of Two Harbors, MN

Winter IBT Report

Stanley Schwenke

2nd Vice-President - Region 7

The Winter IBT Meeting/Rally was held January 14 - 18, 2008 at Gonzales, Louisiana. The open seminar was held on January 15th and the Executive Meeting and IBT Meeting was held on January 18th. Live streaming was offered on the internet and the meetings have been archived so anyone can hear exactly what transpired. This is available at www.wbcci.org and then click on the IBT link. A short summation of the highlights follows:

The reports of the Standing Committees were presented and I have noted some items.

Budget: We are running a deficit budget this year due to loss of total membership and loss of advertising income. Ewalds Airstream will be one of three dealers that will not be advertising in the Blue Beret this year. They are cutting back on expenses. The IBT instructed the budget committee to make recommendations to balance the budget.

Caravan: As of January 18th there were 16 caravans scheduled to come to the Bozeman International Rally.

Family & Youth: A website is being set up for the youth of the WBCCI to chat and get information on International Youth Activities. The common cents child from Perry, GA is undergoing chemo and may need a lung transplant. Her progress can be followed on <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/abbywilson>

The Special Committee reports highlights were:

Long Range Planning: Bill Schrader #283 was selected by this committee to be Chairman. There are currently five members on this committee and they are looking for two more. February 10th is the deadline for resumes for anyone interested in

joining this committee. It will be called the 20/20 committee.

Electronic Communications: This committee has worked with Units, Regions, Intra-Clubs and National and Special Event Rallies to create free WBCCI websites that are linked to each other. To date, 41 Units, 6 Regions, 2 Intra-Club and 2 National and Special Event Rally websites have been created. The goal is to expand the WBCCI.net network to include as many of the units, regions, etc. as are interested in sites.



Mary & Stan Schwenke, Pearl Adams-Kyle & Dean Kyle, Terrol & Don Rogers

Motions of note:

#5 The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of officers which will include all candidates deemed suitable for each office, etc. This motion was defeated 16 - 2. (Candidates not nominated by the committee should get their resumes in the April Blue Beret, deadline of Feb. 15th. This will give the units time to review the candidates and instruct their delegates on how to vote at the June delegate's meeting).

#8 The Units, Regions and International may use the title First Lady or First Mate on their badges as appropriate. This motion adopted.

#10 Adding a notification to the Blue Book that Units now need to file an



annual 990-N form with the IRS. This motion adopted.

#13 Mississippi Unit flag - Adopted.

#14 Hudson-Mohawk New York flag - Adopted

#15 Vintage Airstream Club flag - Adopted

Other notes: Barry Heckenswiler (past President of Region 2) will be nominated by the Nominating Committee for 3rd International VP

at Bozeman. During the months of November-December, the Wisconsin Unit had the third highest hits on their website with 566. The total hits on all WBCCI.net sites was 6,550.



Dean Kyle, Pearl Adams-Kyle, Linda Agre, Tom Tisdale, Bobbie Tetzlaff, John Tetzlaff, Stan Schwenke, Mike Lahr, Joan Lahr, Gail Harrower, and Bruce Harrower

Region 7 Newsletter Submissions

Please email submissions to Bob Manak at region7@wbcci.net

Region VII Voyager Rally
Calendar of events
August 11th – 15th

Sunday, August 10 – Early Worker’s parking

12:00- Lunch on your own
1:00- Set-up & Decorations
5:00- Early Worker’s Dinner

Monday, August 11

9:30- Parking/Registration/Sign-up sheets
12:00- Lunch on your own
1:00- Parking/Registration/Sign-up sheets
4:00- Meet & Greet Social Hour (odd #'s bring snacks)
5:30- Welcome Bar-b-que
7:00- Opening Ceremonies/Flags/Special Guests

Tuesday, August 12

8:00- Minnesota Breakfast
9:00- Convoy to Amethyst Mines
12:00- Lunch on your own
1:00- Continue to Ouimet Canyon & the Swinging Bridge
6:00- Catered Dinner - Confederation College

Wednesday, August 13

8:00- North Dakota Breakfast
9:00- Convoy to Fort William
12:00-Lunch on your own
1:00- Region Meeting
4:00- Social Hour (even #'s bring snacks)
5:00- Catered Dinner – Confederation College
7:00- Outdoor Concert at City Park

Thursday, August 14

8:00- Wisconsin Breakfast
9:00- Golf-Fishing-Kid’s Zoo tour-Swimming
12:00- Lunch on your own and Ladies HAT TEA (Prizes for unique hats)
1:00- Free Time
4:00- Social Hour
6:00- Dinner & Dance at Royal Canadian Polish Veterans Legion
(Please note that there will be no skits this year)

Friday, August 15

8:00- South Dakota Breakfast
Farewells and Hugs and Kisses



2008 Region VII, Voyageur Rally
 Confederation College Grounds
 Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
 August 11-15, 2008



WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Vintage? _____ Handicapped? _____ 1st Timer? _____

Rally Fee: (US dollars)	Before June 1/08	After June 1/08
Airstream w/2 adults	\$185.00 _____	\$195.00 _____
Airstream w/1 adult	\$115.00 _____	\$125.00 _____
Guest	\$85.00 _____	
Children 16 + under	\$65.00 _____	
Children 6+ under	free _____	
Dorm rooms w/bath available	\$25.00/night	
Total	\$ _____	

Interested in golf? _____ Chartered fishing? _____ \$ TBA

Rally fee includes 4 nights parking with water and limited electricity, 4 Breakfasts, Welcome BBQ, 2 Catered dinners, Tour of Fort William Historic Park and Amethyst mines. Sign-up tours include Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, Ouimet Canyon, longest swinging bridge, Kekabeka Falls and planned children's tours and activities. Early parking will be for early workers only. \$10.00 Cancellation fee will apply after July 1/08. Send certified cheque or money order payable to Region VII Rally, to Don Rogers 47 Amelia Crescent, Winnipeg, MB Canada R2K 3X8. For questions call 204-667-4977 or email terdon@mts.net

(Because of international banking policies cheque must be certified)