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## Membership Report

Gail Harrower, Membership Chair

Membership has once again decreased this year. Overall, WBCCI membership has decreased 7% over June 2010. Region 7 has experienced an 18% decrease in membership of which 28% is in the state of Wisconsin.

The International membership goals for 2012 are to increase the overall membership by 200, which mean each unit is to increase their membership by 2 members. It takes everyone to help increase the membership in WBCCI.

The best kept secret in WBCCI is courtesy parking. The second best kept secret is Membership Stars!! The two-inch red stars depict total years of membership in WBCCI with one star for every five years of membership. The stars are to be displayed aside the International Club decal on the front and rear of the recreation vehicle.

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At the Region 7 rally held in De Pere, Wisconsin on July 24th to 29th, membership stars were presented to those Region 7 members who were present at the rally:

#### **5 Year Stars**

Jim & Lorie Costello  
Dick & Kathy Hedquist  
Arthur Idso  
Steve & Susie Jedlund  
Mike & Joan Lahr  
Bob & Heidi Manak  
Ray & Judy Nickel  
Ron & Judy Parizek  
Richard & Arlene Redell  
John & Barbara Sellers  
Ed & Carol Witzke  
Pete & Kathy Yanke

#### **10 Year Stars**

Linda Agre  
Gary Burnham  
Gary & Sharon Colbert  
Al & Dede Edwins  
Harry & Sharon Ramler  
Don & Terrol Rogers  
Stan & Mary Schwenke  
Cordell Woods

#### **15 Year Stars**

Ron & Lois Dettmann  
John & Bobby Tetzlaff  
Don & Lillian Thomson  
Vern & Bev Zink

#### **20 Year Stars**

Jack & Arlene Bailey  
Rod & Carolyn Grandstrand  
Annette Hooker  
Dean & Pearl Kyle  
Vern & Leola Schultz

#### **25 Year Stars**

Bob & Margaret-Ann Miller

#### **30 Year Stars**

Bruce & Gail Harrower

#### **35 Year Stars**

Jerry & Joan Larson

Congratulations to everyone! For those who were not present at the Region 7 rally, each unit President and Membership Chair presented the stars to each of their unit members in recognition of their years in WBCCI. Of notable mention are:

#### **25 Year Stars**

Everett & Carol Anderson  
Marvin Bosshart & Judy Bambenek  
Burton & June Brevik  
Norman Lammers  
Shirley Rohrer

#### **30 Year Stars**

Fred & Joan Gilson  
Darina Lindroth  
Steve & Gloria Maniaci  
Anne Marie & Werner Niederdelmann  
Quent Weberg

#### **35 Year Stars**

Willard & Rayne Armour  
Josie Cornelius  
Robert & Shirley Detlaff  
Neil & Lilly King  
Mary Knuesel  
Harlund Routhe & Elaine Christiansen  
Ron & Evelyn Skelton

#### **40 Year Stars**

William & Lois Kronholm  
Jack & Bobbi Moen  
John & Mary Shull  
Betty Stephen

#### **55 Year Stars**

Bert Leuch - WBCCI #496

## President's Message

Region 7 elections were held in September during all the unit business meetings, and I am pleased to announce that all of the candidates were elected unanimously. Linda Agre will be installed as President during the luncheon at the International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri. Gail Harrower will be installed as Second Vice President at the Mid-Winter IBT rally to fill the current vacancy, and installed at the Region rally as First Vice President along with Pete Yanke, who will be installed as Second Vice President. Congratulations to Linda, Gail, and Pete! They are devoted club members and Airstreamers who will serve our Region well and look forward to all of our support.

The well written article on the Wings, Rails, & End Zones Rally in the October issue of the *Blue Beret* was written by Iowa members Chuck and Doris Cabalka. Due to an omission, they did not receive credit for their efforts with the article; however, there was a special note of recognition in the November issue.

The 2012 Mid-Winter IBT Rally will take place in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on January 9–13. Region 6 is hosting the rally and from my personal experience, I can tell you they put on a great rally. Region 6 members provide delicious, abundant, home cooked meals, friendly hospitality, and great venues with many interesting local attractions. There is a reservation form on page 23 in the November *Blue Beret*, if you want to attend.

The "Airstreamers in the Valley" Fourth Annual Get-together will be held at the Tip O' Texas RV Resort in Pharr, Texas on Monday, February 13. Meet at 10:30; lunch starts at 11:30. This fun event is getting more popular every year; over 120 people attended last year. Our Region had the most members represented. We hope to see all our winter Texan Airstreamers at the luncheon!

Some Region 7 members are already in the south enjoying warmer weather during these early winter months, while others will be traveling there soon. Other members are staying home close to loved ones in the "north." Wherever you are and whatever you do, have a safe and enjoyable winter.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Mike and I wish all of you and your loved ones a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Happy New Year!

## 2012 Region Rally Update

Mark Your Calendars

Antique Car Run

August 8-12, 2012

Spicer, Minnesota

Plans are well underway for a great Region 7 rally in the beautiful lake country of Kandiyohi County. Campsites are located in a new campground just off Green Lake with full hookups and swimming pool. Bring your bikes, roller blades, and kids. The campground is close to 30 miles of paved trails for walking, biking, and roller blading. Just down the road is "Kid Heaven" with a Go-cart race track and Miniature Golf. Activities start early in the day so bring a jacket as a morning boat cruise may be chilly.

The Antique Car Run will be celebrating it's 26th year. What is so interesting in working with their chairperson is they plan an "Antique Car Rally" complete with tours. Our beautiful vintage Airstreams will be on display for one of their tours. Not only will you see old cars, but vintage bicycles and motorcycles. So join me for a step back in time and take a peek at the "Good Old Days."

Meet me in Spicer,  
Linda Agre



## Squirrel Story

By Kathy Yanke, Minnesota Unit Member

Last winter we had an uninvited guest. On a Friday evening we had the grandchildren over. I suspect in hind sight the door to the deck was left open for awhile. On Saturday, I baked cookies and covered them with a dish towel when Pete and I went out for awhile. When we returned home, a corner of the towel was folded over. There were cookie crumbs on the table and the floor. I blamed one of the kids for taking a cookie and not covering them back up. I noticed that the grandkids pictures were knocked off of the window frame. I blamed that on the grandkids. Sunday, I heard something fall in the basement; I blamed that on unbalanced Tupperware.

On Monday, we had a huge blizzard and Pete took me to work and picked me up. On the way home he told me I needed to call our son, Eric. I did. Eric, trying not to laugh, told me he stopped at our house and informed me we had a critter in the house!!!! Pete was afraid to share that tidbit.

When we got home, I noticed that again the grandkids pictures were knocked off the window frame and the lamp shade was knocked off. We found gifts (droppings) around the house. We got some live traps and put them out in the living room and the kitchen.

Now, if we had the book we got for our grandsons, Alex and Caleb, we would have known who our guest was. In summer 2010 we went to the fantastic Region 7 rally in Medora, North Dakota. We bought a book at Roosevelt National Park. The book was titled, "Who Pooped in the Park." So, if we would have had the book we could have identified our guest before we caught him in the live trap.

Pete caught a fairly good size gray squirrel. He was so happy to be free, he beelined to the tree he could see from the living room. While in our house, he nibbled on our new window locks, so we are now missing half of the lock. So, the moral of the story is that attending rallies are educational, and the knowledge you gain and the souvenirs you get can come in handy.

Sorry kids and grandkids for blaming you for the squirrel antics.

## Are You Going To The International Rally???

I am! This is the place to meet up with old friends as well as meet new friends from around the country. The place to get help in knowing what is all required of a unit officer or rally/caravan leader, while showcasing our 3 Units. A place for volunteers to be recognized through the creation of directories, newsletters and our great photographers. The bulletin boards that tell the story of our rally and unit activities during the past year using the rally theme are just some of the reasons to attend.

Region 7 Unit Presidents can attend the Opening Ceremonies to carry their unit flags with all their Merit Award Ribbons. The Airstream Club is the Best RV Club! You are needed to keep it going and that will only happen if you come.

Now, the second reason for this article, I need your HELP. The chairperson for the Pet Show is not going to be at the 2012 International. He asked me to take over. I am going to try some new things this year (as most of you know my daughter shows dogs and lives in Missouri). Two members of the Sedalia Kennel Club, and a member of the Poodle Club of America will act as judges. They will also be giving demonstrations in "What to look for in a good used dog," obedience training, and will also take questions from the audience. A microchip clinic may also be available. How about showing your pet off in the Pet Show. We would love for you to share. The show is Sunday, July 1, 2:30-4:00 p.m. The Pet Show entries will be invited to be part of the 4th of July parade. I will need volunteers to man the sign up table during registration. Can you volunteer some time? (You do not need to be a pet owner to help out.) I am counting on You!!! E-mail me at: [agre5628@aol.com](mailto:agre5628@aol.com) or call 320-295-1117.

Hugs, Linda

