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Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask

Linda Agre #5628
Region 7 First Vice President

This is my first news article for the Region 7 newsletter and although I know many of you, I have many yet to meet. I am sure many of you are asking, what in the world is Linda thinking? How is she going to do a decent job as a Region Vice President being single and as old as dirt? I will try to answer some of those questions.

First, I love the Wally Club. I love the ideas that Wally implemented with his caravans and I want to help continue those ideas. Do I agree with everything that goes on in our club? No, but you can't fix something if you are not willing to help. Am I going to make mistakes? You bet! Am I going to need help? You bet, big time!

Many things happened at the 2010 International Rally that made me smile. Many things were changed, improved on, relaxed and made better. The International officers are listening to you, but change in an organization this large moves slowly. The flag ceremony was beautiful, shorter, and much improved.

International and Region officers sitting in and talking with the common folks was wonderful! The block parties

in charge of the 2011 Roast! So, the Roast is in the planning stage for next year. Date, place, and time are set. This should

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(a great idea for meeting people). Region 7 officers co-hosting a Happy Hour for the Vintage Club and getting to meet some of this great club's members. Now if I can get them to shorten the delegates meetings???? But, just remember, Airstreamers are like snow flakes, beautiful but no two are alike.

O.K., so what is the job of a Region Vice President? I'm new to the job! And I'm just learning! With two weeks on the job I was invited and attended the Unappreciated Graduation Banquet. This is a dinner (which you get to pay for out of your own pocket) where the First V.P.'s who are about to be installed as Region Presidents are roasted and toasted. This is a fun filled evening where just about anything goes. One first vice had his life shown on a screen. Baby pictures and all. Mates tell of all the mistakes made. Your own First V.P., Joan, received duct tape and paper clips so she could hold it all together! Anyway, at the end of the evening I was handed a big red binder and told Region 7 was

be an interesting year.

My next job was to set up the Region 7 luncheon at the 2011 International Rally. Now you have to be quick on the draw and reserve a place with great (you notice not just good) food before 11 other Regions beat you to it. I was lucky enough to have great friends who have been to DuQuoin and recommended two restaurants. So, our Region luncheon will be at the Tuscany Grill, 1664 South Washington, DuQuoin, Illinois on June 30 at 11:30 a.m. This will be a buffet luncheon at a cost of \$12.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale at the Region 7 table. So mark your calendar and plan on joining me for some great food and fellowship.

Enough of my rambling. E-mail me your ideas and also if you are willing to help (in any way or form and WE NEED A 2ND V.P.). Want to plan a Region rally or better yet, a Region caravan? I am looking forward to fun and fellowship the Airstream way for the next few years. 🚐

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Presidents' Message

Our Region 7 leadership team still needs a member to volunteer for the Second Vice President position.

Since our region is more casual and less structured than others, the responsibilities for this position are quite brief:

Attend all region business meetings and executive committee meetings, assist the President and First Vice President with region affairs, and assume the duties of the First Vice President in the absence of said officer, and assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice President. With the President and First Vice President, coordinate annual visits with all units in Region 7. Attending IBT meetings is not mandatory, however, attendance is encouraged to become familiar with the governance of the club.

In her article on page one, Linda described her responsibilities and shared her enthusiasm as a region officer. There are many talented, enthusiastic members in all of our units that have a lot to offer our club. Our members are very supportive of officers and will help them in any way they can. I was very impressed and pleased with the support I received for the Medora rally. Please consider how you can contribute to our members, units, and region, and contact me or Linda soon if you are interested. We would be very happy to give you more details and would enjoy having you as a member of our team.

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Long over due in Region 7, a mentoring program will be implemented in 2011. Sharon Ramler, Past President of the Minnesota Unit, has graciously volunteered to implement and chair this worthwhile program and will present it to members at the region rally. As mentoring new members involves everyone, all members from the units are encouraged to attend this session. The mentoring program will be posted on the region website soon.

Plans are near completion for the Wings, Rails, and End Zones Region 7 rally which takes place on July 24-29 in De Pere, Wisconsin. A rally flyer with a registration form is posted on the region website. Information also will be published in some issues of the Blue Beret. A number of members have already reserved their camp sites with Apple Creek Campground, the rally location. A \$25 deposit is required to confirm a reservation and is refundable (minus an \$8 fee) up to 10 days before the rally. Be sure to make your reservation early (as in now), due to a limited amount of sites available, as you won't want to miss this fun rally!

Bill Thomas Camper Sales will be on site as the Airstream travel trailer dealership for the DuQuoin Convention/Rally.

Another dealership will display the Airstream Interstate and the new Avenue travel coaches. The dealers will bring a great display of trailers, an Airstream parts store, and technicians for repairs. The last time rally attendees had full Airstream support like this was three years ago at Bozeman, Montana.


Mid-Winter IBT rallies are smaller and more intimate than international rallies, and always a lot of fun. The 2011 rally on January 24-28, 2011, takes place in Robstown, Texas. Robstown is a short drive to Corpus Christi, a very interesting city with many sites and attractions to visit. Consider attending if you're in the area; you will enjoy it. While in Texas, you may want to camp at two nice Airstream parks, the North Texas Airstream Community, located in Hillsboro, or the Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc., located in Zavalla. The parks and surrounding areas are quite different from each other, but both have good campsites and offer unique experiences.

For all of our Region 7 Winter Texans, we hope to see you at the "Airstreamers in the Valley" luncheon at 11:30 a.m., on February 11, at Ann's Restaurant in San Juan, Texas.

Please email (lahr@wbcci.net) or call me (262-327-4336) any time with questions or suggestions you may have regarding our units or region and international. I would be glad to hear from you.

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

Airstream Park Hosting Opportunity

Mystic Springs Cove Park in McDavid, Florida has opportunities for campground hosts this winter. The Park is located within 40 miles of Pensacola Beach, Fort Pickens, Historic Downtown Pensacola, the National Naval Aviation Museum, and the Atmore Casino. For more information, email mystic.springs@yahoo.com or contact First Vice President Wayne Donaldson at wayned1942@bellsouth.net. 

Region 7 Second Vice President Position

Wanted ...

Candidates for the position of Region 7 Second Vice President are urgently needed. Applicants will be interviewed by a three person nominating committee. If you are interested, please contact Joan Lahr or Linda Agre to ask any questions about the position and responsibilities.

Please send your resume to:
Joan Lahr, Region 7 President
W204 N8366 Lannon Road
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

**Region 7
2011 Rally Reservation**

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Prov _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

NOTE: Rally fee does not include campground fees. Please call Apple Creek Campground to reserve your campsite (920-532-4386).

Rally fee:

Per person # _____ x \$110.00 \$ _____

Child age 5-11 # _____ x \$85.00 \$ _____

Child under 5 # _____ x \$25.00 \$ _____

Sport fishing-adult # _____ x \$96.00 \$ _____

(Note: based on 4 people in boat, this amount will increase slightly if less than 4 people sign up. Fishing license is required.)

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Region 7, WBCCI
Reservation forms due June 1st

Mail to:

Pete Yanke
1013 SE 13th Ave.
St. Cloud, MN 56304

Questions to:

Joan Lahr
262-251-2159 or 262-327-4336
lahr@wbcci.net

Apple Creek Campground

3831 County Road U
De Pere, WI 54115
(920) 532-4386

Apple Creek Campground is located 32 miles north of the Oshkosh EAA Air-Venture and 20 miles south of Green Bay.

Heated swimming pool and catch and release fishing pond on grounds. Mid Vallee Golf course is next door to the campground.

Rally campers will have free WI-FI, electric (30 amp) and water hookups for \$30.00 per night. 50 amp electric is available for \$32.00 per night. Restrooms and coin operated showers are available. Laundry facility and camp store on site.

No ground dumping of gray or black water is allowed. Pump outs are available on Monday and Thursday for \$5.00. There is a dump site on the campground.

Please reserve your site by June 1st directly with Apple Creek Campground. Mention Airstream group when reserving.

Directions:

From the south: Take US-41 north. Take the CR-U exit (Exit 154) toward Wrightstown. Turn left onto CR-U N/County Line Road to Apple Creek campground.

From the west: Take WI-29 E to Green Bay. Take US-41 south. Take the CR-U exit (Exit 154). Turn right onto CR-U to Apple Creek campground.

**Region 7 Rally
Wings, Rails, & End Zones
July 24-29, 2011
De Pere, Wisconsin**



Apple Creek Campgrounds



Region 7 Rally–Wings, Rails, & End Zones

All aboard for a great experience in Wisconsin at the Region 7 rally. Featured events are the world's largest fly-in convention, Oshkosh's AirVenture 2011, the Green Bay Packer's Hall of Fame and legendary Lambeau Field, and our nation's National Railroad Museum.

EAA AirVenture

EAA AirVenture 2011 is the 59th annual edition of "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration." Highlighted activities include the Centennial of Naval Aviation. AirVenture has already been named as one of the U.S. Navy's top tier events for support throughout the service's year long recognition of 100 years of naval aviation. In addition, the centennial of air mail service is also being recognized in 2011. Many other top-level attractions will be on the program. Thousands of aircraft will be on display on the grounds. Nearly 100 full-size airplanes and model airplanes and their designers are highlighted in the newest exhibit, "Little Wings, Big Dreams," in the AirVenture Museum.

Green Bay Packers

Welcome to Tiletown! The Green Bay Packers are the only community-owned team in the National Football League and Green Bay is the smallest market to host an NFL team. But it's big on football! Relive the most exciting moments in the Packers 90-year history at the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame. Pure Packers adrenaline fills this 25,000 square foot museum where fans can see, touch and feel nearly 80 exhibits.

The Lambeau Field stadium tour allows fans to experience the Packers' history-rich facility first-hand and see several behind the scenes areas. Guided tours trek through the Lambeau Field Atrium, up to the exclusive Club Level for a look at the Legends Club. From there, it's down and through the players' tunnel to learn all about the incredible history of the Green Bay Packers. Feel the indomitable spirit and impassioned energy that makes the Packers and Lambeau Field so endearing. GO PACK GO!

The National Railroad Museum

Explore the icons of American railroading at the 26,000 square foot National Railroad Museum. From the newest exhibit, Pullman Porters: from Service to Civil Rights, to the world's largest steam locomotive, the Union Pacific Big Boy, experience the industry that built the nation. Sit in the cab of the Big Boy. Examine Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's World War II command train. Ponder the futuristic Aerotrains from the 1950s. As one of the oldest railroad museums in the country, the National Railroad Museum exhibits a large collection of locomotives and railcars spanning more than a century of railroading. The Museum will take you on a journey through the historical and technical development of the railroad industry. Ride a full size train through the Museum grounds. Savor a delicious, authentic Spanferkel (pig roast), which will be served inside this beautiful Museum. ALL ABOARD!

For more information, contact Joan Lahr
262-327-4336 or lahr@wbcci.net.

Scheduled activities:

- EAA AirVenture experience
- EAA AirVenture Museum
- Lambeau Field tour
- Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame tour
- Green Bay Packers Pro Shop
- National Railroad Museum tour
- A full size train ride
- Authentic Spanferkel catered dinner served in a stunning location inside the Railroad Museum right in front of the beautiful, restored locomotives
- Sell your arts, crafts, and wares at the Region 7 "flea market"
- Three dinners, including a Spanferkel, a pizza party, and a welcome BBQ
- Three hearty breakfasts

Free time activities all located in nearby, scenic Green Bay:

- Cooks Corner—the nation's largest kitchen store
- Green Bay Botanical Garden
- Seroogy's Homemade Chocolates
- The Spice & Tea Exchange
- Oneida Nation Museum
- Oneida Casino
- Guided Walleye sport fishing
- Golf at Mid Vallee Golf Course
- Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary
- Bay Beach Amusement Park
- New Zoo
- Fox River cruises
- Bay Park Square Mall
- The ARTgarage
- Waterboard Warriors Water Ski Show
- Captain's Walk Winery
- Tiletown Brewing Company
- Wisconsin cheese!!
- And much more!