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International Board of Trustees Report

By Joan Lahr, Region 7 1st VP

John and Sandy Stumpf, Region 6 President and First Lady, along with Region 6 members, hosted the 2010 Mid-Winter IBT Rally in Rayne, Louisiana, January 19-24. Region 7 members attending were Don Rogers and Don and Lillian Thomson (North Dakota Unit); John and Bobbi Tetzlaff (Minnesota Unit); and Annette Hooker, Mike and Joan Lahr, and Ed and Carol Witzke (Wisconsin Unit).

The International Board of Trustees meeting was held on January 23. A live streaming of audio of this meeting is available on WBCCI.org. Highlights of the meeting:

Standing Committee Reports

Treasurer: Total club assets as of December 31, 2009 are \$1,380,881. Fund balances are: General Fund, \$796,703; Life Member Fund, \$176,862; International Rally Fund, \$242,500; and Common Cents for Kids Fund, \$15,742.

Budget: The July 5, 2009 budget deficit was \$70,759. However, \$10,000 will not have to be expended for federal tax,

and income of \$3,000 for Blue Beret advertising and reduced telephone costs of \$1,000 will lower the deficit amount to \$56,759. Professional legal expense is at 437.4% of the annual budget due to increased consultation for grievances and professional accounting expense is at 118.9% due to a revision of tax forms.

Caravan: As of December 1, 2009, five caravans have been scheduled to arrive in Gillette. Fifteen national caravans are active for 2010, 12 for 2011, and 11 are being developed for 2012. Two unit caravans and one region caravan have been scheduled for 2010.

Ethics and Grievance: The committee reviewed six grievances through December 1, 2009. Four have been dismissed, one required action, and one remains under review. The committee reviewed the Bylaws and Policies, Article V, Disciplinary Procedures and presented recommendations for action to the board.

Family and Youth: The Gillette youth and family program is on the website for review.

International Relations: A request has been submitted to the executive committee

to develop a caravan to New Zealand and Australia in conjunction with International Caravan Association members to ensure there are enough participants to fill the caravan.

Public Relations: Several club members along with Bill Schrader have volunteered to form a support group to mentor and assist more than 80 WBCCI websites that support units, regions, intra-clubs, standing committees, national rallies, and caravans.

RV Parks: Members are encouraged to use the RV parks in the directory that support our club by advertising, and also to let the campground owners know that we appreciate them. This source of revenue could be lost unless members take action.

Special Committee Reports

Electronic Communications: Airstream Company's link to the WBCCI website has been enhanced. An article about WBCCI is in the works on Wikipedia. The new WBCCI Community Forum has continued to grow both in registered users and user participation. As of December 31, registered users exceeded

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900, including users from Japan, England, Germany, and Spain. New features include direct links to WBCCI website membership pages and an advanced photo gallery. Club leaders are encouraged to post on the site.

2020 Long Range Planning: Through assisting unit officers with planning unit rallies, caravans, and activities, region officers play a vital role to enhance club appeal to all members. Shorter caravans are encouraged to allow working families to participate. The committee will undergo a study to restructure the regions.

Marketing: The online version of the Blue Beret is a work in progress. Units are encouraged to create a link at their websites to promote WBCCI on local levels. Interaction benefits for advertisers are needed. As display advertising rates have not changed since 1993, a 6% increase is recommended to new advertisers. Internal communications have improved due to the new WBCCI Forum. Potential new members need to be able to pay club dues on line. Extensive use of the membership mentoring program is vital for member retention. A member benefit fact sheet is being developed for distribution with new owner packets. Creative ad development should be ongoing. Recommend hiring an advertising agency to help WBCCI develop a new advertising campaign to create and place ads in various media. An advertising budget of \$15,000 is proposed to cover ad agency costs.

Financial Advisory Board: Strong support to adopt the Marketing Committee's requested budget of \$15,000. Unanimous support to reduce international and region officers' travel budgets by 10%. Significant support for a dues increase of \$15 or \$20 per year. Fiduciary responsibilities of all members of the board of trustees to the members require that each board member be given sufficient financial information to make informed decisions regarding the entire operations and finances of the corporation, including international rallies. International rally reports should be distributed to the full board for review and formal presentation at the mid-winter IBT. Three motions regarding the above have been filed for review and decisions upon their merits.

New Business / Motions Passed

The Greater New Orleans, Louisiana/Gulf States Unit (#133) requested its name be changed to The Greater New Orleans Louisiana Unit.

Transfer \$103,279.76 from the International Rally Fund to the General Fund to offset costs in excess of income from the 2009 International Rally.

The International Rally Committee shall prepare and distribute a detailed financial report of the international rally no later than December 1 following the rally; such financial report shall be presented to the second meeting of the board of trustees following the international rally.

In cooperation with the treasurer of WBCCI, prepare and present to the incoming board of trustees at its first meeting each fiscal year budgets for the general fund and each future international rally for which a location has been announced.

Bylaws, Appendix #6, Suggested Model of Unit Bylaws, Article VI, Delegates, Section 1, be deleted and replaced by a new Section 1, as follows: The Executive Board shall appoint one Delegate and one Alternate from among the Regular Members of this unit who will attend the annual Delegates Meeting of the parent organization, Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. An Affiliate Member of this unit who is a regular member in the same

Region VII Vice Presidents Positions

Wanted...

Due to Stanley Schwenke's recent resignation, candidates for the positions of Region VII Second Vice President and Incoming Second Vice President are urgently needed. Applicants will be interviewed by a three person nominating committee. If you are interested, please contact Don Rogers or Joan Lahr to ask any questions about the position and responsibilities.

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region may be appointed if the unit has no Regular Members who are going to attend the Delegates Meeting. Any vacancy occurring following such selection shall be filled by appointment by the President. The President and Secretary shall certify to these appointments. The Delegate and Alternate should be instructed on how to vote on behalf of the unit regarding issues to come before the delegates.


Effective July 1, 2010, travel disbursement budgets are to be reduced by 25% for international officers.

Effective July 1, 2010, travel disbursement budgets are to be reduced by 10% for region officers, with reimbursement for travel expenses on a variable allotment for each unit in the region also reduced 10% to \$36.00 for the president and \$18.00 for vice presidents.

Effective July 1, 2010, the dues rate will be increased \$10.00 to \$65.00 annually.

The Operating Budget for 2009-2010 was amended to include \$5,240 to fund the recommendations of the 2010 Marketing Committee plan.

Bylaws, Policy V, pages 11 through 14 and Appendix #11 were amended to clarify the club's disciplinary procedures.

A motion to eliminate the international third vice president, restructure the regions, and conduct the international rally within a region rally was referred to the 2020 Committee for deliberation and recommendations back to the IBT. 

Texas Airstream Gathering

Eight-one Airstreamers wintering in various locations in the Texas Valley gathered together for a pizza and salad buffet lunch on February 15 at Peter Piper's Pizza in Alamo, Texas. Region 7 had strong representation with Lillian and Don Thomson, Gail and Bruce Harrower, Rose and Ron Larson, Sandy and John DeYoung, all from North Dakota; and Carol and Ed Witzkie and Joan and Mike Lahr, from Wisconsin. Members enjoyed "catching up" with others from all over the United States and Canada, and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and fellowship!



Region 7 Rally • Saddle Up to Medora August 2-9, 2010 • Medora, North Dakota

Name _____
 Spouse _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/Prov _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 WBCCI # _____ Unit _____

NOTE: Rally fee does not include campground fees. Please call Red Trail Campground directly to reserve your campsite (800-621-4317). Mention Airstream group when reserving. Camp and rally reservations due July 1st.

Rally fee:
 Per person # _____ x \$112.00 \$ _____
 Student gr. 2-12 # _____ x \$96.00 \$ _____
 Pre-school # _____ x \$25.00 \$ _____
 Rodeo tickets-adult # _____ x \$12.00 \$ _____
 Rodeo tickets-child # _____ x \$5.00 \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
 Region 7, WBCCI
 Reservation forms due July 1st

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

Questions to:
 Joan Lahr
 262-251-2159 or 262-327-4336

For Sale or Trade

Willing To Trade Even Up

We have a 1973 25 ft Trade winds Land Yacht with front dinette. Willing to trade down to a 20 ft. or smaller Vintage Airstream trailer.

Ed & Renee Harrison

Phone: 920-528-8685

Email: eharrison7@wi.rr.com

Airstreams for Sale

For sale – 1999 27ft Airstream Safari, road side queen bed model.

Additional equipment:

360 watt solar system with 2000 watt inverter/100amp charger & 4 golf cart batteries,

Spare tire & underside carrier, Hensley Arrow Hitch, 3 fantastic fans.

Shell is in excellent condition.

Asking \$20,000.00

Bob Wilttrout

715-532-6692

green.bananas@yahoo.com

Accessories for Sale

For sale:

Hensley Arrow Hitch

Enkay Rock Tamers

2 Rotochoks wheel locks

Brakesmart brake controller

Tekonsha P3 brake controller

Airstream patio lights

Flying Flamingo wind spinner

Contact seller for details and prices,

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