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MEMBERSHIP FOR LIFE

Lifetime Membership prices in WBCCI will increase August 1, 2021. If anyone is on the fence about going without yearly International dues, now would be the right time to take action. Local club dues would still be collected by the various clubs, but International dues would come from the enrollment paid.

MAY RALLY PLANNING

Jeff and Wanda Payne are currently trying to put together a May rally. If it comes to pass, it will be a simplified camping experience, emphasizing the outdoors as much as possible. The location and dates will be announced later, as plans develop.



PREZ SEZ

On Saturday, January 30th, the Region 8 Board met via Zoom. President Mike Sisk brought to the group news from the International Board of Trustees (IBT) Mid-Winter Meeting. While it looks like COVID-19 is to be a continuous part of our lives for quite some time, the International Board, at this time, expects to move forward with the Lebanon TN International Rally. Presently they have over 550 units expecting to attend. Of course, whatever local COVID-19 restrictions are at the time may result in changes to past routines.

That being said, the Region 8 Board expects to do the same with the **“All Roads Lead to the Amana’s” Rally scheduled for April 29th thru May 2nd**. Due to the COVID problem, attendees can expect more open time for individual exploration of the area, more outside gatherings, more food-to-go for safe eating, etc. The Amana Colonies are, at this time, expecting to hold their Maifest but anticipate adjusting some of the activities.

The IBT Board also added provisions for electronic meetings to the International Bylaws, so the Iowa Club will need to consider whether, or not, to add that provision to the Iowa Bylaws at a future business meeting.

Region 8 Treasurer June Ryan will be releasing a Registration Form for the Region 8 Rally and Region 8 Newsletter Editor Jodi Jensen will be getting that form, and more, out soon. It is my hope that all Iowa Club members will strongly consider registering and attending. The Iowa Club is charged with Parking and passing out the Welcome Packets to the arrivals. Those willing to help with these tasks (and we certainly hope there will be many) can arrive on Tuesday, April 27th or early on Wednesday, the 28th. Shirley and I plan arriving after work on the 27th. Anyone planning to arrive on the 27th needs to let me know so we can inform the campground.

At this time, Region 8 needs someone to step forth and volunteer to fill the positions of Vice President and Treasurer. If any Iowa Club member is interested in either of the positions, please get in touch with me or Mike Sisk as quickly as possible.

Thanks for your time. *Tom*

TELL TOM YOUR REGION 8 PLANS

In order to know how many plan to attend the Region 8 Rally at the Amana Colonies, President Tom needs the information so he can pass the number on to Region President Mike. There is a certain minimum number of attendees needed to cover fixed costs. So, **PLEASE PLEASE** get word to President Tom by February 12th so he can notify Mike with the number of Iowa units to plan on. By the time of the rally, we would expect a goodly number of Iowa Club members to have received their vaccinations, thereby greatly reducing the chances of contacting COVID-19. That, combined with the steps trying to keep group gatherings to a minimum, should result in a safe situation for the rally. So, step up and let Tom know that you plan to attend. You will not only be supporting Region 8, but you will also be helping the Iowa Club, the host club for the rally. Tom can be reached by telephone at 515-988-4950 or via email at Herrons13007@gmail.com. Remember, Tom needs to know by February 12th, so **DO IT NOW!!**

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**BIRTHDAYS
DECEMBER**

- 1 - Pat Dellamuth
- 5 - Jim Bateman
- 12 - Michael Rickert
- 13 - Jodi Jensen
- 15 - Shirley Herron
- 15 - Deb Gass
- 15 - Pat Van Klompenburg
- 29 - Scott Allen

**ANNIVERSARIES
DECEMBER**

- 12 - Chuck & Nancy Helle
- 20 - Ben & Marcia Woolley

DONNA TRAVIS



The last of our Iowa Club charter members, Donna Travis, passed away at the Prairie Vista Village in Altoona, IA on Sunday, January 31st. Donna was 90 years old at the time of her death. She was our First Lady in 1968. Donna and her husband, Ernie, were quite active in the Iowa Club until moving to Arizona, although after Ernie's passing, Donna still returned to Iowa for the summers, where she had a 5th wheel trailer in the Twin Anchors Mobile Home Park just west of Colo. Donna was a graduate of Iowa State University in Ames, with a degree in elementary education. She and Ernie enjoyed traveling and she was able to visit all seven continents and 53 countries around the world. All of us extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to the family in the loss of Donna.

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

Although 2020 was not a good year for rallies, it was still a wonderful year insofar as our membership is concerned. The Iowa Unit grew by six new members and we want to welcome them into our Iowa Family. These new members are Kathy Denny from Clive, Jim and Darla Lindsay from Boone, Pamela Myhre from Mason City, Donald Whitt from Johnston plus, Anna and Bill Richter and Derek Etnyer/John Moder, both from Des Moines. COVID-19 has put a severe roadblock in our normal gatherings and, with vaccines now available, we hope and trust things will get back to a more normal state, where we can feel safe in gathering for rallies and luncheons. Nonetheless, we all want to extend a most sincere **WELCOME** to these new members and hope to see them soon at a campground.

We also want to add two units that have transferred to the Iowa Club. They are Cheryl and Gary Burrows of Punta Gorda, FL from being affiliates to full membership and Linda and Michael Allen of Cedar Rapids from Member-at-Large. So glad to have you back.

From fortune cookies:

A day is a span of time no one is wealthy enough to waste.

The principle business of life is to enjoy it!

WONDERFUL ARIZONA WEATHER

A number of our Iowa Club members have spent part, or all, of winter in Arizona in past years. Others may be looking forward to being able to do this in upcoming years. In either case, you don't have to give up on winter snows just because you headed southwest. On January 26th, when a storm front moved through the Phoenix and Apache Junction area, nearly an inch of rain fell. However, in the high country, that moisture fell as snow. Yes, it does snow in Arizona!! Superstition Mountain, just east of



Apache Junction, has a height of just over 5,000 feet, while Four Peaks (about 20 miles northeast) has a height of just over 7,650 feet. Upon awakening on the morning of January 27th, a light coating of snow

was visible on Superstition, while Four Peaks was completely covered in a blanket of white. To see it and take pictures, one had to hurry, since all that white disappeared in two days, with the high temperature on February 2nd reaching 81 degrees. Incidentally, up on the Mogollon Rim, about 75 miles northeast of Apache Junction, 40 inches of snow fell and at the ski area on Humphrey Peak at Flagstaff, there was over 4 feet of snow. Talk about a variety of weather!!

