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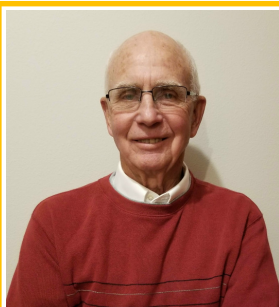
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WHO VOTES AT INTERNATIONAL?

About a year or two ago, the International WBCCI Constitution was amended to change the eligibility of voting members. Instead of balloting being on the basis of one vote per WBCCI membership (or rig), now each individual member has a vote. That means that a couple now has two votes instead of just one, as was the previous case. This applies to the two proposed amendments that will be voted upon at Fryeburg. Keep this in mind when submitting your vote to Recording Secretary Shirley Herron or President Mike. The results of the vote will be the basis upon which your delegate will vote at the Delegate Meeting in July.

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MIKE'S MUSINGS



Greetings: It's time to vote. Two constitutional amendments are proposed for the International Constitution of WBCCI.

The First Amendment gives the power to vote for (future) amendments to the members directly, rather through delegates, thereby doing away with the Delegate Meeting at the International Rally.

The Second Amendment will restructure the International. Under the proposal, there would no longer be three vice president positions. There would be a new 10 member Executive Council that would be elected by the entire WBCCI membership. This 10 member Executive Council and the 12 Region Presidents would make up the International Board of Trustees (IBT), who would then elect the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer from the 10 member Executive Council. These proposed amendments do not change the local clubs or regions.

Bring your ballots to the June Rally at Pine Lake with your "yes or no" marked. A roll call will record the vote of each member. Extra ballots will be available for those who did not bring their ballot. If you cannot attend the Pine Lake meeting, the ballots can be sent to my email "mlrick@reinbeck.net". Paper ballots can be mailed to Shirley Herron at 4765 NE 32nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50317. After all of the votes are recorded, I will certify the vote and give the certification to our delegate to International who is Chuck Cabalka. Further a resolution will be offered at the Pine Lake Rally that our delegate (Chuck) is authorized to represent the Iowa Airstream Club and he is allowed to vote his conscience on any proposed changes to the amendments.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

Mike

WHAT IS "COMMON CENTS?"

In 1996 or 1997, Region 8 President Charlie Kennedy thought there should be something the children attending the International Rally could take on as a project and feel they also belonged to WBCCI. He and his wife, Nadine, wanted whatever developed to be a special effort by the young people. They got the idea of having the children stand at the doors through which rally attendees entered for the evening programs and hold glass jars for donations to what was called "Common Cents". Funds so derived were to be used to financially help a needy family having a child with physical problems and living in the community where the International rally was being held. Since that time, tens of thousands of dollars have been provided to help numerous families. Units (now clubs) were encouraged to undertake projects to provide additional funds to keep this worthwhile project going. It is also a way to let the host community know that Airstreamers care.

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BIRTHDAYS JUNE

3 - Doug Ford
9 - Tom Herron
20 - Toni Whitehouse

ANNIVERSARIES JUNE

3 - Kay & Eli Vaughn
13 - Joan & Dale LaFrentz
16 - Deb & Doug Ford
26 - Carol & John Heckman
26 - June & Paul Ryan

LET'S GO TO SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY, SUGARCREEK, OH

It is not too early to be thinking about going to the Swiss Festival Rally in Sugarcreek, OH this fall. The rally dates are September 25 to October 1. Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka are planning to attend, as are Dale and Joan LaFrentz. They would love to have three or four more Iowa rigs join them for the trip. If there is a caravan of five, or more, parking can be on Friday, the 23rd. Otherwise, parking would be on Saturday, the 25th. The group would gather at Westlake County Park on the west side of Davenport on September 20th or 21st, depending on how many are going. The caravan would take three days traveling to Sugarcreek, with overnight stops at the city park campground in Earl Park, IN and the terraport at Airstream in Jackson Center, OH. This would mean daily driving distances of 225 miles, 208 miles and 153 miles. Three rather easy days with no long distances. Normally the caravan gets to Jackson center by lunch, allowing the afternoon to visit the Airstream store and, hopefully, a tour of the new plant. On the last morning, before leaving Jackson Center, Chuck purchases rolls and donuts for a stop at Headquarters to have rolls and coffee with the staff. Give serious thought to going. This will be the 9th or 10th time Chuck and Doris Jean have attended and it has been enjoyable every time.

VOTING FOR INTL. OFFICERS

Between June 1st and 15th, each WBCCI member will have an opportunity to vote on the International officers for 2022-23. Depending on the outcome of the voting on proposed amendments at the International Rally in July, this may be the last time members will have a chance to vote for the officers. According to information received from the Constitution and Bylaws Chair, this is a secure electronic election, or mail-in ballot if requested, organized by Headquarters. Therefore, it is **vital** that Headquarters in Jackson Center have your present email address if you plan to vote in that manner. Otherwise, you need to **immediately contact** Headquarters and request that paper ballot. The phone number is 937-596-5211.

Further Explanation of Proposed International Constitution Amendments

It seems that there is still some confusion concerning what the two proposed WBCCI Constitution amendments will do. The **first one** will simply change the manner in which amendments and changes to the International Constitution will be voted upon. Currently, votes are taken in the local clubs or units and those results determine how the club delegates cast their club's votes at the Delegate Meeting. If the proposal is adopted, each WBCCI member will cast his/her own vote, either electronically or by paper ballot, with the details of how this will work yet to be worked out.

The **second amendment** deals with how the leadership of the International Club is determined. If adopted, all members of WBCCI will vote on 10 members for 2-year terms, who will make up the Executive Council. Those ten, along with the twelve Region Presidents, will make up a 22-member International Board of Trustees. These 22 members will then select, from the 10-member Executive Council, the International President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. No longer will there be three vice presidents and WBCCI members will no longer elect their International officers.

If these proposals are adopted, there will be **NO** Delegate Meeting starting in 2023, since the two primary items of business at the Delegate Meeting are to vote on any proposed amendments and to elect the new International officers. The

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rational behind the first amendment is that in doing away with the Delegate Meeting, it will provide more “free” time for those who would be delegates. The meeting, in recent years, has just taken just one morning of a delegate’s time. If adopted, it does however eliminate any discussion of any proposals and any possible changes resulting from those discussions. It will be just the committee proposal, right or wrong, take it or leave it.

The second proposal takes the election of International Officers away from the local clubs, through their delegates, and places those decisions in the hands of just 22 members. This will remove any possibility for floor nominations

from the membership. Whether this is good or bad is up to each of you to decide when casting your ballot.

If your vote/votes have not already been sent to Recording Secretary Shirley Herron, and you decide to mail them, they are to be in her hands by June 7th. She will accept the mailed-in paper ballots included in the last newsletter. You can also bring your completed ballot to the June rally and turn them in there or vote via email to President Mike. The results will then be announced at the June rally in Eldora and they will provide the basis on which your delegate will vote on behalf of the Iowa Club. Those votes will be “x” Yes and “y” No, on each proposal, depending on how you vote. So you can see, your vote really does count in the Iowa Club.

ROCK CREEK RALLY KEPT ATTENDEES BUSY

Those of you who did not attend the Iowa Airstream Club May Rally at Rock Creek State Park missed a wonderful time amid your friends. Several club members arrived at the rally site one or two days before the rally actually began and enjoyed some relaxing time. It was very hot and humid (90° to 95° with humidity in the 60's and 70's, and winds of 25-30 mph) but, as long as the air conditioners kept working, the daylight hours were bearable. However, when the sun set, it cooled off and it was quite enjoyable sitting along the east shore of Rock Creek Lake.

Thursday evening, Mike Donahue (with help from Tom and Shirley Herron) grilled hamburgers for everyone, while



attendees brought salads and desserts to share. Following the meal, nearly everyone just sat around, visited and enjoyed the quiet and peaceful atmosphere. Norm Van Klompenburg, who had lined up the off-site tours, explained how we were going to get from the campground to Lynnvile and Pella on Friday, since both the north-south roads east and west of the park were closed for bridge replacements.

Following a Friday breakfast of French toast, sausage, coffee and juice, prepared by Mike, Tom and Shirley, everyone lined up for our excursion-of-the-day. The first stop was the Maasdam Wagon Wheel Tree, about 3 miles north and one mile west of Lynnvile, IA. Mr. L. J. Maasdam, in

1994 when he was 90 years old, built the tree.

The story is that he had been collecting the steel wagon wheels for years and he decided to build the structure. He

would weld on it during the day and his kids stayed up at night and re-welded it, because he wasn't a very good welder. They never told him that they were re-doing his work. The sculpture stands over 60 feet tall and contains more than 200 wheels.



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After leaving the Wagon Wheel Tree, the caravan journeyed on to Lynnvile, where some time was spent at the Wagaman Mill, a water-powered mill built in 1848 on the



N. Skunk River. The mill not only ground grain for the farmers in the area, but it also generated sufficient elec-



Power Generator

trical power to serve the entire town of Lynnvile and some of the surrounding farms. It is now owned and displayed by the Jasper County Conservation Dept.

Leaving Lynnvile, the group drove on to Pella, Iowa where everyone enjoyed lunch at the various restaurants and purchased Pella bologna, dried beef and Dutch letters pastry. There were still many beautiful beds of blooming tulips in the central downtown square. Then it was time to drive to the Vermeer Co. for a guided tour of one of their huge factories. The visited plant made pile-



driving machines, as well as boring machines that are used to install pipes and conduit in areas where trenching was not deemed possible or advisable. The particular plant visited was brand new after an August, 2018 tornado destroyed the previous plant. Following the tour, everyone was free to visit other attractions in Pella or to make their way back to the campground and get ready for supper.

Back at the campground, we had a "surprise supper" in the park. Mike Donahue had tried to make reservations at restaurants in both Pella and Grinnell, but not one felt they could handle a group of our size. They said they couldn't find enough help to handle about 30 of us. So, Mike decided to have our meal back at the campground. He cooked reuben sandwiches (with Shirley Herron and Linda Rickert's help), to go along with chips and whatever anyone wanted to bring. Several had items leftover from Thursday evening's supper, so there was plenty to eat. To top it off, the weather had cooled down (in the 70's), the humidity had dropped (in the 50's) and the wind had died down somewhat (in the low teens) AND, as we ate, we were treated to a beautiful sunset view across the lake.



Just about a perfect ending to an enjoyable day at the rally.

Breakfast for Saturday morning was "omelet in a bag"; something we hadn't had at a rally for quite some time. There were several rally attendees who had never had that kind of breakfast, so it was a new experience for them. Following breakfast, the rest of the morning was "on your own" to explore the area. Following lunch, it was time to line up for a caravan to Grinnell College, where Norm Van Kampenburgh had made arrangements for the group to visit the College Museum of Art. On exhibit were numerous displays of various art created by Grinnell College students. There was lots of variety, rang-

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ing from pen and ink drawings, to painting on acrylics to abstract figures made from yarn and much more. Although the visit was short, it was very interesting. The rest of the afternoon was open for those who wanted to explore downtown Grinnell, while the rest journeyed back to the campground to rest up before supper.

What a supper it was!! Mike Donahue had brought two pizza ovens, the pre-made crusts and all the fix-in's for everyone to make their own pizza for baking. Some of the combinations were unbelievable! However, they were all tasty and, along with salads and desserts brought by the attendees, it made for a great meal. Mike, Marty and Tom were awfully busy getting people lined up to make their pizzas and to get into line to get them baked. It was a beautiful evening, with cool tem-



peratures, a light breeze, nearly clear skies, good food and

lots of good conversation. Later, Mike served popcorn and cotton candy to those around the campfire. However, the planned movie was scrapped due to projector problems. Nonetheless, it was a grand way to end the day.

Awakening to a rather cloudy morning, attendees gath-

ered for donuts, juice and coffee, before President Mike



presided over a short business meeting. Treasurer Deb Ford presented her report and informed everyone that the rally fee would be \$15 per person. That seemed to be a real bargain, in light of all the food prepared and served by our rally hosts. Since President Mike doesn't plan to attend the International Rally, 1st VP Chuck Cabalka was elected to be the Iowa Club Delegate to the rally. Norm Beu, who also plans to attend the rally (but wasn't at the Rock Creek Rally) was elected to be the Alternate Delegate, provided he accepts. After auctioning off several excess food items for Common Cents, it was time to hook up and head out.

A **great big THANK YOU** goes out to Mike Donahue and Tom and Shirley Herron for all the work they did in keeping the group fed and to Norm Van Klompenburg for arranging our Friday and Saturday tours. All of those attending the rally certainly appreciate all the work they put in to make our first 2022 rally a whopping success.

Just a few more pictures.



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RALLY SCHEDULE

Pine Lake Rally

22620 Co. Hwy. S-56, Just East of Eldora, IA

June 9-12, 2022

The rally has been scheduled as a **“NO HOST RALLY”**, but it appears that President Mike and First Lady Linda have done a pretty good job of organizing meals. Following is a schedule of those and a couple of activities.

Thursday, June 9: Potluck Supper at 6:00 PM. Bring a dish to share along with your own tableware and beverage.

Friday, June 10: Breakfast on your own.

10:00 AM We will have a tour of the State Training School for Boys. Requirements are a photo ID and make, model and license number of your vehicle. Meet at the Administration Building where the flag is flying.

Lunch on your own.

5:30 PM Dinner at the Fire House Saloon & Grill, 1202 - 19th St., Eldora

Saturday, June 11: Breakfast on your own.

Lunch on your own.

4:00 PM Business meeting at campground.

5:30 PM Dinner at the Pizza Ranch meeting room, 1914 Edgington Ave., Eldora

NOTE: Electric hook-ups are 50 amp. Weather permitting, we'll have a campfire. At the campground there are 2 lakes and trails for walking or biking and lake fishing. We would like an indication of those planning to attend the rally. Send an email to [“mlrick@reinbeck.net”](mailto:mlrick@reinbeck.net). There has been an indication that SkyMed may provide one of the breakfasts. Just have to wait and see.