



PRAIRIE ROSE

Notes from the North



Hello everyone! First I would like to welcome the new members joining our unit. We are sure that you will have a great time with us. Bev and I are languishing (that's what Cathy R. says we are doing) in Yuma AZ for the winter. This doesn't stop us from doing all the necessary things to keep everything running smoothly with the unit. Gord is languishing in Florida as well, so Larry is handling things in the cold north.

I think that we have some great rallies planned for the upcoming year, and I tried to have one rally in each of the 3 states/provinces that our unit is made up of. First rally in Hazen ND should be a good start to the year, with lots of things to do and see, as well as making new friends and visiting with old friends. Larry and Cathy will

be helping out to make the first rally of the 2023 season one to remember.

The consensus of the members going to the International Rally in Rock Springs is we will arrive 1 day early as a Caravan. It looks like our Unit will have a good representation there. Hoping that our Caravan leaders will be Ron and Rose Larson, who will guide us there without any problems. This should be a fun event, and the first International that Bev and I have been able to attend.

Teulon Manitoba will be the second Unit rally of the season, with Gord and hopefully Eric and Deb making it another rally to remember. We have lots of things to see and do in Manitoba, and remember, your \$\$\$ go a lot farther in Canada. One thing, leave your guns at home, and you will have no problems!

Last, but not least, the fall wind-up Rally will be in South Dakota, at Big Stone City. We are spending the winter in the same park in Yuma as our campground hosts at RV 109 Campground. Pat and I have coffee together most mornings. Pat and Rose (the owners) have some good plans and input into the rally for us, and Roxanne and Allan will be there to make things go smooth. This will be a "Buddy Rally", which we haven't had for several years, and I hope that our Unit will continue to have one every year.

As we have done in the past, each and everyone hopefully will "pitch in" and help with meals and make things a fun time. We have some excellent talent in the food offerings for our mealtime, and the idea of "bring your own meat and a dish to share" will continue for all of our 'rallies.

Bev and I are really excited about the upcoming year's activities, as I know all of you are as well. Let's make 2023 the best year ever for our Unit!

As a final note, Bev and I wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Drive safe, be safe, and we will "See you down the road"!

~ Chris

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We are the longest-rolling, single branded RV club in the world. Our members share a common vision: the pursuit of fun, great adventures and incredible memories. Join us at one of our upcoming rallies, we'll have a chair at the campfire for you.

For membership and rally information please visit airstreamclub.org



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Peace Garden Unit
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Rose Larson #5606

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2023 Calendar of Events

June 1-4, 2023
Hazen, North Dakota
2-12th Ave Southwest
Reservations call 701-748-2267
Please book starting in April.



July 20-23, 2023
Teulon, Manitoba
Teulon-Rockwood Green Acres Campground
Reservation call 204-886-0505
Can book any time. Please book early, as I have told them we will need 15 sites.

September 14-17, 2023
Big Stone City, South Dakota
RV109 Campground
14144 SD Highway 106 (About 4 miles north of Big Stone City)
Reservations call 605-862-7650
email rvcamping109@gmail.com
I am with the owners in Yuma now!!
THIS IS A BUDDY RALLY!!

June 24-30, 2023
International Rally
Rock Springs, Wyoming
Book online!
We are planning the unit going as a caravan, arriving on June 23rd, so you should book an extra day at the start of the Rally.
More information on the caravan in the spring.

Airstream Notes:

IMPORTANT!

Don't forget to get your membership renewal in before the end of December! Thank you to all who have renewed already!

EDITORS NOTE:

We would love to hear more stories from all of you on your travels. Please include a photo or two if possible for us to add to these newsletters. We would also like to know if anyone has some content and story ideas they would like to submit. We're open to anything!

- Ryan & Kelley Jilek



This and That from Region 7

After the recent Wisc-UP/ Region 7 Mini Rally held at Jackpine Lodge in Manistique, MI, questions arose regarding the Region funds. I hope to provide answers!

First, How is the Region set up? Most of you know Region 7 consists of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Manitoba, Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We have 3 local clubs which are North Dakota Peace Garden Unit, the Minnesota Airstream Club and the Wisc-UP Airstream Club.

Similar to the local clubs, the Region has an Executive Committee and Region Board. The Executive Committee consists of the Region President and Vice President(s). Currently that is myself and 1st VP Chris Olsson of the Minnesota Airstream Club (It would be awesome if we could recruit a 2nd VP from the North Dakota Unit so all 3 clubs would be represented on the Executive Committee!) The Region Board consists of the Executive Committee and all of the local club Presidents. Unlike the local clubs, the terms are 2 year positions.

So who decides how funds are spent? According to WBCCI Blue Book By Laws, Article IX, Regions are not allowed to collect membership dues (That was suggested at the mini rally). The Region President can authorize reimbursements for expenses incurred on behalf of the region, as long as they are properly documented and have receipts. The reimbursement request is then sent to the Region Treasurer, Chuck Zellermayer,



for payment. Larger requests are brought to the Executive Committee, the Region Board and to the membership for a vote. For example, last May, in Fairmont, MN. Then President Jane Carmichael, myself and Chris all attended because Chris and I were being installed as VP's. I brought a proposal to request the Region help offset some of the breakfast costs for those attending the International Rally in Fryeburg, ME. I believe it was for \$650. I think we are all shocked every time we go to the grocery store these days! It was approved and sent to the Board as we had a quorum present. Approved there and then a final vote by the membership in attendance during the Minnesota business meeting. I hope this

sheds some light! Members can always request a financial statement. When a Region Newsletter goes out, A financial statement will be printed there as well. If you have more questions, please contact me via email (virginiablattery@gmail.com), text or call me at 906-250-6931. Hope this answers questions.

Planning continues for the "Spring into Fall at Spring Green Rally" being held September 15 - 21, 2023 at the Wisconsin Riverside RV Park in Spring Green, WI. Please call them directly to "claim" your site at 1-608-588-2826. Rates are Sunday - Thursday \$47/night + tax and Friday, Saturday \$52/night + tax. Sites will be held until April 30. There are lots of places to explore!

Taliesin for our Frank Lloyd Wright fans, House on the Rock, Cave of the Mount just to name a few! Our 2 charities we are supporting are River Valley Commons and For Pete's Sake. River Valley Commons addresses the need for affordable housing in the community. For Pete's Sake helps with expenses for families who are dealing with chronic medical conditions. More about these 2 wonderful charities at a later date! For transparency, 90% of proceeds will be split between the charities and 10% will stay in the Region 7 funds to offset expenses so we can have more fun! To raise money to donate to them, we will have a silent auction that is being chaired by Kay Olsson. To volunteer to help Kay with the auction or donate to the auction contact her at cwolsson@comcast.net.

November 17 was the marathon IBT (International Board of Trustees) meeting, 5 hours total! I will attempt to condense all that!

President Eric McHenry reported he has formed a special committee to be chaired by Matt Hackney. Their focus will be on International Rally site, planning and marketing.

Long term CBL Chair Tom Smithson and Parliamentarian Joann Miller will both be stepping down as of August 1st and both of those positions need to be filled.

The Campfire Chat was well received with almost 200 members attending via Zoom. The next one will be held 14 December 2022 @7 pm.

The new interest groups are still organizing but a lot of interest has been generated.

Corporate Manager Lori Plummer reported on membership growth. We are at an all time high of 9231 members!

Abenity Discount program set up is complete and launched to

members Nov 1.

There is a new Officer Toolbox on the ACI website to assist local club officers and region officers with resources and forms in one place.

ACI marketing campaign starting that will encourage communities that have sites available and are interested in hosting an Airstream Rally to contact ACI who will maintain a database and map to make planning easier at all levels.

Rock Springs, Wy International Rally is nearly full. It will be capped at 1200 rigs. Takes over 70 committees to plan and carry out an International Rally. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved!

There were a number of motions that were made to change wording in by laws or policies to update due to the passage of the reorganizing the IBT and deleting anything to do with the delegates. A new Blue Book with these changes has now been posted to the ACI website.

Other actions include:

- Common Cents for Kids Program now falls under the WBCCI Foundation.
- Approval of flags for Future Streamers intra club, logo and pennant for Nation Event Rallies and Region 11 logo and flag.
- Approval of Increased Travel Reimbursement Rates for Region Officers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Regions 10 and 11 also submitted requests to increase their travel reimbursements for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- Approval of the wording change to limit officers to serving in one elected position at a time.
- Approval of having all dues collected by ACI, taking that responsibility off of local clubs.
- Approval of Region Officer

Installation. Region Officer 2-year terms will begin August 1 regardless of date of installation.

- Approval of National Event Badges and Airstream Numbers
I hope I didn't miss anything! You, the members, please let me know if you want to keep getting all of the IBT doings! Please contact me if you have any questions!

Happy Travels!

Ginger Slattery,
R7 President



Wanted - R7 2nd VP!

You are a member of the North Dakota Preach Garden Unit, which is part of a larger organization called Region 7. Region 7 consists of:

- MN Airstream Club (Minnesota)
- North Dakota Preach Garden Unit (North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba, Canada)
- Wisc-UP Airstream Club (Wisconsin and Michigan Upper Peninsula)

There are 12 Regions, each with a geographical area and a board of Region Officers.

Above the Regions is the Executive Council (sort of). I say "sort of" above the Regions because the 12 Region Presidents and the 10 Executive Council voting members make up the IBT (International board of Trustees). The IBT is responsible for the running of the Airstream Club. Supporting the IBT are the paid staff workers located at International HQ in Jackson Center, OH.

Aside from the paid staff in Jackson Center, the entire club is run by volunteers. Each Local Club has a slate of officers (President, VPs, Treasurer, etc.). Each Region also has a slate of officers, and they support the Local Clubs. All of the officers in the club support the members of the club in many ways, by coordinating Local and Region Rallies, Parties, Caravans, etc.

Region 7 is in need of a dedicated and fun-loving person to be the 2nd VP. Unlike the President and VP officer positions in your Local Club which are 1-year terms, the Region President and VP positions are 2-year terms. This provides for a fair amount of time (up to 4 years) to learn about the Region, the IBT, and how the Club is run before becoming the Region President. As in the Local Clubs where VPs advance, the Region 2nd VP becomes the Region 1st VP and then the Region President.

I am in my first year as R7 1st VP, and Ginger Slattery is in her first year as R7 President. Together, we are planning the Region 7 Rally for September 2023 as well as taking care of the paperwork that keeps the Region running and helps keep Local Clubs running, and we are having fun doing so.

If you would like to get involved in the Airstream Club at the Region 7 level, or learn more about the Region, please seek either myself or Ginger out. Other people you can talk to are Pete Yanke and Linda Agre. Both are serving Region 7 as the R7 Caravan Leader (Pete) and the R7 Membership Chair (Linda).

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Cowboy Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 3/4 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup chopped dates
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup raisins

In a large mixing bowl, cream the shortening and sugars. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the vanilla. Combine flour, salt and baking powder. Gradually add to the creamed mixture. Stir in the oats, chocolate chips, dates, pecans and raisins. (Dough will be crumbly.)

Drop by teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks to cool. Yield: about 6 dozen.

Kitchen notes: Bev Wells #7394 sent this recipe. She said it's one of Chris's favorites. Bev usually doubles the recipe. She says it can be messy! ■

