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President's Corner

Our Region 4 Rally in Canfield, Ohio was truly:

“SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT”.

Sandy & I would like to thank all of our Region 4 Officers, staff, chairman, and the many, many member volunteers who helped to make our rally a huge success. We want to extend a special thank you to our co-hosts the Akron & Mahoning Valley Units.

While the weather was cool this didn't dampen our spirits or appetites. They say it takes three things to make a rally great. Good food, good entertainment, and good tours. We hit the jackpot in all three categories.

We consumed tons of delicious catered food by Shelley of A La Cart Catering, enjoyed great entertainment by the Steel

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Membership

It is now summer and it's a good time to contact any new perspective member. Do you see any Airstreams around your neighborhood with no red membership numbers? Why not make a personal visit to these folks. Also we need to think about retaining our present members. Does your unit have a telephone committee? Does your unit have members that you do not know or have never met?

Do you have members that never come to a luncheon or rally? Contact these people and make them feel welcomed in your WBCCI unit. Why not organize a telephone committee to contact these members. If your unit had such a committee it would probably only be a couple of telephone calls per person. Let's try to retain our present members and get them involved and active in your unit.

Here are some numbers that you might be interested in regarding membership of Region 4. As of December 2007 we have 531 units in this region. We have 51 member-at-large. So far in

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City Stompers, One-a-Chord A Cappella Quartet, and Cahal Dunne who was introduced by our friend from Region 2, Doug Pedersen. Cahal gave us a heartwarming performance the closing night of our rally. He was a close second to the "Red Hat Society Dancing Girls" who were especially appreciated by Cincinnati member Bill Grawe!

The tours led by the Mahoning Valley Unit were also "Something to Crow About". We had positive feedback on the GM, Youngstown Air Force Base, and the Butler Art Gallery tours, as well as the Western Reserve walking tour that was located within the fairgrounds.

We would like to thank Dona Garner, our International Secretary, and her mate Lloyd who were with us representing our International. Dona headed up our Leadership Workshop which was well attended.

We would also like to thank Norm Hewer who conducted the opening ceremonies for us this year. Norm always does an excellent job of opening our Region 4 Rally.

And a special thanks to Dave Brett, our new Region 4 Webmaster and Newsletter editor.

The critiques from last years Committee Chairman were read in detail and we tried to implement the changes suggested to make this years rally more enjoyable.

Our Church Service conducted by Al Gable (Cleveland Unit) and assisted by Bob Kaemmerer (Cincinnati Unit), was well attended. The 19 folks in the Choir made beautiful music. Our church offering totaled \$363.00.

The offering along with a contribution of \$100.00 from Region 4, was donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank bringing the total cash donated to \$463.00. In addition, containers of canned food collected at the rally were also donated.

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2007 we have 23 new members. With the 531 plus our new members of 23 at the present time, Region 4 has a total of 554 units. This does not include the members-at-large.

We need to contact the members-at-large as they represent the biggest percentage drop in membership each year. They are not involved in a unit and do not see all the benefits of belonging to WBCCI. I will try to identify these members and will forward the names to the membership chairmen of each unit as soon as I can get a completed list. We need to contact these people and get them involved in a local unit. Remember if these people move to your unit, Jackson Center will forward the \$15.00 dues to your unit's treasury.

We need to convince all of our members of the benefits of getting involved in all the areas of WBCCI. Remember the unit is the most important but we also have the International Rally, National rallies, such as our local Swiss National Rally in Sugarcreek, Ohio, Special Event Rallies and our numerous Caravans around our great country. All of these are great value even with the high price of gasoline.

Hope you enjoyed the recent Region 4 rally. I think it was a great time.

Gary Auman, Membership Chairman

Bumper Sticker Spotted While Traveling Home From the Region 4 Rally:

**Change is inevitable ...
Except from a vending machine**

(President's Corner Continued)

We were told that for every dollar donated they will be able to purchase \$15.00 worth of food. (We need to know where they shop). We were advised that we will be receiving a thank you from the Food Bank, outlining what was given and thanking us for our generous donation.

Closing Thoughts

Airstreams Dave Schumann made some interesting observations about our club and its future during his presentation to us on Friday afternoon. Dave pointed out that we will need to put more emphasis on the Unit functions and the Region Rallies as less people will be willing to travel the long distance to the Internationals, in the future, as fuel costs continue to soar.

It is my opinion, that in order to survive, we will need to grow our membership. This means we will have to accept change in our organization. The new younger airstream owners are not aware of our club and we need to encourage them to join. We must provide activities that appeal to this group.

Like a chain, our club is only as strong as its weakest link. Be a positive force. Talk positive about your unit and your region. Be proud of our great organization and tell your story to prospective members who you see traveling down the road in their "bald" airstreams. Have your membership chairman contact the "members at large" and welcome them to join in on your unit's activities.

"Think new members" and be willing to accept change, as it's the only way to insure the future of our club!

Bill (JJ) & Sandy Johnjulia

First Timers at Region 4 Rally

Mark & Char Beamer-Akron Unit

Steve & Becky Ruth-Auglaize Unit

Tom, Paula, & Emily Christopher-Cleveland Unit

Joe & Mary Maxwell-Cleveland Unit

Tom & Teresa Standing-Cleveland Unit

Phil Leatherman-Member at Large

Guests at Region 4 Rally

Those joining us from other Regions included:

Joe & Barbara Hargadon, Region 3

Doug Pedersen from Region 2.

We were grateful to have these guests with us and hope they will join us again.

Upcoming Events in Region 4

June 28 - Region Luncheon at International, Montana State University, Bozeman

Aug 6-10 - Michigan State Rally, Fairgrounds, Ionia, MI

Aug 26-Sept 12 - Caravan (N37-O) Ores, Shores, Waters & Lights, Peninsula, MI

Sept 11-14 - P & S Trailer Sales 40th Anniversary Rally, Fremont, OH. For more information Contact Steve or Kevin Ruth at 419-638-6261

Sept 20-27 - Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek, OH



International Rally

Executive Committee & Annual Board Meeting

WBCCI's 51st International Rally, Bozeman Montana-June 28-July 4, 2008

Don't miss our Region 4 Luncheon to be held at the Montana State University Campus on Saturday, June 28th at 11:30 a.m. See John Turner for tickets when you arrive in Bozeman.

The Michigan Unit's Richard Osborne is leading a caravan to Bozeman and still has openings at this late date so contact him if you are interested in joining the caravan to the International. His cell is 352-277-6588.

Some of our Region 4 members are joining Doug Pedersen from Region 2 who is also leading a caravan to Bozeman. The caravan will be leaving June 1st as Doug has to be in Bozeman mid June. He will be the master of ceremonies replacing Vern Goodwin who has recently retired from the MC position after many years of service to our club.

Motions that will be Addressed at the Units Delegates Meeting -Bozeman

Motion # 1--Region 1 President Robert Thompson has submitted a motion to amend the Constitution so that a proxy holder could represent the unit at the Delegates meeting. The proxy holder would have to be a dues paying member of the unit.

Motion # 2--Don Shafer, Past International President will bring forth a motion to make the mileage rate paid to Officers the same as that allowed by the U.S. Federal government's Internal Revenue Service for business travel.

Summary of Executive Committee and Annual Board Meeting held May 21, 2008

Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$28,153.18 as of 5/21/08. This is before all rally expenses were paid.

First V. P. John Turner reported that the Computer Rally had 16 Units attending and had a net profit of \$171.90. He also reported on plans for the Region 4 luncheon to be held in Bozeman. It will be on June 28th at 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. at \$13.50 per person.

President Bill Johnjullo was given board approval to appoint John Turner our 1st Vice Pres., Nominating Chairman. John will select two other members for the nominating committee and come up with a candidate for the office of 2nd Vice Pres.

A motion was passed to increase the stipend to the units from \$20.00 to \$30.00 to offset the increased cost of stamps and to encourage them to continue to mail copies of their newsletters to Officers and Jackson Center.

A motion was made and passed to give John Turner, our 1st Vice President, authority to negotiate and sign the contract for our 2010 and 2011 Region 4 Rallies.



There were grey skies at the start of the Region 4 Rally in Canfield, but by the weekend the sun was back!

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Motion # 3--The amount allowed for overnight expenses should be revised to read \$30.00 rather than \$20.00 that was in place since 07/05/06.

Motion # 4--Dollar cap on Region Presidents be raised to \$1,540 vs. \$1,400, and Region Vice Pres be raised to \$800 vs. \$725 because of the rising fuel prices.

Motion # 5--A surcharge of \$20.00 be established for Members at Large. The \$5.00 increase will improve the bottom line of the budget by \$3,150.00.

Motion # 6-- The interest rate for determining Life Membership Funds be changed from 5.0% to 3.5% since the interest rates have been declining and the 3.3% interest rate reflects the secured market rate for these funds.

Motion # 7-- Insertion of a new paragraph to clarify the paragraph on WBCCI Caravans to Include "Unit Caravans that are approved by a Unit following their authorized procedures and documented in writing are fully sanctioned WBCCI Caravans."

Motion # 8-- The Carolina Unit of North Carolina has requested approval of their new flag.

Motion # 9-- The South Georgia unit has requested approval of their new flag.

Candidates running for International 3rd V. Pres. and Int. Nominating committee.

Please consult the April Blue Beret for the list of candidates for the slate of International Officers and the Nominating Committee.

There is one additional candidate running from the floor for third Vice President and two additional candidates for the nominating committee. Please read the resumes so you can make an informed decision when you cast the vote for your unit.

Region 4 Goals

For 2008 our Region Goals are:

- Request all unit Presidents to update their unit by-laws and constitution as outlined in the Blue Book.
- Appoint a Webmaster for Region 4 website, and have it updated at least quarterly if not sooner.
- Upgrade the Region 4 Newsletter to color and e-mail as many copies as possible, to avoid the cost of mailing same.
- Encourage unit Presidents to participate in the Merit Award Program.
- Invite all members of Region 4 to attend the leadership training class held at the Region 4 Rally.
- To grow our total region membership by 5% this year.
- Encourage Unit Presidents to attend the Region 4 Rally in Lewisburg West Virginia in 2009.
- To develop more joint unit rallies to promote familiarity among the units that may be forced to merge in the future due to declining membership.
- To provide a positive experience for all members attending our Unit and Region Rallies.

Unit News

We Need Your Input for the newsletter. Pictures? Articles? A Noteworthy Event? Please send them to Region4@wbcci.net



33rd Annual Region 4 Rally

May 20 - 24, 2009

Lewisburg, West Virginia

Parking for early workers, officers, and anyone who likes to come early at no extra charge on Monday May 18th, after 12:00 noon. Leadership Training May 19th, 2009.

Water & Electric	Dump Site	Flea Market
Breakfasts	Tours	Golf
Line Dancing	2 Dinners	Crafts
Seminars	Popcorn	Hobby Show
Hospitality	Ice Cream	Games
Entertainment		Sunday Worship

Name:		Spouse:	
Address:		City:	State:
Zip Code:		Phone:	Email:
Membership #:		Unit:	Unit No:
Vintage Parking <input type="checkbox"/>	Handicapped Parking <input type="checkbox"/>	# in Party:	

Rally Fees:	(Before April 1, 2009)	(April 1, 2009 and After)
2 Persons	\$175.00	\$185.00
1 Person	\$135.00	\$145.00
Extra Adult	\$35.00	\$40.00
No Charge Under 5		Total:

Please check date you plan to arrive: Mon., May 18 Tues., May 19 Wed., May 20 or later
 (If coming in Friday or later, please check with Bill (JJ) Johnjulio for pro-rated fee.)
 Parking Mon after 12pm and until 5, Tues. 8-5, Wed and Thu. 10-12 and 3-5

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