



# Region 4 WBCCI



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Hi everyone. I hope that everyone that went to Madison had a good time and arrived home safely. Karen and I left for home on the 5th after the longest IBT meeting in recent history. The Rally was fun once we found out how to get around town. The restaurants were sure glad to have us and they had a few good ones close to where we parked.

I thought I would bring everyone up to date on what was voted on at the IBT this year. The first one was on the 26th of June and it was Bill Johnjulio's last IBT as President.

1. A new member forum at WBCCI.org was approved and is now being used and monitored.
2. A motion to allow units to receive votes from their members by e-mail or U.S Mail if they are unable to attend the meetings was approved. There could be another motion at the winter IBT that could change other rules pertaining to unit voting - stay tuned.
3. A motion that would change the rules for qualifying for a numbered unit caravan from 10 days 5 nights and 10 trailers to 7-3-7 was defeated. This was revisited on the 5th of July.
4. A motion to reduce the International and region officers travel allowances by 10% was defeated. The club is facing a deficit in 2009-2010 and this was intended to reduce the loss.

Then it was my turn to sit in the hot seat for the July 5th IBT. What a fun day. Most IBT's last until 1:00 and we would be on our way home. This was my first one and it lasted until 5:00. Oh well at least it was interesting.

1. A motion to fund the newly formed marketing committee was defeated. Even though the majority voted yes, we did not have enough votes to make it 90% yes. I voted yes.
2. A motion to reduce the number of issues of the Blue Berets down to 6 a year was defeated. I voted no. They had not listed how many dollars we would lose in advertising.
3. A revised budget which projected a \$81,000 loss was adopted. I voted for it. We have a reserve that will carry us for another few years. I thought we needed more time to look at all of our options.
4. A motion to increase the dues from \$55 to \$75 was defeated. I voted no for the same reason as listed above. I thought we needed more time to study all options.
5. A motion that all future motions must have an estimated cost attached to it was approved. I voted yes.
6. We revisited the unit caravan issue again except this time all restrictions would have been removed. It was withdrawn. I would have voted no.

If any members have issues that they want to discuss either save them until we see you at a rally or e-mail me. I'll be more than happy to listen to your thoughts on any subject. I will say this; unless we get some new members in the next few years the club will go through some major changes.

Safe travels  
John

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Message

Hello Region 4. To start I would like to say a big THANK YOU to George & Rose Lee Greenway for the wonderful job they do on our Region 4 computer rally. We not only learn but they feed us, entertain us, and we have a really good time too.

After the computer rally it was time to go to the Region 4 Rally in Lewisburg, WV where we had wonderful weather, great food, good entertainment, and a really great white water rafting trip all Thanks to the hard work of Bill & Sandy Johnjullo. They did a great job and we thank them both for all their hard work and wish them well on their new job as Chairman of National and Special Events for International.

Then it was on to Madison, WI for our International. The Region 4 luncheon was held at the Elks Club in Madison. The food was great and we had a great turnout. John & Karen were sworn in as President & First Lady. We also swore in Marge & Guy Lotz as our new 2nd VP.

We are looking forward to the future of Region 4. We know that some units are having a hard time getting people to run for office, but we hope they will realize that this organization can't run without people in charge so the next time you're asked think about it. It's nice to see so many of our units doing combined rallies. Keep up the good work.

Karin



Aerial view of International in Madison, WI courtesy of Karin Kurkowski

## New Forum

The WBCCI discussion forum located on the WBCCI website recently went through a complete makeover. The forum has greatly increased functionality and a more modern appearance. Registration is open to both WBCCI members and non-members and is required for all users to be able to post to the forum. You can check it out by following the forum link near the top of the page at the WBCCI website: <http://www.wbcci.org/>

## Trailer Tips

Sonny Thompson, our Youth Chairman, recently passed along these tips for those of us that tow.

Dear friends,

As a result of Bob Eisensmidt's situation with his trailer hitch breaking on the way to the region 4 rally in West Virginia in May, I had my hitch inspected to assure that I did not wind up with the same problem.

I made arrangements with the A-lab corp. to do a "nondestructive test" on the hitch. They used what is called a magnetic particle inspection on all welded parts. As a result of the test, I received a test report stating that the testing disclosed no cracks.



Cost for the test was \$70.00. Pretty cheap for piece of mind. I hope this email is a help for anyone wanting to have their hitch inspected.

In addition, we kept getting the smell of mildew in the back of the trailer. We thought that it was coming from the rug as a result of a water leak. Further investigation showed that the floor under the small chest of drawers between the beds had rotted out. When we removed the flooring (not an easy job) we found that the bottom aluminum skin of the trailer had broken loose from the rivets and was allowing moisture from the road surface to get trapped in the insulation (not being able to completely dry) which aided in the rotting process. Everything is now sealed and back together again.

You may want to check out the bottom of your trailer (especially the older trailers) to make sure that you do not have the same situation occurring

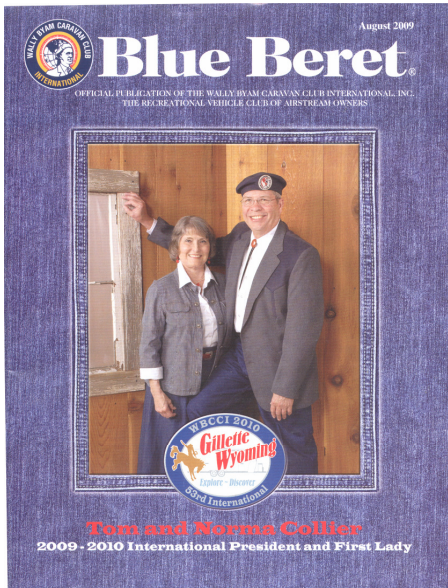
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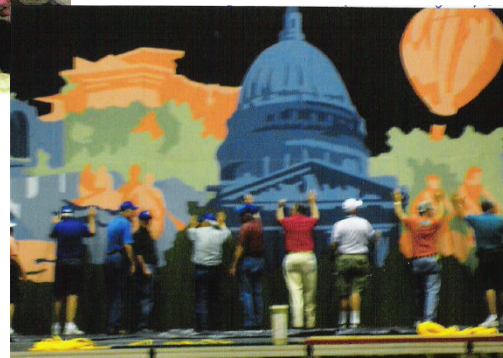
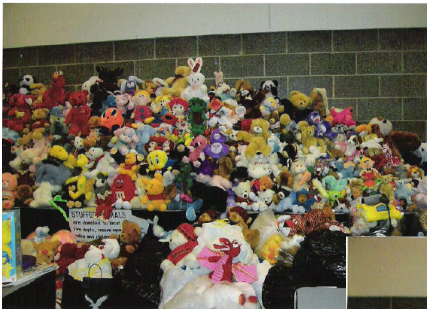


Most of us know former members who are no longer active in WBCCI. Many of them are included in a “Friends” or “Newsletter Only” listing in Unit Directories. In addition to receiving Unit Newsletters, former members may want to keep in touch with WBCCI by receiving regular issues of the Blue Beret magazine. By subscribing, they will keep up with Club news, color photos of Club events and other interesting articles. This option is available to former members by sending name, address and a check for \$25 to:

Blue Beret/WBCCI  
 P.O. Box 612  
 803 E. Pike Street  
 Jackson Center, Ohio, 45334

## Madison

- John Turner shared these photos from the 2009 International Rally in Madison.



- **Family & Youth.** Linda Amme, Family & Youth Committee Chair, passed along these results from International:
  - The sponsored child for the International was Alexander Hardin. \$9012.31 was collected for Alexander and he was given a bicycle.
  - 1962 lbs of Tabs were collected. The official value was not available in time for this newsletter, but aluminum is currently going for about .23/lb.
- **Community Service.** Janet Kendig, International Standing Committee Chairman for Community Service passed along these results from International:
  - Food Collection - 4896 pounds of food collected in food and cash. \$1 was counted as one pound for cash donations. Collected food was Distributed to Second Harvest Food Bank of Southern Wisconsin.
  - Books for Wings & a Halo – approximately 300 books collected.
  - 2239 knit hats were made.
  - 236 Lap & Baby Blankets were made.
  - 33 pairs of children’s gloves were collected.
  - 71 neck scarves were donated.
  - 54 pints of blood were donated.
- The donations were spread across 16 organizations in the area.
- Church offerings of \$4250 were given to the Salvation Army.
- The Wisconsin unit distributed materials to the Humane Society.
- The North Iowa Unit made Cabbage Patch Dolls and distributed them to agencies in Madison.

Region 4 was very generous and was among the top contributors at the International Rally.

## **Award of Excellence**

Region 4 has again received the Region Award of Excellence from WBCCI.

*To all the unit members of Region 4: “We will proudly display the award on Region 4's flag. Thank you for all your efforts.”*

*John Turner, President*

## Club Discounts



**Bill Johnjulo passed along this message from the Manager of Camp Sandusky.**

I'd like to introduce you to Camp Sandusky, Lake Erie's friendliest campground. Camp Sandusky is a family campground located 6 miles from Cedar Point, the world's best amusement park 11 years in a row. We are also just 2 miles to the Sandusky Boat Launch with access to Lake Erie.

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Our facilities include over 100 full hook up sites, over 100 camper cabins, an air-conditioned game room, a playground and a bunny farm and 2 pavilions for group gatherings, 2 modern bath/shower houses, and our famous all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast.

All this is within a 10-minute drive to Cedar Point, Sandusky, and ferries to Put-in-Bay and Kelley's Island.

I'd like to extend a personal invitation to help us celebrate Camp Sandusky's first 15 years of family camping.

**Jeff Murphy**  
Manager  
Camp Sandusky  
3518 Tiffin Ave  
Sandusky, OH 44870  
419-626-1133  
800-431-7448

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## KOA + Airstream + Airstream Life Magazine

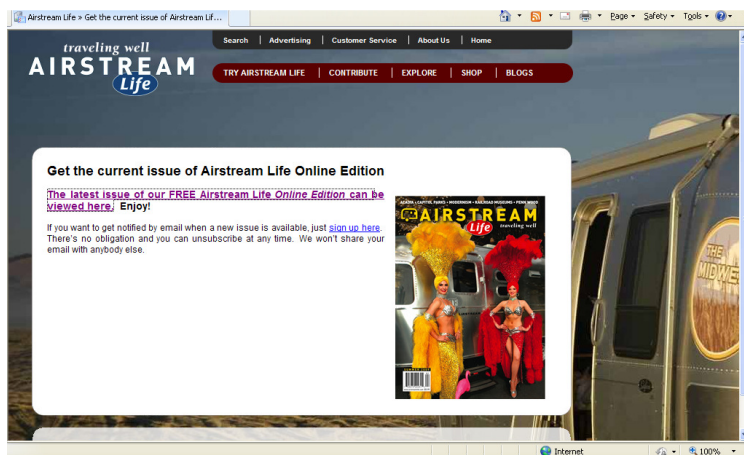


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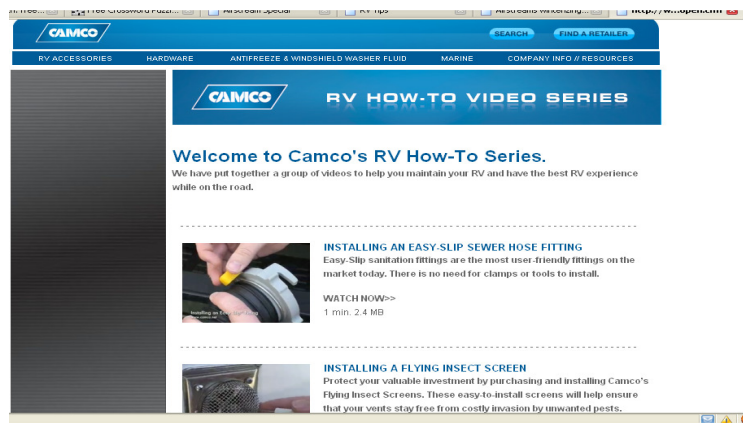
You may recall from a previous edition of the newsletter that Airstream has teamed up with KOA by putting Airstream trailers into selected KOA campgrounds as rental units. The latest edition of Airstream Life Magazine has a feature article on that effort. Also in this edition is a three page article on Penn Wood Airstream Park in Limestone, PA. The best news is that Airstream Life is offering the edition for free as an online magazine. You can find the online edition on the internet here:

<http://airstreamlife.com/preview/current>.

## Repair Videos

Camco distributes many parts and chemicals for RV use and has started a series of videos on using their products, such as the installation of flying insect screens for furnaces and water heaters. You can find their videos on the internet here:

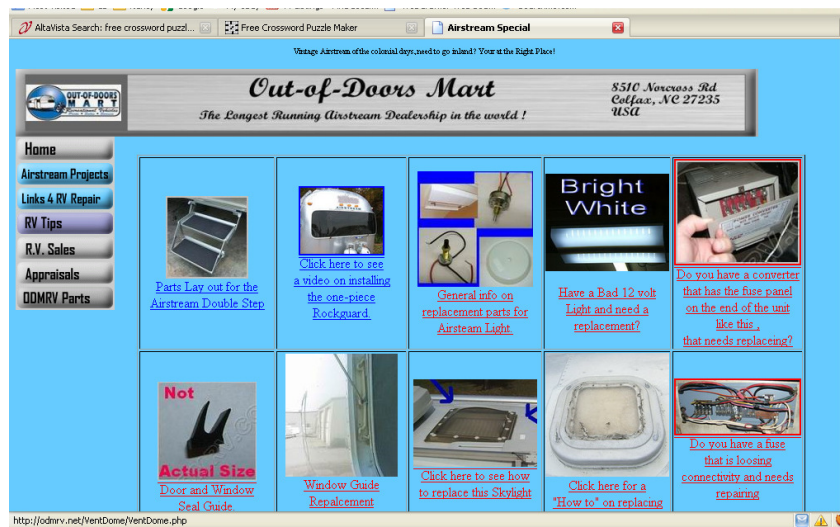
[http://www.camco.net/videos\\_open.cfm](http://www.camco.net/videos_open.cfm)





**Out-of-Doors Mart in North Carolina bills itself as the “Longest Running Airstream Dealer in the World.”** They have made videos of their shop tech performing installation and repairs on Airstreams as well as a number of pages of tips and hints. One of their videos shows their tech installing a stone guard on the front window of a trailer. Another one shows how to use a shaving tool when installing Olympic rivets. You can find them on the internet here:

<http://odmrv.net/AsSpecial.php>

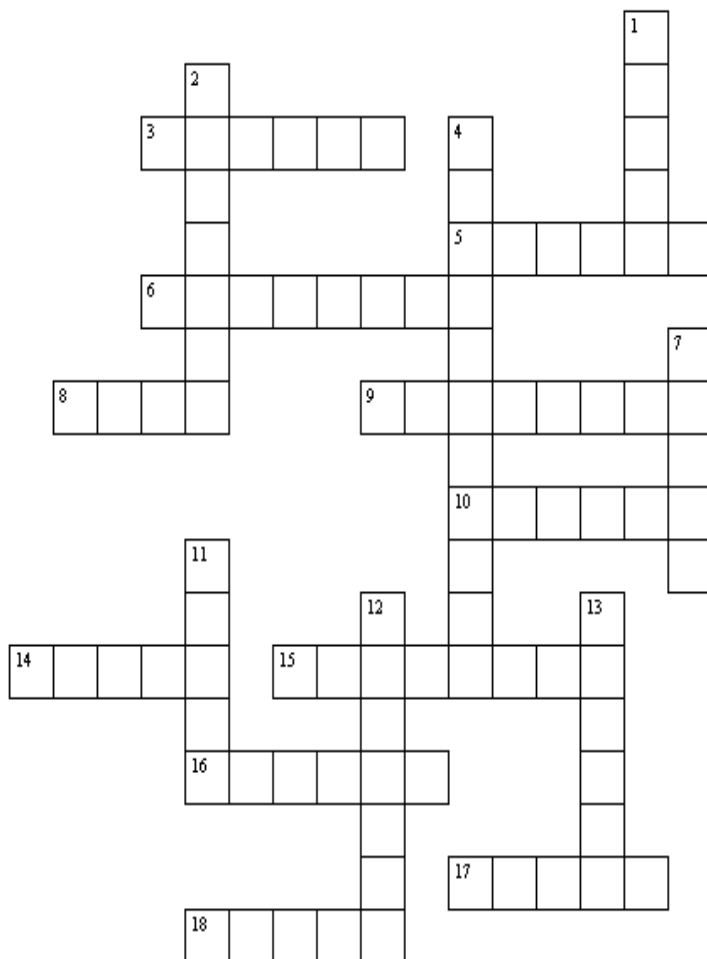


## Coming Up in Region 4

Listed below are some of the events coming up in Region 4. If you have a rally or event you would like featured, please email to [region4@wbcci.net](mailto:region4@wbcci.net).

<p><i>August 12 - 16, 2009 Michigan State Rally Ionia Michigan Chairman; Maury Runyan Cell: 810-441-4921</i></p>	<p><i>September 26 - October 3, 2009 Swiss Festival National Rally Sugarcreek, Ohio Paul Yahn Cell: 740-506-1860 E Mail: <a href="mailto:plyahn@aol.com">plyahn@aol.com</a></i></p>
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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3** On \_\_\_\_\_ day at International we dress in red  
**5** The painted airstream trailer  
**6** Airstream park in Limestone PA  
**8** Pie \_\_\_\_\_  
**9** Pink \_\_\_\_\_  
**10** Number of Regions in WBCCI  
**14** Small Airstream trailer typically about 16'  
**15** 2010 International Rally will be in this city  
**16** \_\_\_\_\_ takes you home  
**17** Rally power is \_\_\_\_\_ amps  
**18** City the Michigan State Rally is held in

### DOWN

- 1** Airstream dealer that created "Airstream Ranch"  
**2** 2010 Region Rally will be in this city  
**4** \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance is a corporate sponsor  
**7** Players throw washers in the game of \_\_\_\_\_ board  
**11** \_\_\_\_\_ Festival National rally in Sugarcreek  
**12** \_\_\_\_\_ caravan to Alaska  
**13** Second cousin of Wally Byan

Answers on last page



# Springtime in Wauseon

## 34th Annual Region 4 Rally

### May 18th-23rd, 2010

### Wauseon, Ohio

**Games**  
**Hospitality**  
**Hobby Show**  
**Golf**

**Entertainment**  
**Line Dancing**  
**Dinners**  
**Ice Cream**

**Water & Electric**  
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**Seminars**

**Tours**  
**Games**  
**Dump Site**  
**Sunday Worship**

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**Lapeer, MI 48446**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Handicapped Parking** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total # in Party** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Rally Fee</b>				
<b>2 Persons</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>	<b>After 4/1/2010</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>	_____
<b>1 Person</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>			_____
<b>Extra Adult</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>			_____
		<b>Total</b>		_____





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**Rally Fees received after January 1, 2010**, will be **\$500.00** for couples, **\$390** for singles, and **\$130** for additional adults.

Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members pre-registering on or before January 1, 2010, will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of **\$2,000.00** in awards. The award may be redeemed at *any Airstream Dealership* or at the *Jackson Center Service Facility* for parts and service.

**Free parking in the Bull Pen, with no services**, is permitted only for the one night before your parking date. Additional nights in Bull Pen parking prior to your parking date will be at the rate of \$20.00/night, **with no hook-ups.**

**FEE REFUND POLICY** All convention/rally fee refund requests must be postmarked by **May 15, 2010**, and **must** include the complete pass receipt. All cancellations will be assessed a \$30.00 administrative fee. There will be no refunds if postmarked after May 15 except as approved by the International Rally Committee.

**Convention/Rally Parking Pass Receipts will be mailed beginning January 15, 2010.**

Make checks payable to: **WBCCI**  
Mail to: **WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334**  
Canadian Checks must be stamped "US Funds"

For registrars only:  
Amt: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Recd. by: \_\_\_\_\_

**53rd International Convention/Rally  
Gillette, Wyoming  
June 27 - July 4, 2010**

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST/PROV \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**RALLY FEES INCLUDE FULL HOOK-UPS (30 AMP ELECT, WATER, SEWER)**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	prior to Jan. 1	after Jan. 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Airstream w/2 adults	@ \$480.00	@ \$500.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Airstream w/1 adult	@ \$380.00	@ \$390.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional adult in Airstream	@ \$120.00	@ \$130.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Youth (Ages 4 - 19)	@ \$ 60.00	@ \$ 60.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth after <u>two full youth pmts:</u>			
_____ Youth (Ages 4 - 19)	@ FREE	@ FREE	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not bringing Airstream</b>	DEDUCT \$200.00	DEDUCT \$200.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>WBCCI Life Members</b>	DEDUCT \$5.00	DEDUCT \$5.00	_____

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Vintage Parking

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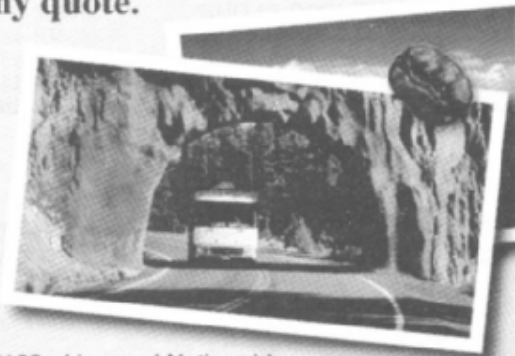
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## Crossword Puzzle Answers

**Twelve/Number of Regions in WBCCI**

**Holey/Players throw washers in the game of \_\_\_\_\_ board**

**Flamingo/Pink \_\_\_\_\_**

**Three/Rally power is \_\_\_\_\_ amps**

**RV Advantage/\_\_\_\_\_ Insurance is a corporate sponsor**

**Swiss/\_\_\_\_\_ Festival National rally in Sugarcreek**

**Bambi/Small Airstream trailer typically about 16'**

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**Alyeska/\_\_\_\_\_ caravan to Alaska**

**SkyMed/\_\_\_\_\_ takes you home**

**Iron/Pie \_\_\_\_\_**

**PennWood/Airstream Park in Clarion PA**

**Canada/On \_\_\_\_\_ day at International we dress in red**

**PeeWee/Second cousin of Wally Byan**

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**Argosy/The painted airstream trailer**

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