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## **President's Corner**

**Greetings from your Region 4 Officers. We** enjoyed Farmington, NM's "cool" weather as each day it was between 95-100°. The AC's had a workout.

Don Hetzler and Karen Fisher were installed by Past International President Barry Heckensweiler on June 28 at our Region Luncheon. The incoming even numbered Region Officers (me included) were installed on July 3. The reception to meet the new officers was cut short by a power outage due to a heavy thunder storm. It was unanimous that things would only get better after the start in the dark.

One of the amendments passed by the Board of Trustees is a revised Lifetime Membership.

It is hoped that this revision will attract more member to become Lifetime Members.

A major topic discussed in the IBT is using the Unit Planning Guide. It is an excellent means to plan for a successful year with your Unit. It should be a goal of Region 4's 14 Presidents to look at the Planning Guide for what has been done in the past and what can be accomplished in the future. I know that your Region 4 Officers will work with you in completing the guides for you and the members of your Unit.

The high point of the Entertainment was our WBCCI Concert Band. They gave an outstanding performance including a very moving tribute to the military with flags of each branch presented by flag bearers, including Larry Kurkowski, while our own Bill Watkins (LOL Unit) and another trumpeter played echoing taps from either side of the auditorium.

Joyce Grawe and her WBCCI Line Dance Committee entertained the audience with a lively performance during the band concert. They didn't miss a beat and looked great up on stage.

Adolph Knoph, International Treasurer announced that as a cost cutting measure there would not be a WBCCI Band or Choir next year. With loud gasps from the audience Incoming International President, Jim Schwerdfenger, his officers and members from Region 4, entered the auditorium playing various instruments (kazoos, jugs, spoons, whistles, etc.) to invite everyone to beautiful Lewisburg, WV in 2016. Needless to say the audience was much relieved and enjoyed the joke.

In closing, I am fortunate to have Don Hetzler, 1st VP, Karen Fisher, 2nd VP, Steve Rhodes, Treasurer and Janet Kendig, Secretary. With a strong team like this, I know Region 4 will have a successful year of growth, fun, fellowship and adventure. We are here to assist and work with the members of Region 4.

Gary Olinger President Region 4

### From the First Vice President

### Wow!!

Wow. I've been using that expression in rapid succession over the past few weeks. It all started at the Miami Valley Unit of Ohio and Cincinnati Ohio Unit's joint spring rally at the Poor Farmers in Fletcher Ohio. The flea market was outrageous but, as we sat around



our campfire the "caravan" talk started. Why don't we caravan to the International in Farmington N.M? It seemed to echo – fun!! Wow, was it ever. Off we went with all our ideas and plans for a caravan to the International Rally. Only a couple weeks until we're back on the road.

We started out as seems to be customary, meeting at an interstate rest stop and chatting for a while and talking traffic. There were 5 units launching from the rest stop with one planned addition en route. We had 4 MVU, one Cleveland Unit and a COU catching us at St. Charles. Then, off to St. Charles, Missouri.

Our plan was to park at the casino and skip the amenities in favor of the low cost (\$0). Unfortunately the temperature had spiked, it had started raining and the parking lot didn't look so good. We found an RV park in St. Charles and enjoyed the evening at a local restaurant and cooled off in the casino pool until the thunder storms took over. Everyone spent the next day on their own exploring the local area, fixing stuff on the Airstreams (for some it was their initial shakedown for the season) then off to Abilene, KS to see the Eisenhower Library and homestead. Wow, the museum was great but we didn't see a book anywhere?? Our RV Park was a bit rustic but we were off to Dodge City in the morning.

Dodge City, what a place. It's been burnt down a couple times and rebuilt a little too close to modern city life but you could feel the old west. We had a very nice RV park at the edge of town appropriately named "Gunsmoke". In touristy towns like this there's always a nice cool place with good food, you just have to find it. We did. We all, on queue, noticed that it's getting warmer as we go west. By now we're getting anxious to get to Farmington.

Taos - wow. The drive from Dodge City to Taos was a real gas. It was a beautiful day at the start and we continued to see changes in the terrain that indicated we were heading west and would be heading "up". We got nailed a couple times with serious downpours, and our lone motor home suffered breathing problems that led to overheating. Some of our vehicles felt the altitude change and some of us felt the effects of the bouncy back

roads. We did, however, arrive at the Questa Lodge intact. The park was a beautiful work in progress right on the Red River.

Look out Taos!! Airstreamers have arrived. We took in the sites of Taos, even visited the Kit Carson home, and just spend the day relaxing, shopping and eating. This little town seemed to be the final travel destination on the trip to Farmington. Tomorrow we're off to Farmington.

The drive from Taos to Farmington was spectacular with mountains, gorges, Native American landscapes and the ever present Earthship Biotecture just outside Taos. Here comes Farmington.

Wow, look at all the Airstreams! We hear that said often and never get tired of it. The International and the trips afterward were rewarding but the "Wows" on the way are lasting memories. If you have a chance, plan a caravan for your next International Rally trip. The Wows just keep coming.

### Don Hetzler First Vice President



**Dinner St. Charles** 

# Sugarcreek – September 26 thru October 4, 2015

Or more properly, The 53<sup>rd</sup> Swiss Festival National Rally. Each year the city of Sugarcreek and the Swiss Cheese Association sponsor the Swiss Festival on the fourth weekend after Labor Day. And each year the Airstreams make their way to Winklepleck Grove for the Swiss Festival National Rally. In addition to traditional Rally activities such as the Ham & Bean Supper cooked over an open fire on the grounds, Shuttle busses will be taking Airstreamers downtown to enjoy the Festival Parade and Events. Time is getting



short, you need to get your reservation in. A rally coupon is attached to this newsletter.

For more information please contact Rally Chairman Karin Kurkowski, 586-214-1777, or email:

SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com



# Crafts at the 2015 Region 4 Rally

Crafts at the Region 4 Rally Mansfield, Ohio 2015

This year Region 4 members learned to paint gourds from the very talented Pat Badgero, Columbus Unit. The "students" picked out their own gourd and then as Pat instructed, we let the gourd tell us what to paint. What creativity we all displayed, from abstract designs to airstreams, winter scenes and snowmen, the finished products were awesome.



Another craft was making a small flower centerpiece using a saltshaker, silk flower petals, buttons and wire to create a one of a kind decoration.

If you have a craft you would like to share or learn, please let me know so we can start planning.

Next year there will be even more crafts to learn, so keep watching for the Region 4 Newsletter to find out what awaits you at the Region Rally in Coldwater, MI.



# The Ladies Tea at 2015 Region

The Region 4 Ladies Tea was held again this year and we seem to be getting better with practice. Many hands made light work and I can't thank all the helping hands enough!

What a wonderful bunch of women stepped up and jumped in to make sure we made our guests feel "special." Ann Reboulet, MaryLou Thompson, Joan Mueller, Bev Drake, Linda Mueller, Janet Kendig, Joyce Grawe and Dot McElroy. If I have missed someone, please forgive me.

(A short aside - Dot and her husband, Bill, are from Virginia and came to our Region Rally last year on their way north. They liked us so much, they came back again this year, and we were thrilled and honored to have them. Obviously, Region Four made a really good impression.....and so did Dot and Bill!)



Back to the Tea. We also had great help from our handsome servers. Ralph Reboulet, Don Hetzler, and Gary Olinger prepared the tea and served and Sonny Thompson assisted. Thank you, gentlemen.

One of the activities I love most about the Tea is our exchange of Ideas. Ideas that help us use our Airstreams more effectively for storage, comfortability, and ease. I am always surprised at the imaginative solutions our sister Airstreamers come up with. Keep your eyes open for new ideas to share with us. It seems that I have agreed to host another Ladies Tea at the International Rally next year in Lewisburg, WV. Hope to see you there!

### **Marian Hetzler**

# **2015 International Rally News**

Region 4 made a huge impact during the successful 2015 International Rally in Farmington, NM. With more than 40 members from Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia making the trip out west, we worked on many committees. The behind the scenes work is both rewarding and enjoyable. If I left out anyone, please accept my apology.

Don & Marian Hetzler: registration, ladies' tea chairman, IBT hospitality, delegate

Ralph & Ann Reboulet: registration, sign placement, ladies' tea

Ed & Joan Mueller: registration, sign placement chairman

Karen Fisher & Wally Kimmel: message center, crafts Dean & Kathy Tighe: carpentry, message center

Don Collidge: band

Bill & Pam Watkins: band, information, band librarian, band photographer

Guy Lots: transportation and tractor towing chairman Jerry & Linda Belcher: cargo, property control, crafts

Larry & Karin Kurkowski: cargo chairman, new trailer display, property control co-chair, past region Presidents luncheon, International Planning Guide & Merit Awards

Gary & ShyrlAnn Olinger: purchasing, awards chairman, craft workshop chairman

Guy & Carmel Porter: sign up table, delegate

Bill & Joyce Grawe: computer services, line dancing, crafts

Bill & Phyllis Kirkendall: computer services, registration

Don & Janet Kendig: International Community Service chairman, cargo

Tom & Mary Ann Heckman: registration, sign up table, ladies' tea

### **And The Winners Are**

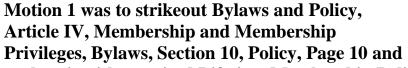
Once again Region 4 members came away from the International rally with ribbons galore. Some even took all the ribbons in a single category. Members from Cincinnati, Miami Valley, Michigan, and Land-O-Lakes ran away with a whopping 27 awards for our Region and more than any other region. The individual winners are: Ann Reboulet, Karen Fisher, Wally Kimmel, ShyrlAnn Olinger, Joyce Grawe, Janet Kendig, Mark Kennedy, Larry Kurkowski, Ed Mueller, Joan Mueller, Janet Cordsen, Dean Tighe, Jim Berish, Mary Lisuis, and Land-O-Lakes in the 4th of July Parade. We are looking forward to even more entries and winners at next year's International Rally in Lewisburg, WV.



A 1st place Rosette was presented to Mark Kennedy (Cincinnati Unit) for his wonderful collection of Airstream memorabilia.

### **IBT Notes**

Below is a summary of IBT Meetings held at the 58<sup>th</sup> International Rally in Farmington, NM. Gary Olinger, Region 4 President, represented the Region with the support of Don Hetzler, Region 4 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and Karen Fisher, Region 4 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. June 25, 2015.







Motion 2 was to remove Bylaws and Policy, Appendix 1 in its entirety. Motion passed. Note that this appendix included information regarding Lifetime (Joint Life Expectancy Table, WBCCI One-Time Lifetime Membership Fees, and the Lifetime Membership Application). These were all replaced with Motion 1 and deleting this appendix puts all the Lifetime Membership information in one place under the policy. Motion 3 was to change the composition of the Lifetime Membership Fund Committee to be the International 3<sup>rd</sup> President elected in the odd-numbered year who shall serve a two year term as Committee Chairman. A minimum of two additional members shall be selected from the Region Presidents, Vice Presidents, or the membership by the committee chair. Motion passed.

Motion 4 was to allow the transfer of funds from the Lifetime Membership Fund to the General Fund as directed by the Executive Committee. (Previously this was allowed only once per year and if payment of unit dues or MAL dues was late, the money could not be transferred for that member for that year). Motion passed.

Motion 5 was withdrawn.

Motion 6 was withdrawn and replaced with a Resolution authorizing the Executive Committee to file appropriate action with the State of Ohio to establish "Fictitious Names" allowing use by WBCCI of the names Airstream Owners RV Association, Inc. and Airstream Club International, Inc. The resolution was approved.

Motion 7 was to change Bylaws Article III, Policy, Item K regarding the duties of the International Rally Site Standing Committee. Under the revision, the committee is to formulate the basic requirements for an International Rally Site; seek, investigate and

evaluate potential sites and provide a list of potential sites to the International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. All information will be kept on file at Headquarters. Motion passed.

Motion 8 was to revise Bylaws Article III, Section 3, concerning the composition of all Standing Committees to add a statement that this does not apply to the International Rally Site Committee and the International Rally Committee as their composition is defined elsewhere. Motion passed.

Motion 9 was to strikeout Bylaws Article III, Section 5, and replace it with a new section defining the composition of the International Rally Site Committee. The members of the committee shall be appointed to serve for a period of 4 years. Terms are staggered so that only a single member will be appointed each year. The incoming International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President shall appoint a member to serve. The International President shall select a member of the committee to serve as chairman. Proviso: Implementation of this Committee shall require the International President to appoint a member to serve a one year term. The International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall appoint a member to serve a 2 year term. The International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President shall appoint a member to serve a 3 year term. Motion passed.

Motion 10 was withdrawn.

Motion 11 was to amend Bylaws Article III, Section 1 by adding a new Standing Committee as O. Long Range Planning and that Policy, Article III, be amended to insert a new item O defining the responsibilities of that committee. The chairman of the committee will be the International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President elected in the even-numbered year. The term of office for the Chairman shall be for 2 years. Two members shall be current Region Officers. Two additional members are to be appointed from the general membership. The International President and International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will be exofficio members of the committee. Motion passed.

Motion 12 was withdrawn.

### July 5, 2015

Motion 1 was withdrawn and replaced with a Resolution requesting that each International President provide a detailed financial report of the revenue and expenses of the Mid-Winter IBT Rally within 60 days of the end of the rally. The report should include a breakdown of the costs directly related to the business meeting(s) that are held at the rally. The resolution was approved.

Motion 2 was to revise Bylaws Article IV, Policy International Dues by deleting the current Articles B-F and replacing them with new Articles B-C. The revision applies only to new members and pro-rates the International Dues on a Quarterly basis. Dues for the

current year collected in the third and fourth quarter will also include dues for the following year. The change becomes effective January 1, 2016. Motion passed.

Motion 3 was to delete Bylaws Appendix 15, Unit Planning and Merit Award Application. This does not eliminate the Unit Planning and Merit Award Program but allows the Unit Planning and Merit Award Committee Chairman to update and revised the Program as needed without the formal approval of the IBT. The motion also included direction to update the instructions for filing to allow for electronic submission of the applicable forms. Motion passed.

Copies of the minutes from these two meetings can be found at <a href="http://wbcci.org/club-information/ibt/ibt-meetings-summer-2015">http://wbcci.org/club-information/ibt/ibt-meetings-summer-2015</a>. Audio recordings of the IBT meetings and the Delegates meeting can also be found at that same location.



Questa, NM

# 2015 Region 4 Events

Date Event Location/Contact

August 23 – September Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights National Caravan Cedeleeuw@comcast.net

September 26 – Swiss Festival National Rally October 4, 2015

SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com

### Hello, Hello, Hello, Hello, Hello ...

Recently sold at auction was a 1962 40' Airstream originally built for the Western Pacific Railway. The trailer was created by riveting two 20' trailers together and was never intended for road use. The railroad mounted it to a 50' flatcar for transport. Believed to be one of five still in existence. This one was dismounted from the flatcar in 1989 and was recently restored and sold by Timeless Travel Trailers in Colorado.







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# WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC. 59TH INTERNATIONAL RALLY/CONVENTION

JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 • Lewisburg, West Virginia

# REGISTRATION

Rally/Convention Parking Passes will be mailed beginning April 1st, 2016.

Rally/Convention Fees for registrations received prior to January 1, 2016, will be \$450 for couples, \$400 for singles, and \$100 for each additional adult. Rally/Convention fees for the first 500 registrants include FULL HOOK-UP. After 500, limited services will be available.

Rally Fees received after January 1, 2016, will be \$470.00 for couples, \$420 for singles, and \$120 for additional adults. Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members registering on or before January 1, 2016, 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 for the night before your parking date. Additional nights prior to your park date will be at the rate of \$25.00/night, payable at verification.

**FEE REFUND POLICY** All rally/convention fee refund requests must be postmarked by **May 15, 2016**, and **must** include the complete Rally pass. 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.

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Additional Adult in Airstream			\$100.00		\$120.00			
Youth (Ages 4 – 17)			\$60.00		\$60.00			
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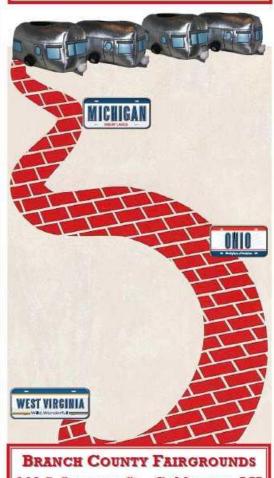
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40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REGION 4 RALLY



Branch County Fairgrounds 262 S. Sprague St., Coldwater, MI May 11-16, 2016

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### Wednesday - May 11

### "ARRIVAL DAY"

Rally Parking (11:00am-1:00 & 2:00-5:00pm) Rally Setup Hotdog Roast (6pm) Registration & Games (7pm)

### Thursday - May 12

### "REGION 4 DAY"

Speed Streaming Workshops
Open Forum & Business Meeting
Flag Practice
Opening Ceremony
Meet the Unit & Region Officers

### Friday - May 13

### "COLDWATER DAY"

Catered Breakfast Tours in Coldwater Area Entertainment

### Saturday - May 14

### "UNIT DAY"

Genealogy Roundtable
Golf
Crafts
Unit Skit Practice
Entertainment

### Sunday - May 15

### "SILVER CITY DAY"

Worship Catered Brunch Hobby Show Yard Sale Unit Skits

### Monday - May 16

### "MARSHALL DAY"

Tours in Marshall 40th Anniversary Dinner & Closing Ceremonies in Turkeyville

### 3-Point Hookups (Water, Electric, & Sewer)

**Business Meetings** 

Seminars

Tours

Daily Hospitality (a.m. & p.m.) Games

Line Dancing

Raffles

Door Prizes

Flea Market

Hobby / Craft Show

Entertainment

Ice Cream

Popcorn

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Nelsonville, OH

# 53rd Annual

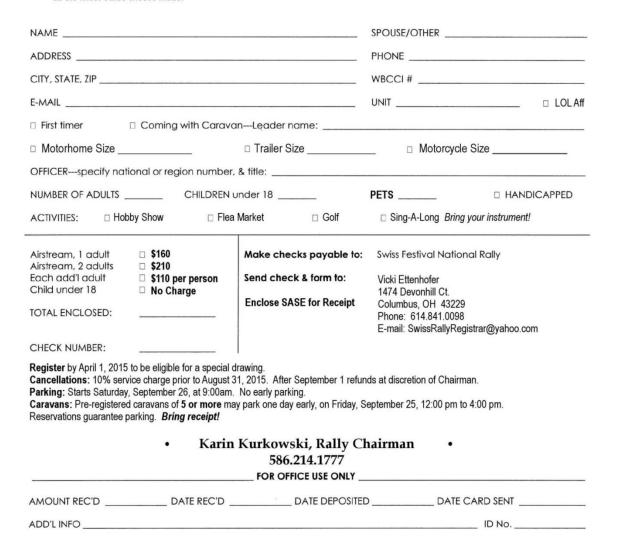
# 2015 Swiss Festival National Rally September 26-October 4, 2015

"In the Heart of Amish Country" Hosted by Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit for 53 Years

COME JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED RALLY! Park at Winklepleck Grove for 9 Days of fun, excitement and new things to do. You will be provided with water, 3-amp electric, 1 dump, nightly entertainment, and a wide choice of tours. Enjoy a game of golf at the 27-hole course adjacent to the park. Visit the many gift, antique and craft shops, and enjoy a delicious home-cooked Amish dinner at a nearby restaurant.

A DAY IN THE PARK will feature a hobby show, golf tournaments, homemade ice cream, and a ham & bean supper cooked over an open fire. Enjoy fresh popped popcorn daily. On October 2 & 3, shuttle buses will take you to downtown Sugarcreek for the festival festivities.

The area of Sugarcreek, Ohio is located in the rolling hills of Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover and 18 miles east of Millersburg on scenic Route 39 west of I-77. It is surrounded by a prosperous farming community, populated largely by the Amish people. With 8 Swiss cheese factories located in the area, Sugarcreek is recognized as the center of the Swiss cheese industry in the USA, and is known far and wide as the finest Swiss cheese made.



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