

REGION VII NEWSLETTER

October 2001

INFO to WBCCI

It is the time of the year that the unit presidents need to submit new officer reporting forms and activities for the coming year to WBCCI headquarters. The new officer reporting form is in the WBCCI blue book in appendix 9, page 7 and must reach headquarters by November 1. The activities schedule for the directory and bulletin board copy form is in the WBCCI blue book in appendix 9, page 6 and must also reach headquarters by November 1. Please note that if you have any changes or additions for the Blue Beret Bulletin board that you should use the form in appendix 9, page 5. The date listed for the event being held is listed on that form along with the deadline for submitting to WBCCI headquarters. It is hoped that each of the units will keep the region officers and WBCCI headquarters up to date with the units activities. If you have luncheons over the winter months for example please submit this information to WBCCI so that it can be printed in the Blue Beret. Be sure to copy the region president and vice president(s) on all of these items as we use this information in our planning.

In addition to the above information the February issue of the Blue Beret will feature a combined caravan and rally pull out section. Articles for this pull out section for state rallies (Pearl Adams please note), special event rallies, and region caravans should submit an article to WBCCI headquarters approximately 50 words in length and contain all the basic information pertaining to the caravan or rally. These articles are to reach WBCCI headquarters by November 15.

Vern Schultz will be submitting the article for the region rally.

MERGER

The Greater Milwaukee Unit and the Wisconsin Unit held a joint installation rally at Two Rivers, WI. A planned vote to merge the Greater Milwaukee Unit into the Wisconsin Unit was held at a separate meeting of each unit with a unanimous vote by each unit to merge with the Wisconsin Unit being the surviving unit. A meeting was then held the next day of the combined units with a slate of officers presented and elected. These officers were installed that evening at the installation dinner. There are now 6 units in Region 7.

ELECTION

It is time for the election of officers for the region. Each unit is entitled to one vote, and the ballot for voting is enclosed to the unit president. The nominating committee nominees as presented at the region rally in West Fargo, ND are as follows:

President: Vernon Schultz
1st Vice President: John Tetzlaff
2nd Vice President: No resumes received.

As you can see we do not have a candidate for the position of 2nd VP. You, the unit presidents and 1st vice presidents are in an excellent position to know any possible candidates in your respective units and we encourage you to pursue any prospects. We also encourage each of you to give consideration to submitting a resume for the position of 2nd VP of the region. It is very fulfilling to

go through the chairs as a region officer, and the many friendships gained throughout our country and WBCCI are at the top of the list of the benefits of being a region officer. Also, if any unit president is considering becoming a region officer and is hesitant to submit a resume because of having to serve a dual role from July 5th to the end of your term, the region would be happy to have you submit and delay your installation until after you have completed your term as the unit president.

It is requested that you have the ballots for your unit returned to me by December 15, 2001.

REFLECTIONS

The rally season in Region 7 has been completed. For those rallies that Annette and I have attended it is with a big thank you to the units for the great times that we have had attending your rallies and the very warm hospitality that you have extended to us. We have now attended at least one rally of each our units in the region which was our intention. What a pleasure it has been for us as we have traveled across our vast region to attend your unit rallies, and with so many memories. It was an honor for us to be the installing officer at two of our unit's installation rallies. A current region officer was in attendance at all but one of our units for their installations and we regret not being able to attend one of the unit's installations.

The Ukrainian Special Event rally held by the Manitoba unit at Dauphin, MB was a very nice rally with 30 units parked on site, and 2 other units off site for the rally. I want to thank the Manitoba unit for sponsoring this rally this year to give us the pleasure of attending to represent the region and for the excellent rally. I will say though that if you thought going north into Canada would get you into the cooler Canadian air, it was not to be had this year for this rally as it reached the 90's each day we were there! We

ask that you encourage your members to attend this rally if it is held again.

The region rally was successfully completed at West Fargo, ND and we hope enjoyed by all that attended (44 units again this year and 89 people). We had a pleasant surprise with our hookups. We had only been promised limited electrical hookups by the fairgrounds. We were the only RV group parked at the fairgrounds and we were given the choice parking location with 50 amp and 20 amp outlets for our use, along with water hookups, and wash water disposal. It was no problem to run air conditioning! Our feedback has been positive which we appreciate. Our feedback on Bonanzaville and Pioneer Days was very positive. The feedback was that they were surprised at the depth of what was there to see and do, and most commented that one day was not enough time to take everything in. The region staff would like to thank all whom attended, and a special thanks to the many that assisted us in any way to make the rally a success. A special thanks to the units for the presentation of their skits. The skits add a lot to the region rally and seems to be enjoyed by all.

Ronald W. Hooker
Region 7 President