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FLAG DAY AND
FATHERS DAY

TWO REASONS TO
CELEBRATE!!



AUGUST RALLY PREVIEW

It may seem a long way off, but, you all know how time flies. This is your first reminder that the August Iowa Unit rally will be at the Amana Colonies on August 13-16, with Norm and Linda Beu hosting. Although we have had a couple of Region 8 rallies at the Amana Colonies, this is the first time in many years that we will have an Iowa Unit rally there. This will be a "Buddy Rally", so talk to your non-Airstream buddies and get them to come along. It promises to be an enjoyable weekend. More information and rally details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter around the first of August.

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PREZ SAYS



This month's note is being sent while we are on our way to Farmington. Today is Sunday, June 7th and we are currently at Lake Melvern in Kansas, northeast of Emporia and just off I-35. This is a nice Corps of Engineers park with full hookup sites for \$20-\$22 and water and electric for \$18, some of which have 50-amp electric. With a Golden Age pass, the rate becomes half-price. What a deal!

We plan to arrive in Farmington, NM on June 11th to make final plans for parking the attendees at the International Rally. I hope you are planning to

attend. The current registration is about 430, which is an increase from recent years.

Since the Region Rally, it seems like the motorhome's wheels haven't stopped turning. We visited Lewisburg, WV (the site of the 2016 International Rally) and then stopped in Jackson Center for June to conduct her annual budget meeting. Sandwiched in between those journeys, we attended two granddaughter's graduations from college and June's all-school reunion; all in different areas of Iowa.

Safe travels to all of you and I will look forward to seeing you at the August rally in Middle Amana.

Paul

YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO COME TO INT'L RALLY and ATTEND IOWA UNIT LUNCHEON

If you are still sitting on the fence about whether, or not, to attend the **58th WBCCI International Rally in Farmington, NM**, this is your final "prodding". We know there are several Iowa Unit members that are planning to attend, but there is always room for more. It will be at least three years before the International will return west, so if you like wide open spaces, this is your year. As we have pointed out in previous newsletters there is a lot to do "off-site" should you so wish and there are always lots of activities at the rally proper. If you haven't made up your mind, say "Yes" and join us in Farmington. From central Iowa to Farmington is just over 1,100 miles and can be easily driven in three days.

This will obviously be your last reminder concerning the **Iowa Unit Luncheon at the International Rally in Farmington, NM**. The luncheon will be at Zebadiah's Restaurant at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 28th. We will be in a separate room and will be ordering from the menu. The restaurant's address is 2210 E. 20th St., about 6.5 miles NW from the fairgrounds. It has been reported that Zebadiah's has the best salad bar in Farmington. Guess we'll find out! If you can make it, please let 1st VP Marcia Woolley know via email (woolleymarcia@yahoo.com) or by telephoning 319-230-8368 on her cell phone. It is probably too late to send her a note by US mail.

IOWA UNIT HAS NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to notify all Iowa Unit members that a new couple has joined our ranks. They are **Marshall and Rita Scichilone**, who reside at 401 Ely St., Woodbine, IA. They have a 1966 20-foot Globetrotter and were assigned WBCCI number 14487 by Jackson Center. Your newsletter team congratulates the couple on their joining of the Iowa Unit and we all look forward to seeing them at future rallies.

DEALER SPOTLIGHT

Shorewood RV Center South

4975 Hubbell Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50317
515-262-8450
515-418-5786
www.shorewoodrv.com

Bill Thomas Camper Sales, Inc.

101 Thomas R.V. Way
Wentzville, MO 63385
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5120 N. Brady Street
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TRAVELING TOGETHER IS FUN, FUN, FUN

Caravans from Iowa to Farmington and from Farmington back to Iowa have been approved at previous Iowa Unit Board Meetings, so we have an official basis for each of them. By the time you receive this newsletter, it will probably be too late to join any caravan to Farmington, but that is no reason not to join your friends in New Mexico. You might contact Chuck and Nancy Helle to see what they have to say. No guarantees! At the International there will be a meeting to determine if there is interest from those attending in a caravan back to Iowa. If so, a route will be determined, along with the length of travel-days, possible things to see along the way and over-night stops. It is anticipated the trip would be about 5-6 days in length, but that will be determined by those attending the Farmington meeting.

A Simple Answer

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal, they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. Holmes said: "Watson, look up and tell me what you see".

Watson said: "I see a fantastic panorama of countless stars".

Holmes: "And what does that tell you?"

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ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

1 - Myra Joseph
7 - Dana Johnson
9 - Tom Herron
16 - Jim Caffrey
20 - Toni Whitehouse

5 - Chuck & Marj Wadsley
9 - Tom & Shirley Herron
14 - Gary & Cheryl Burrows
15 - Tom & Judy Barrett
19 - Chuck & Sandie Kiple
20 - Michael & Linda Rickert
21 - Terry & Joyce Vriezelaar
22 - David & Pat Shaw
23 - Richard & Martha Jirus
26 - Paul & June Ryan
26 - John & Carol Heckman

From Lavonne Sandersfeld: At the Independence Rally I brought Rhubarb Bread and I had requests to have the recipe published in the Iowa Unit News letter. Here it is.

RHUBARB BREAD

3/4 c. white sugar	2 1/2 c. flour
3/4 c. brown sugar	1 tsp baking soda
2/3 c. salad oil	1 tsp salt
1 egg	
1 tsp vanilla + 1/2 tsp almond flavoring or all vanilla	1 1/2 c. chopped rhubarb
1 c. sour milk	1/2 c. chopped nuts, pecans

Cream together salad oil and sugars. Add egg, flavoring and sour milk. Add sifted flour, salt, and baking soda. Stir in rhubarb and nuts. Mix well. Pour into 2 well greased loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until done. Cool 10 minutes in pan. Remove and cool on rack. Note- To make sour milk put 2 Tablespoons of vinegar in a cup and fill cup with milk. Let set until it gets thick.

Can also use buttermilk.

Thank You, Lavonne. This is something we'd all like to try.

FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Those of you who will be Farmington on Father's Day, June 21st, are invited and encouraged to contact June Ryan and sign up for the Father's Day Luncheon. You can contact June by calling her at 641-455-9444. The cost will be \$17.50 each – seems a little high, but June guarantees a good meal.

Watson pondered for a moment: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow."

"Why? – What does it tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes was silent for a moment then spoke: "Someone has stolen our tent."

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May 14 - 17. 2015

City Park

Independence, Iowa

Executive Meeting – May 16, 2015

Vice Pres. Marcia Woolley called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

The officers present were VP Marcia Woolley, Directors Pat Dellamuth, Don Storjohann, Donella Watkinson, and Past Pres. Lavonne Sandersfeld. There is a quorum.

Donella made the motion to have Paul Ryan as Delegate and Marcia Woolley as Alternate at the International Rally. Motion was seconded and carried.

Lavonne made the motion to have a caravan for coming back home to Iowa after the International Rally. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report of a balance on hand in October 2014 was \$4521.57. Dues collected were \$240.16, which made a balance of \$4761.73. Expenditures were \$291.20. The current balance on hand is \$4470.53.

Bills were presented for this rally and the 2014 and 2015 directories and postage. Don made the motion to pay these bills. Motion was seconded and carried.

There was discussion on purchasing new table cloths. It was decided that each member would have table cloth in their trailer which could be used at the rallies.

The possibility of having a Joint rally with North Iowa in May of 2016 was discussed. Other months considered were April and June. We need to get new members involved in our rallies.

Maybe new members would be able to go to the International Rally held in July of 2017.

It is difficult to find members to run for office.

The rally fee for this rally is \$7.00 per person.

Tickets are on sale for a dollar for a chance to win an airstream birdhouse, National Parks Puzzle, or a brake away cable or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

Meeting was adjourned.

Nancy Helle, secretary pro tem

Camper Comments

These are actual comments left on U. S. Forest Service registration sheets and comment cards by backpackers completing wilderness camping trips:

- "A small deer came into my camp and stole my bag of pickles. Is there a way I can get reimbursed? Please call."
- "Escalators would help on steep uphill sections."
- "Instead of a permit system or regulations, the Forest Service needs to reduce worldwide population growth to limit the number of visitors to wilderness."
- "Trails need to be wider so people can walk while holding hands."
- "Ban walking sticks in wilderness. Hikers that use walking sticks are more likely to chase animals."
- "All the mile markers are missing this year."
- "Found a smoldering cigarette left by a horse."
- "Trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill."
- "Too many bugs and leeches and spiders and spider webs. Please spray the wilderness to rid the area of these pests."
- "Please pave the trails so they can be plowed of snow in the winter."
- "Chair lifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike to them."
- "The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals."
- "Reflectors need to be placed on trees every 50 feet so people can hike at night with flashlights."
- "Need more signs to keep area pristine."
- "A McDonald's would be nice at the trail head."
- "The places where trails do not exist are not well marked."
- "Too many rocks in the mountains."

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THE SAGA OF TRAVELING CABALKA'S CONTINUES

The May newsletter was prepared and sent while your team was in Spokane, WA on the trip from Arizona to Denver, via California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Wyoming. Sounds weird doesn't it, but that's how crazy your team is! We thought perhaps some of you would like to know what we found to do and see along the run from Spokane to Denver, so, here goes!

We saw one of our granddaughters (the sister of the one we saw at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA) on the weekend before she was to graduate from the University of Montana. We spent as much time with her as we could, but, obviously, she had sorority activities and studying to do, so our time together was limited. In our free time we did, however, make a 35-mile drive NE from Missoula to Garnet, Montana's best preserved ghost town. This was a gold mining town that has lain undisturbed (except by a few vandals) for the last 75



years. Strangely enough, it was quite well preserved. There were a couple dozen old wooden buildings that are now under the protection of the US Bureau of Land Management.

Unlike most mining towns that were populated by miners and "ladies of the night", the miners of Garnet brought their wives and children. In 1898, Garnet's population was about 1,000, but as the gold vein petered out, the population had dropped to only 150 residents by 1905. In 1898, Garnet boasted four hotels, three livery stables, two barber shops, a union hall, a school, a butcher shop, a candy store, a doctor's office, an assay office and thirteen saloons. Apparently, the community was a bustling mining town during it's heyday and they loved



their booze.

The only moment of anxiety during the entire 37-day trip came about 11:30 PM on Friday, May 8th. Doris Jean suddenly complained of a pain in her side, a nauseous feeling, had the shakes, and just didn't feel right. An ambulance was called and she was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Missoula. They ran a number of checks, but could find nothing that definitely caused the problem. She was finally released and your team got back to the Airstream about 3:15 AM. She was back to normal in less than 24 hours. To this day, we still do not know what caused the problem, but suspect it was the walking activity and the altitude at the ghost town earlier that day.

The team experienced it's only "driving in the rain" experience during the entire trip on May 11th, as we passed by Bozeman, MT. The rain lasted for about an hour and it had quit by the time the stop for the night was reached. We arrived in Denver in time to see one grandson graduated from Metro State University of Denver and another graduated from Arvada West High School. Of course, we helped prepare for their parties! It was a great trip with a wonderful ending. NOW, IT IS ON TO FARMINGTON!!!

HIGHLIGHTS - DENVER TO FARMINGTON

A windy day at Maroon Bells, southwest of Aspen, CO.



The crooked road climbing to the top of Colorado National Monument, Grand Junction CO.



San Juan Mountains near Cortez, CO