

Iowa Unit WBCCI Newsletter

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2012

International is over. It was hot and dry, but I didn't hear of any problems created by the heat. As I write this we are in the 31st day of drought, and it is drizzling right now. It feels so good to walk in the rain. Thank you God!!! Please keep it coming. So far about .2". Corn is really showing that it needs a big drink! Gardens and lawns too.

PS As I finish this 3 days later, we received .5"rain.

See below

for a report by our Delegate Chuck Kiple. Thanks Chuck. Thanks also Chuck Cabalka for being Alternate Delegate.

President Pat,

I did attend the delegates meeting in Sedalia as the Iowa Unit Delegate. I thank you for the opportunity to do so.

The delegates elected the new International Officers for 2012-2013 as follows:

John Boutwell – President

John Stumpf – First VP

Joe Perryman – Second VP

Jim Schwerdfeger – Third VP

(Schwerdfeger from Region 9 and Richard Girard of Region 11 were nominated from the floor. Schwerdfeger was elected by a vote of 2597 to 2196).

Cecelia Stansbury – Recording Sec.

Kathy Hampel - Treasurer

The entire slate of officers ran unopposed except for the Third Vice President election.

Two primary matters came before the delegates meeting. The first was the Proposed

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Constitution Revision along with multiple proposed amendments to the Proposed Constitution Revision. Before any of the amendments were considered, the entire Proposed Constitution Revision was voted upon and was defeated by a two-third vote of the delegates. Thus, the entire matter and all amendments were defeated. This matter is now closed.

The second order of business was a proposal to amend membership requirements to permit WBCCI Lifetime and Ten year members to purchase Thor Motor Coaches as maybe badged as Airstreams to have membership in the WBCCI. This matter was ultimately referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Standing Committee to determine the proper changes necessary to the constitution and bylaws as well as to determine the arrangement, if any, for productions and badging by Thor Industries. The motion and committee report will then be considered at the 2013 delegates meeting in Huron, S.D.

The Proposed Revision of the WBCCI Constitution is presently over and those were my instructions as a delegate. The Motorhome issue is a very important matter to approximately 450-500 of our present WBCCI members. I believe all that can be done has been completed and now discussions need to be held between WBCCI officers, Airstream and Thor personnel to work out details so the subject may be considered by the delegates in 2013 after a recommendation from the Constitution and Bylaws Standing Committee.

Should you have any questions please contact me.

Respectfully,
Chuck Kiple
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Chuck Cabalka sent me some pictures and a report of International. Please see the following

55TH INTERNATIONAL RALLY HIGHLITES

There are only three words to describe the 55th International WBCCI Rally in Sedalia, MO ---**HOT!, HOT!, HOT!** Those early workers arriving during the week of June 10th were greeted by high temps in the 90's and daytime temps never got cooler throughout the entire rally. Several days even reached into the low 100's. Thank goodness for 30-amps and air conditioning. Except for the early morning hours of June 16th, there was no rainfall at all. In spite of the hot temperatures, the rally was still interesting and enjoyable. Ten Iowa Unit members attended, as did six affiliated members. The Iowans were Beu's, Cabalka's, Dellamuth's, Helle's, Jirus', Kiple's, Lafrentz's, Mulbrook, Ryan's and Wininger's. The Iowa Unit Luncheon, hosted by 1st VP Linda Beu, was held in a railroad passenger car at the Kehde's Restaurant, (where BBQ was their specialty) with 10 members and 3 affiliates attending.

Nearly all the Iowa Unit members volunteered to work on one, or more, committees which occupied much of their rally time. However, there was ample opportunity to attend seminars and workshops, as well as join some of the early worker tours. Among the tour highlites were the Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site and the Bothwell Hotel. The 31-room, 12,000 sq. ft. lodge, about 6 miles north of Sedalia, was built and occupied by lawyer John Bothwell. It took 31 years and four building phases, from 1890 to 1929, to complete the lodge as it is today. It sits atop a 150 ft. cliff and provides a spectacular view of the wooded hills in the area. The Bothwell Hotel, in downtown Sedalia, is the result of a column written in the St. Louis newspaper stating that Sedalia, while hosting the Missouri State Fair, didn't have any quality, respectable lodging. This was probably correct, since Sedalia developed as a railroad town in the latter half of the 1800's. As a result, John Bothwell undertook a campaign to raise funds to build a quality hotel and one was completed in 1927. The hotel, after

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serving in that capacity for several decades, was converted into a retirement home until recently, when it was returned to hotel status and restored to the grandeur that it once provided.

In addition to the guided tours, there were several other interesting places to visit on one's own time. Among these was the Katy Depot. In its heyday, Sedalia had two railroads [Missouri Pacific and Missouri-Kansas-Texas (MKT)], two separate depots and two railroad shops with both of them repairing and building locomotives and railcars. Approximately 8,000 to 9,000 men worked in those facilities. The MKT Depot has been restored to its original beauty and serves as the Sedalia Welcome Center and as a railroad museum for Sedalia. The 33-mile portion (Sedalia to Clinton) of the larger 238-mile state trail system utilizes old KT railbed for a paved bicycle and walking trail and numerous rally attendees walked or cycled portions of the trail. A surprise tour was after-hours in the courtroom of the Pettis County Courthouse, conducted by a retired judge. The walls in the courtroom were covered with murals depicting the history of Pettis County. It would be hard for a juror to keep his/her mind on a trial, what with all that art before them.

The 459 Airstream units were parked on grass in the campground for the state fair, with the activities taking place in either the Mathewson Exhibition Center (the arena) or the Mohler Assembly Hall, both of which were (fortunately) air conditioned. Some would say they were too well air conditioned, with sweaters being noted on several members. Among the awards won by Iowa Unit members was a first place ribbon to Linda Beu for tatting, a third place ribbon to Marilyn Mulbrook for the 2010-2011 yearbook and two second place ribbons to Chuck Cabalka in the Photo Print contest. At the Delegate Meeting on June 30th, the delegates rather decisively voted down the proposed new constitution, with over 70% opposed. The election of the new 3rd Vice President was considerably closer, with Jim Schwerdfeger (Region 9) defeating Richard Girard (Region 11) by a vote of 2,597 to 2,196. The proposal to allow motorhomes built by Thor Industries into club membership was discussed, with the end result being to refer it to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee due to a question concerning a possible conflict between two sections of the constitution. That committee is to research the question and report back to the delegates at the 2013 meeting.

Huron, SD made their presentation for the 2013 rally, noting numerous places to visit and things to do while in Huron. Among the things to see is their big pheasant statue. Made of steel and fiberglass, it stands 28 feet tall, is 40 feet from beak to tail and weighs 22 tons. Now, that is a B---I---G bird! The Huron ladies also emphasized the 20 murals painted on the walls of numerous downtown buildings. These depict the history of Huron. Rally parking will be on grass within the fairgrounds and 30-amp electricity is included in the rally fee. Water will again be the "daisy chain" method, with hoses from trailer to trailer. Holding tanks will be pumped, as has been the case at most rallies. It promises to be an interesting rally.

The two nights of professional entertainment saw a Canadian group (Scott Woods band) and a bluegrass group (Jeff Little Trio with Wayne Henderson). The Canadian group had several fabulous fiddle players (Scott Woods among them) and a young lady who played bass guitar and fiddle and "danced". Her dancing left the caravaners in awe of the speed and gyrations of her legs. She moved them in ways few had ever seen and even Mr. Woods referred to her as "spaghetti legs". The Jeff Little group, consisting of a keyboard, bass, banjo and guitar did a fantastic job, playing many old bluegrass favorites, including the Orange Blossom Special on a piano. The WBCCI band played one of their best concerts in recent years. All in all, the entertainment was very good.

John Boutwell was installed as the 2012-2013 International President and it is the consensus that he will do a good job. In carrying on many of the plans made by Don and Jan Clark (as you remember, Don had to resign his 1st Vice President position due to health reasons), the theme for 2013 is "A New Approach". If you haven't already done so, start making plans to go to the 2013 rally in Huron. Street Atlas USA says it is only 403 miles from Des Moines, most of it via interstate highway. The rally was topped off with a fabulous fireworks display, right on the fairgrounds. Those of you who did not go to Sedalia missed a good rally. Don't miss next year's.

Chuck Cabalka

As Past President Chuck Cabalka is trying to find Officers for the Iowa Unit for the next year. He is having difficulty obtaining willing people to run for office to keep the club alive. See Below.

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1ANOTHER PLEA FOR OFFICERS

The slate of proposed officers for the Iowa Unit for 2012-13 is near completion. However, as Nominating Committee Chairman, I have been unable to obtain anyone willing to accept nomination for the office of 1st Vice President. I have contacted six individuals, none of whom felt they were able to accept the position. Consequently, unless someone contacts me prior to the August rally, the matter will be brought up at the business meeting. **PLEASE, PLEASE** accept some responsibility for the unit and step forward. If the preparation of the newsletter and directory are of concern, we have someone who will undertake those responsibilities. All that is really needed as 1st Vice President is to secure 4 rally sites and hosts for 2014 and determine a location for the Iowa Unit Luncheon at Gillette, WY in 2014. During the year of Presidency (2014-15), the primary responsibility is to preside at the 4 business meetings. Your unit needs your help.

Dues for 2012-2013

Treasurer Marcia Woolley and Ben are on the Alaska Caravan and not able to attend the August rally. She has asked Past President Chuck Cabalka to collect dues from anyone wanting to pay. When the Woolley's get back to Iowa, she will see that the money gets sent to Jackson Center. The dues are unchanged from last year and remain at \$80.00; i.e. Iowa dues of \$15.00 and International dues of \$65.00. Life Members pay only the \$15.00 Iowa amount. By paying at the rally, the cost of postage can be saved by the unit treasury, so bring your checkbooks. If you desire to send in your dues by mail, you can wait until September and send them directly to Marcia, as she and Ben should be back in Independence by mid-month.

I received an e-mail from Cindy Reed from the International President John Boutwell about a project for the coming year. He writes:

At the International Business meeting July 5, 2012, I announced a special project for our club this year. I hope you notice the back cover of the August issue of the Blue Beret, see attachment. The Wounded Warrior Project will be our emphasis this year.

I am encouraging each Unit to participate by holding fundraisers during the year and turn in the amounts collected to the Region President to bring to the International Rally next year in Huron, South Dakota. On the evening of June 25, 2013, we will pay tribute to our Wounded Warriors with a special program at which time we will bring forth our donations that will be sent to the Wounded Warrior Project. We are also inviting the local residents to be part of this project by attending the evening program. Watch your Blue Beret for further information.

If you have or had a family member that has served in the wars recently, and you would like to send in an article regarding their experiences, we encourage you to do so. Email your article to Cindy Reed's address in the Blue Beret.

Our men and women have given so much defending our freedom... the least we can do is help those that have special needs that the Wounded Warrior Project provides. WWP also helps their families through the tough times of re-adjustment. Some of you remember those times from previous wars.

Let's do what we can – we are all part of the larger family,

Signed, John W. Boutwell (FYI John Boutwell and Sandie Feldman are getting married Sept. 8, 2012 in Yucaipa, CA)

So you can be thinking of this for further discussion for next year.

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Our next Rally is scheduled for the 3rd weekend in August. As you can see by the following information from Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka it sounds like a **great** rally with a clever theme.

THE “RACING WITH THE WIND” RALLY

The August joint rally of the Iowa and North Iowa Units on August 16-19 promises to be one to be remembered. A “bring your own sandwich and a salad or dessert to share” supper is scheduled for Thursday evening, with visiting, games and a possible campfire completing the day.

Following breakfast on Friday morning, attendees will visit the Trinity Towers company, where the steel towers for wind generators are fabricated. No photography is permitted at Trinity. Following that industry tour, we will move on to TPI, the company that makes those huge blades that we see turning on the towers. After lunch, it will be on to Laurel, IA (about 15 miles NE of Newton) to visit an operating, power-generating tower. On the way back to the campground, we will stop at the Maytag blue cheese facilities, where we will watch a video showing the making of bleu cheese. You can also buy bleu cheese and other varieties, should you so desire. Friday’s supper will be a picnic affair at the campground, with all the food provided. The evening entertainment will be the viewing of Branson entertainer, Yakov, (via DVD), complete with popcorn. **PLEASE NOTE: On the industrial tours, as well as at the wind farm, long trousers and/or slacks are required and open-toed shoes are prohibited.**

Following breakfast on Saturday, the group will move across I-80 to tour the Iowa Speedway, including into the infield garage, out onto the track proper and up into one of the skyboxes overlooking the track. The final morning guided tour will be of the Jasper County Courthouse in downtown Newton. The courthouse has been fully restored to its original 1914 condition and will be conducted by Dennis Carpenter, one of the County Supervisors.

Saturday afternoon is being left open as “free time”, where you can relax or take a dip in the campground pool, if you wish. If these do not interest you, there is a self-guided driving tour of about 75 sculptures throughout the community or you can visit the Jasper County Museum, one of the best small museums in the US. A social hour is scheduled for 4:00 PM, so bring your own beverage and some snack to share. Supper on Saturday evening will be at the Pizza Ranch restaurant, where the party room has been reserved. The Iowa Unit will have their short business meeting following supper. North Iowa members and “buddies” are welcome to remain or they can return to the campground.

Sunday morning’s breakfast will be assorted pastries, followed by a worship service. Then, it will be time to “hook ‘em up and head ‘em out”. If you think this rally looks good, make sure you come. The KOA campground is holding 25 spaces for the group, but **we need to know by Monday, August 13th, if you plan to attend.** This will assure that enough food is purchased and will allow the campground to have any of the spaces we will not need available for travelers. Either send in your response by email to cdjcabalka@juno.com or call us at 480-216-8096. **DO NOT CONTACT THE CAMPGROUND!!** We will pass on the number and names to them. Thank you.

FINALLY, REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A “BUDDY” RALLY, SO BRING A FRIEND (OR SOMEONE YOU’D LIKE TO HAVE AS A FRIEND) AND JOIN IN THE FUN. SEE YOU IN NEWTON!!!

Thank you to those who have brought to my attention the passing of one of our current members Don Kucharo, and former member Eugene Teggatz. We remember them and their families. Condolences were sent to both families from the Iowa Unit.

Rolling Rally in October

I have never experienced a Rolling Rally, but will in October. Lavonne Sandersfeld has been busy preparing. So I know you won't want to miss this fun filled rally. Lavonne says: **Make plans to attend the Rolling Rally in South Central Iowa Oct. 18-21. We will begin rolling by going to Eldon to visit the Gothic House Visitor Center. The second day we will roll to Centerville and the Rathbun Lake area and the third day we will roll to Pella.** She has been busy as I know Linda Beu is also busy preparing for the September Rally in Dubuque. Two good rallies to look forward to.

Clip and save the following schedule fo the August Newton Rally.

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SCHEDULE FOR "RACING WITH THE WIND" RALLY AT NEWTON KOA, AUGUST 16-19, 2012

Arrive anytime after lunch on Thursday, August 16th. If arriving on I-80, use Exit 168 and go north and west 0.7 mi. to KOA sign on left. If arriving from the East on US 6, turn left (south) at the first traffic signal onto Iowa Speedway Drive and proceed south for 0.9 mile, past Walmart Supercenter, to the KOA sign on your right. Check in at the office, individually, when arriving. Cost is \$32.00 per night, tax included. Bring your own place settings to all meals at the rally site. Carpooling to all tours is recommended due to limited parking.

RALLY SCHEDULE:

Thursday:

6:00 Supper at rec room in NE corner of entrance building. Bring your own sandwiches and a salad or dessert to share. Beverages provided.

7:15 Visiting, games and possible campfire.

Friday:

7:30 - 8:15 Breakfast of oatmeal & ice cream, raisin toast, juice and coffee or tea.

Cinnamon Burst Cheerios for non-oatmeal eaters.

8:30 Line up for caravan to Trinity Towers for plant tour.

8:45 Depart for tour.

9:00 Guided tour of Trinity Tower Co. to see wind towers being fabricated.

10:00 Depart for TPI Co. to see fabrication of wind power-generating blades.

Lunch on your own at campground or restaurant of choice.

12:45 Gather at Walmart parking lot for caravan to wind farm.

1:00 Depart to drive about 15 miles to Laurel to visit operating wind tower.

1:30 Meet Mid-American representative for tower tour.

3:30 Back to Maytag Dairy to view video of bleu cheese making and buy cheese, if desired..

6:00 Picnic supper at campground. Sloppy Joes, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, and beverage provided.

7:30 Video of "Jokes From the Folks", featuring Yakov from Branson, MO.

Saturday:

7:30-8:30 Breakfast of pancakes, ham, juice and coffee or tea.

9:15 Line up for caravan to tour Iowa Speedway.

9:30 Guided tour of Iowa Speedway. **Cost is \$5.00 per person.** Tickets at Speedway.

10:45 Drive to downtown Newton for a tour of the restored Jasper County Courthouse

Lunch on your own at campground or restaurant of choice.

Free afternoon. Rest and relax, swim in KOA pool, take driving tour in Newton to see approx. 70 sculptures around town or visit the Jasper County Museum at I-80 Exit 164.

4:00 Social time. Bring own beverage and snacks to share.

5:30 Line up to drive to Pizza Ranch for "on your own" supper in reserved party room.

Iowa Unit business meeting in party room, following meal.

Back to campground for games, visiting and possible campfire.

Sunday:

8:00-8:45 Continental breakfast of various pastries, juice and coffee or tea.

9:00 Worship service by North Iowa Unit.

Head for home (or elsewhere) following worship service. **HAVE A SAFE TRIP!!**

OFF-SITE LODGING, IF NEEDED:

AmericInn SE corner, I-80 Exit 168 \$111.95/night incl. tax 641-791-1160

Day's Inn NW corner, I-80 Exit 164 \$72.80/night incl. tax 641-792-2330

Econolodge NW corner, I-80 Exit 164 \$67.19/night incl. tax 641-792-8100

Super 8 NE corner, I-80 Exit 164 \$79.38/night incl. Tax 641-792-8868

Bring your business meeting agenda from the June Newsletter that includes appointing a committee to determine use of extra funds in the treasury, status of Blue Book Updates, Iowa Unit T-Shirts, Candidates for nomination of officers, five year award recipients, review of unit goals: Increase membership, develop "door hanger" brochure, survey member interest for future years.

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LOTS OF SNAPSHOTS OF WHAT WAS SEEN AND DONE AT THE INTERNATIONAL RALLY

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL			
INTERNATIONAL RALLY 55			
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS 459			
4:00 PM			
HAWAII	MICHIGAN	0 NO. CAROLINA	20 UTAH
IDAH0	MINNESOTA	7 NO. DAKOTA	2 VERMONT
ILLINOIS	24 MISSISSIPPI	5 OHIO	35 VIRGINIA
INDIANA	9 MISSOURI	38 OKLAHOMA	5 WASHINGTON
IOWA	12 MONTANA	1 OREGON	1 W. VIRGINIA



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August Birthdays

5-Sue Storjohann
12-Marijane Bamberry
12-Ray Winger
17-Wanda Paine
22-Marilyn Mulbrook
25-Richard Jirus
26-Carolyn Haller

Anniversaries

August

7-Nelson
25-Lorack
28-Joseph
?-Pauley

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