



IOWA UNIT WBCCI

President Linda's Message

Well, we've just held our last rally for this calendar year. Congratulations to LaVonne and Donella for a job so very well done. I have to confess I've never experienced a rolling rally. It's certainly an interesting concept. At this rally we installed the new officers and took a lot of stuff over from the old officers. OK, maybe just the president did that. It's not quite as much as it used to be but still requires more space than most of us want to give it. Maybe we should look at the lot and decide what we really, really need. I want to thank Pat for storing it the past year. I want to express a heartfelt thank you to Pat and all of our 2011-12 officers and committee chairmen. Notice I didn't say "old officers".

We had an exceptional year. We have several new members, so be sure you get to know them. They are all fun folks and way above average I'm sure. We're looking forward to another great year here in Iowa as well as at the International Rally in Huron, SD and the Region 8 Rally in Hutchinson, KS. If you've never been please try to make it to these fine rallies, you won't be disappointed. Remember - "All those who wander are not lost". (J.R.R. Tolkien)



Linda Beu

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WINTER LUNCHEONS

The enclosed business meeting minutes list the luncheon and rally sites for the 2012-13 unit year. Unit members were good enough to agree to locate and host luncheons, so it is up to those who are nearby to attend. The first luncheon will be at **Ryan's Steakhouse at 230 Collins Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids on Nov. 17** and will be hosted by Marilyn Mulbrook. Make it a point to attend, if at all possible. Give Marilyn a phone call at 319-377-3883 or cell at 319-329-6627 or drop her a line via email at marilyn4947@gmail.com to let her know how many to expect. This is a wonderful way to renew acquaintances and catch up on what various members are doing. Besides, the food is always good! If any of you make it to Arizona this winter, an Iowa Luncheon will still be held on the first Thursday of each month at the Golden Corral on N. Power Road in Mesa at 11:30 AM.

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NEW MEMBERS

Our newest members are Merlyn and Nancy Carter of rural Pella, IA. They were motorhome Rvers, but now have a "nearly vintage" Airstream trailer. They have been doing some work on the unit during the past year and plan to have the unit on the road in 2013. Their address is 1908 Hwy. G-28, Pella, IA 50219, phone number 641-628-8855 and their email address is carternan156@gmail.com. Their WBCCI number is 1904. We welcome them to the Iowa Family of WBCCI and hope they will be able to attend some, or all, of the winter luncheons, where we know they will be made to feel welcome. Thanks for joining us, Merlyn and Nancy.

UPDATE ON R.V. REVIVE

Word earlier this year was that Ryan Willet at R.V. Revive in Waterloo was going out of business this upcoming winter and would no longer be in the RV repair business by next spring. Recent information now has this matter on hold. The gentleman whose position with the Youth Football Program Ryan was going to take over is having second thoughts about retiring, so that change is on hold. Also, another gentleman has been talking to Ryan and Shari about buying the R.V. Revive name, leasing the facilities

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EXPLORING SOUTHEAST IOWA by Lavonne Sandersfeld

The Iowa Unit **ROLLING RALLY ACROSS SOUTHERN IOWA** "rolled" into Eldon, Bloomfield, Exline, Centerville, the Lake Rathbun Area, Red Rock Dam and Pella. The weather was dreary and rainy for most of the time, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the seven units attending. Those were John & Carol Heckman, Norm & Linda Beu, Chuck & Nancy Helle, Don & Sue Storjohann, Paul & June Ryan, Darrell & Sharon Waters, Marilyn Mulbrook and hosts Lavonne Sandersfeld and Donella Watkinson.

The first stop on Thursday was at Chummy's Restaurant in Eldon. They are known for their great tenderloins—they are **HUGE!** We then visited the Grant Wood Visitor Center; the site of the Gothic House that Grant Wood used in his American Gothic painting. It was a rainy day and we did not dress in the farmer and wife costumes available for outdoor photography in front of the house, but did enjoy two movies about Grant Wood. We then "rolled" into the Promise Land Campground. This was the end of the season for this campground. It has promises of becoming a better campground when new owners can be found, but it filled our needs. While there, we had a history lesson on the Honey War concerning the boundary between Iowa and Missouri.

Our Friday leg found the group in the area around Bloomfield, which has a large Amish population. The muddy roads were not conducive to Airstream travel, so many "rolled" on to our stop at the Country Store in Exline, where we stopped for lunch and did some shopping in the bulk food store. The Airstreams filled the town!

We were joined by Ivan and Jo Curtis, natives to this area and they "rolled" us into Centerville to meet the trolley for our city tour. Centerville has the large town square and it was not easy for Airstreams to maneuver. (Ask Norm Beu about his experience)! The trolley took us to the 100-year-old First United Methodist Church with a parsonage built inside the church, then around the

square and the town before passing two grand old homes which have been turned into shopping rooms. Ivan then led us on the scenic route over Rathbun Dam to Honey Creek Resort (Iowa's attempt at having a state resort) and we "rolled" into Dogg's Campground and their Friday Night All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry.

On Saturday morning we finally enjoyed some sunny fall weather and "rolled" on to our final stop at the US Corps of Engineers Howell Station Campground, just downstream from Red Rock Dam. After getting parked and set up, we learned about the Red Rock area from a naturalist at the Red Rock Dam Visitor Center. We were then free to enjoy the Pella area, famous for its Dutch heritage and Tulip Festival in May, and always famous for its Dutch letters pastry at the Jaarsma Bakery.



The evening meal was at the Pizza Ranch Restaurant and Past Region 8 President Darrell Waters (filling in for his brother, Glenn) installed our new



officers following the meal. Several unit members who were not able to "roll" with the rally joined the group for dinner and the installation ceremonies and reception. They were Pat Dellamuth, Ben & Marcia Woolley and Chuck & Doris Jean Cabalka. On Sunday morning, we had devotions in a beautiful campground setting, where we were joined by our new members, Nancy and Merlyn Carter of Pella. With the rally ended, we then "rolled" on to our homes or to other destinations. Even though the weather did not fully co-operate, those involved had an enjoyable and interesting time.

A Rolling Rally provides the ability to visit more than one area and in the southern part of Iowa, they were so happy to see us. They are not an Iowa tourist destination, but are doing all they can to promote tourism. A Rolling Rally also means that you do not have to unhook, unless you want to, and some members enjoyed this feature. It just provides a different and interesting rally and the opportunity to see more areas

Just a side note - Donella Watkinson and I made two trips to this area this past summer and I also made one trip with Pat and Larry Dellamuth to visit Ivan and Jo Curtis. Ivan has so much knowledge about this area and I am almost certain we will have a future rally in this region. This area has so much coal mining history and the Mormon Trail passed through here - still a lot to explore. I had a great time planning this rally.

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and continuing the RV repair business. This possibility is still in flux. Therefore, Ryan wants everyone to know that he is still in business as R.V. Revive and has assured us that he will let us know of any changes, as soon as they occur. Until then, **he is open for business as usual.**



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Steve Cochran
- 11—Chuck Helle
- 11—Chuck Kiple
- 15—Randy Lorack
- 21—Chuck Cabalka

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 19—Chuck & Sandie Kiple
- 22—Dave & Pat Shaw

WATER HEATER PROBLEM RESOLVED

Perhaps the solution to the problems Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka recently had, concerning their water heater, will help some of you when you encounter problems with your water heater not wanting to light. Upon leaving the Swiss Festival Rally in Sugarcreek, OH and arriving at the Penn Woods Airstream Park in Pennsylvania, they found their water heater would not light. A stop with the trailer at a nearby RV sales and service resulted in a new water heater control board being purchased and installed, at a cost of \$290. This was supposed to solve the problem and did (for 2 days), although the heater still made a loud, sputtering sound when burning. While parked

in a campground just north of Corning, NY, the “won’t-light” problem returned. This time, a stop at a second RV sales and service in Bath, NY finally finished solving the problem. The technician there checked the gas pressure and found there was only 8 inches of water column pressure, instead of the 11-14 inches that is needed. Once he made the adjustment to increase the pressure, the water heater starts as it is supposed to and purrs along nice and evenly. The tech indicated that the water heater and furnace are “gas hogs” and, as such, will not work properly if the pressure is not high enough. So, if you have similar problems, checking the gas pressure first might save you **BIG BUCKS**. P.S. Cabalka’s found out later that they did need that new board.

BRAIN TEASER

Here is this month’s cryptogram for those who enjoy this sort of brain exercise. As usual, each letter in the phrase stands for another and no letter stands for itself. The solution is shown later in this newsletter. The clue for this puzzle is **E equals A**.

X R W A S B R W C L H J D D K A Y D E A Q

M E G J E M E N N B S M E A P D Y K G K A Y.

DEALER SPOTLIGHT:

Shorewood RV Center South
 4975 Hubbell Avenue
 Des Moines, IA 50317
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Bill Thomas Camper Sales, Inc.
 101 Thomas R.V. Way
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US Adventure RV
 5120 N. Brady Street
 Davenport, IA 52806
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Fogdall RV (not a dealer)
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 7805 Ace Place
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 Phone: 319-277-2641
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R. V. Revive (not a dealer)
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 3926 W. Airline Hwy
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IOWA UNIT CARAVAN TO SWISS FESTIVAL

Following an excellent mid-morning Sunday breakfast at Breitbach's Restaurant at Balltown (NW of Dubuque) and a return to the Riverside Campground, the site of the Iowa Unit September Rally in Dubuque, four Iowa Units (Cabalka's, Lafrentz's, Helle's and Marilyn Mulbrook) left about 12:30 PM to begin the 750+ mile trek to Sugar Creek, OH to attend the 50th Swiss Festival Rally. Except for a little more wind than one would have liked, the trip from Dubuque to Springfield, IL, via Davenport, IA and Peoria, IL, was quite uneventful — just the way we all like it when traveling. It was about 5:30 PM when the group arrived at the Riverside City Park Campground in NE Springfield. Two days of "Lincoln-stuff" lay ahead.

After a leisurely start on Monday, all seven caravaners climbed into Cabalka's van to drive into downtown Springfield to visit the fairly new Lincoln Museum. Viewing two movies pertaining to Abe Lincoln came first, followed by lunch at the Subway right there in the museum. The rest of the day was spent touring the exhibits. It was obvious that a great deal of time, effort and money had been spent in gathering the relics, pictures and items that were on display. This museum is truly one of a kind and one that you SHOULD NOT MISS if you are ever in the Springfield area.

Before heading back to the campground, the group visited and toured the only home Abraham Lincoln ever owned, right there in Springfield. Restoration specialists had gone down through layers of paint and wallpaper to what they thought had been in place when Lincoln had lived there and that was replicated. Some of the original furnishings were in place and more are still being donated. The desk at which Lincoln composed many of his speeches, as well as his armoire, were among those original pieces. The rest of the furnishings were of the Lincoln period. The house is located in a four square block historic area near downtown Springfield, with several additional historic houses nearby

Tuesday dawned with clear blue skies – just what was wanted for the 18-mile drive and day at New Salem, a restored village where Lincoln had worked and was part owner in a store during his younger years. Viewing the old buildings, as well as visiting with volunteers dressed in period costumes, made the visit quite enjoyable and informative. One of the most surprising tidbits was to learn that Lincoln had not only worked in a store in New Salem, but had been a part-owner for a period. He was also a sur-

veyor and is memorialized with a surveyor statue on the lawn in front of the Visitor Center.

After spending several hours at New Salem, it was back into Springfield to visit Lincoln's Tomb. The tall obelisk with the blue sky for a background was quite impressive, as was viewing the monument over Lincoln's burial spot inside the monument base. The casket is inside a concrete vault which in turn is buried 10 feet under ground. The vault is encased in concrete and reinforcing steel, making theft or desecration impossible. His wife, Mary, and two of his sons are interred in above-ground vaults in the same room where his burial is located. The third son, Robert, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC. Back outside, another visitor to the tomb was prevailed upon to take a picture of the group standing in front of the monument base. On the way back to the campground, the entire group stopped for supper at a Chinese buffet since all agreed they were too tired to cook.



Wednesday was a day of travel, as the caravan drove from Springfield to White River Campground (a Hamilton County Park) about 20 miles north of Indianapolis, IN. Full hook-ups and a very nice shower house were greatly appreciated. On Thursday morning, a breakfast of biscuits and gravy (thanks to Norm and Linda Beu from the Friday breakfast at the Dubuque rally) was enjoyed before pulling out to drive about 200 miles to the rural home of Ron and Audrey Ault, located about 7 miles southwest of Galion, OH. Audrey is president of the Mohican Valley Unit of WBCCI and the couple winters in the same park in Arizona as the Cabalka's. With some juggling, all four Iowa units got parked on pavement, along with Ault's trailer and that of her 1st VP. Not only did Ron and Audrey provide us with parking and limited electricity, but she and her 1st VP had prepared eats for a social hour and a complete supper featuring roasted hot dogs and chili.

On Friday morning, the lowans were treated to coffeecake, cookies, fruit cup and coffee for breakfast, before all six units pulled out for the 90-mile drive to Winklepleck Park at Sugar Grove where the Swiss Festival Rally is based. Four more Mohican Valley rigs, as well as one from Mississippi, joined the group before arriving at Sugar Creek, making an 11-unit caravan. All were parked and set up before noon and the caravaners were ready to start exploring the area. The caravan was successful, with driving days running from 90 to 240 miles and an opportunity to pretty thoroughly explore the "Land of Lincoln".



IOWA UNIT SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE

For those who want Iowa Unit shirts, Chuck Helle has five shirts remaining of the 18 he ordered earlier this year. They are L and XL and cost \$16.05, tax included. Chuck and Nancy are in Florida for the winter and the shirts are back in Vinton. Therefore, should you want a shirt/shirts before April, 2013, you won't be able to get them from the Helle's. However, Chuck suggested that the unit dispense with buying and selling shirts, since A&W Designs now has the Iowa logo in their computer files and can make and ship the shirts on an individual basis. This would eliminate the Iowa Unit having to buy and pay for them from a different supplier in minimum orders of 15. A & W Designs, the firm that attends the WBCCI International Rallies and puts logos and figures on caps, shirts and jackets, was contacted. Their prices are somewhat higher than Chuck was able to obtain, but they will make and ship single shirts, as well as handle orders for several. They have the ability to put the Iowa Unit logo on both blue and white shirts by either printing them on or by embroidering them. Printed shirts from Small to XL cost \$21.00, with 2X @ \$24.00 and 3X @ \$26.00. Embroidered shirts run \$31.00 for Small to XL, \$34.00 for 2X and \$36.00 for 3X. At no extra cost, you can order shirts with pockets, should you so desire. In addition to the prices shown, there is postage. A & W Designs stated they ship the shirts via the US Post Office and they only charge what the post office charges them. Estimated shipping on 2-4 shirts would be \$7-\$11.00. If you are interested, they can be reached at either 615-388-2481 or 615-666-5515. Their email address is awhurner@yahoo.com Allison Hurner will be more than glad to visit with you, answer your questions and take any order which you might want to place. Better yet, go to the 2013 International Rally in Huron, SD, visit with them, view the styles available, place your order and pick up your shirt/shirts right there.

Items for Future Newsletters

The Iowa Unit newsletter can only be as interesting as you, the members, help make it. If you do anything out of the ordinary or go somewhere interesting, **PLEASE, PLEASE** take a few minutes to write up something (short or long) and send it to Chuck and Doris Jean. If you took pictures, send along one, or two or three that might be of interest. Even if you haven't anything to write about, photos would still be appreciated. We cannot guarantee that everything received will be included in a newsletter, but we will do our best in that regard. If you send only a picture/pictures, please let us know what they are about, so we do not have to guess. You can mail any articles and pictures to us at 11313 E. Boise St., #46, Apache Junction, AZ 85120 or via email at cdjcabalka@juno.com. Sorry, we cannot accept telephone articles.

Ole and Lena went to a revival meeting where an evangelist was conducting a very emotional service. Working up to a fever pitch, the preacher exhorted the crowd: "All of you who want to go to heaven, step forward. Come up to the altar."

Fifty people came forward....everyone except Ole and Lena.

The evangelist spotted the two hold-outs in the audience and shouted, "Don't you two want to go to heaven?" "Sure ve do," answered Ole. "But ve didn't know you vas getting up a load to go now."

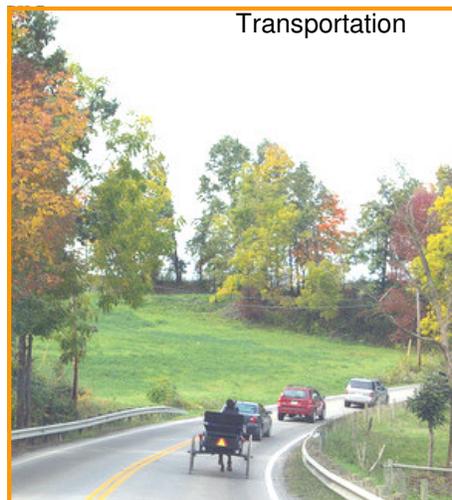
Solution to Cryptogram

Count your blessings and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

SWISS FESTIVAL PICTURES



Mount Eaton Greenhouse



Transportation



Amish Clothesline

IOWA UNIT WBCCI

IOWA UNIT, OCT 18-21, 2012

ROLLING RALLY CONCLUDING AT HOWELL STATION, LAKE RED ROCK, NEAR PELLA, IOWA

The business meeting of the Iowa Unit was held following the 5:00 PM dinner at the Pizza Ranch in Pella. Roll call found the following officers present:

President: Pat Dellamuth	Director: Chuck Helle
1 st Vice Pres: Linda Beu	Director: Lavonne Sandersfeld
Corr. Secy.: Doris Jean Cabalka	Immed. Past Pres.: Chuck Cabalka
Treasurer: Marcia Woolley	

Those absent were: Recording Secy. Kathy Allen, and Directors Carolyn Haller and Connie Neese.

Chuck Cabalka moved to accept the minutes as printed and distributed in the last newsletter. Seconded and carried.

Treasurer Marcia Woolley reported a balance of \$4,197.74 in the treasury. The supply trailer has been reimbursed for the Iowa Unit shirts. Chuck Helle noted seven shirts have been sold, six more are spoken for and five are available for sale. He also said that A & W Designs, the supplier who always comes to the International Rally, now has the Iowa Unit logo in their system and shirts can be ordered through them without having to wait for a batch order of 15, or more, shirts.

Chuck Helle, Marilyn Mulbrook and Scott Allen had volunteered to look into various ways to reduce the amount in the Iowa Unit Treasury. The committee recommended putting any action on hold until next spring.

Chuck Cabalka moved that the Iowa Unit authorize a caravan to the Region 8 Rally at Hutchinson, KS next April. Motion seconded and carried.

June Ryan reported that she and Sue Storjohann audited the treasurers book and found all in order. She thanked Marcia for doing a good job as treasurer.

Several bills were presented including President and Rally expenses. Norm Beu moved the bills be paid. Seconded and carried.

President Pat reported Gene Haller has had knee surgery and Carolyn Haller is making progress in her recovery from Lyme disease. Pat also read the list of those having birthdays and anniversaries in October; none of whom were present.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Jean Cabalka, Secretary Pro-tem

Following the meeting Darrell Waters gave an update from Region 8. He encouraged early registration for the April 24 - 28 Region 8 Rally at Hutchinson, KS, where the theme will be "Let the Games Begin." He reported Glenn Waters, Region 8 Second V.P., has had prostate surgery and will have radiation treatment. Darrell chairs the International 2020 Committee. That group has recommended a committee be appointed to negotiate the contracts for International Rallies. Also that the 2020 Comm. put a "Did You Know" article in the Blue Beret with little-known facts about WBCCI.

Darrell then installed those 2012-2013 Iowa Unit officers who were present. They are: Pres. Linda Beu; 1st V. P., Lavonne Sandersfeld; 2nd V. P., Paul Ryan; Corr. Secy., Norm Beu; Treasurer, Marcia Woolley; Two Year Director, Marilyn Mulbrook and One Year Director, Sue Storjohann filling out the unexpired term of Lavonne Sandersfeld.

Newly-installed President, Linda Beu, announced the Iowa Unit will be responsible for a breakfast at Region 8 next spring with Lavonne Sandersfeld chairing that effort. Our unit will also do a "News Break" between the games and Chuck Cabalka has agreed to work on that.

She gave the following schedule for Iowa Unit activities next year:

Nov 17, 2012	Luncheon, Ryan's Steakhouse, Cedar Rapids	Marilyn Mulbrook
Dec 8	Luncheon, Ox Yoke Interstate, Amana	Pat Dellamuth
Feb 16, 2013	Luncheon, location TBA, Cedar Rapids	Donella Watkinson
Mar 16	Luncheon, Calvin Rockett, Marshalltown	Mark Kvidera
April 20	Luncheon, Pizza Ranch, Vinton	Nancy Helle
May 16-19	Rally, location TBA, "Maintenance," Quad Cities Area	Mike & Dana Johnson
Aug 15-18	Rally, Fiscus Grove, "Do Nothing," Liscomb	Chuck & Nancy Helle, & Marilyn Mulbrook
Sep 19-22	Rally, Island Campground, "Christmas in Sept.," Adel	Dale & Joan Lafrentz
Oct 10-13	Rally, "Fall Fest," Church Camp, Birmingham	Paul & June Ryan