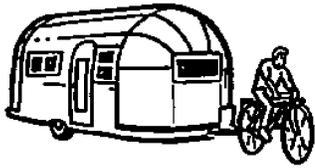


# IOWA UNIT WBCCI

December 16, 2010



# Merry Christmas

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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One of the most cherished yearly holidays is upon us again; the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. It is always the annual hope and prayer of Christians the world-over that the next year will see peace descend over the world, but it seems we are always to be disappointed. This year is no different, with fighting still going on in Iraq and Afghanistan, drug wars in Mexico, North Korea rattling it's sabers, and numerous other locations where violence is the rule of the day. Natural disasters also abound, with earthquakes, floods and volcanic eruptions taking lives and

destroying property. However, amid all this chaos, we still have the eternal hope that next year will be different. That is my sincere hope, especially for my fellow Iowa Unit members. **May Christmas, 2010 be the best ever and may all your wishes be found in your "Christmas stockings"**. Make a New Year's resolution to help at least one unfortunate person each month. It will enrich your life. **BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Chuck*

### Corrections, Corrections

It has been called to my attention that two dates involving unit luncheons and rallies are incorrect. The November newsletter indicated that the February luncheon was scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup>. **WRONG!** It is set for the 12<sup>th</sup>. Also,

the rally schedule indicates the August rally is to end on the 15<sup>th</sup>. **AGAIN, WRONG!** The rally will end on the usual Sunday morning, August 14<sup>th</sup>. I'm sorry for any heart palpitations, shortness of breath, or cold sweats this may have caused. My only excuse is "old age".

**MONTHLY AIRSTREAM CRYPTOGRAM** 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 **T equals C**.

**WNPOXA NGR WLOFGRH, TBOXRLFG NGR VCAH**

**PFNG TBLOHVPNH OH GFNL, YJV RCG'V**

**WCLMFV TBLOHV, CJL NKOCLH**

Here is a one-dish main course that is tasty, quick to fix and one that we like.

## Darlene Pearce

It is with a sad heart that we report the passing of Darlene Pearce on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the age of 81. Don and Darlene served as Iowa Unit President and First Lady in 1988 and were very loyal unit members.

## HAMBURGER STROGANOFF

1 - 1 ½ lbs. of ground beef	1/4 tsp. black pepper
2 tbsp. flour	Small can of mushroom pieces, drained
1 tbsp. grated dry onion	One can of cream of chicken soup
½ tsp. garlic powder	16 oz. sour cream

Thoroughly cook meat and drain off grease. Add flour, onion, garlic powder, black pepper and mushroom pieces. Mix completely. Add soup and reheat, being careful not to get too hot. After heating, add sour cream, reheat over low heat. Serve over chow mein noodles, baked potato, toast, over, or mixed with, cooked egg noodles, or eat it just plain. Also, instead of ground beef, one can use ground turkey and it does not detract if you leave out the mushrooms.

Now, we need a recipe from **YOU**.

## DECEMBER LUNCHEONS

The December Iowa Unit Luncheons were huge contrasts. The Iowa Luncheon in Arizona was a resounding success, but with only four lowans in attendance. Clear skies, bright sunshine and warm temperatures made for a wonderful day. Fourteen other Region 8 members and guests attended, and all 18 had a good meal with lots of pleasant conversation. Those attending were June and Paul Ryan and Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka from the Iowa Unit, Bert and Donajean Sherwin, Jim and Joyce Shanks and John and Betty Sutton from the Nebraska Unit, Wendell and Shirley Sisk with their son and daughter-in-law and Herb and Sandy Henderson

from the Kansas City Unit, and Phil and Nancy Griswold (June's brother and sister-in-law from Colorado). As one can see, the lowans are few in number, but we still keep the luncheon going although it has, more or less, evolved into a Region 8 Luncheon. If any Iowa Unit members are planning to spend any time this winter in the Mesa area, make sure you get to the luncheon. Luncheons are on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM at the Golden Corral on N. Power Road in Mesa, AZ. We'd be more than glad to see any of you.

Mother Nature was not nearly as kind for the Iowa Luncheon in Iowa. Gary and Sharon Urich had agreed to host the luncheon at the

Old Country Buffet in Coralville on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Gary and Sharon drove to the luncheon site in heavy rain and had an enjoyable "Lunch for Two". With lousy weather and a forecast of the rain turning to snow, Iowa Unit members wisely decided to use extreme caution and stay home and no one else showed up. It was a good thing they didn't, since Sharon indicated that the rain changed to snow by the time she and Gary left for home. The end result was the first blizzard of the winter. Let's hope that was also the last. You couldn't have found such extreme differences, weatherwise, for the two luncheons. The order is in for nicer weather for the next Iowa Luncheon in Iowa in February.

## DEALER SPOTLIGHT:

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515-418-5786  
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Bill Thomas Camper Sales, Inc.  
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1-800-367-5767  
[www.btcamper.com](http://www.btcamper.com)

Camping World RV Sales, LLC  
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## ARIZONA TO ROBSTOWN

The Iowa Unit Caravan from Arizona to the IBT Meeting in Robstown, TX will rendezvous at the Low Hi RV Ranch in Deming, NM on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. This unit caravan was approved at the unit business meeting at What Cheer in October. On Day 2 the caravan will travel to Fort Stockton, TX where we will also stay for Day 3. Restored old historic Fort Stockton will be toured. On Day 4 the caravan will go to the Holi-

day Trav-L RV Park about 25 miles NW of Del Rio, TX near the Amistad Reservoir. If time permits, we may try to take in some of the sights in Del Rio in the afternoon. On Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> (Day 5), we'll arrive at the rally site at the fairgrounds in Robstown. That will permit sightseeing in the Corpus Christi area before the IBT meetings begin on Monday. Anyone interested in joining the caravan should get in touch with either June Ryan (480-984-8624) or

Chuck Cabalka (480-216-8096). The caravan is not just for Iowa Unit members; any WBCCI member who wants to go along will be welcomed, so, if any of you know of someone who might be interested, let them know. Also, any Iowa Unit member wintering in Texas is encouraged to take a few days and make the trip to Robstown, just west of Corpus Christi. The IBT Meeting is scheduled for January 24-28. Details are available in the *Blue Beret*.

### PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Get your reservations in for the International Rally at Du Quoin, IL next June. Reservations are slow in being made and a lot more are needed in order for the club to meet expenses. With the 2012 International Rally scheduled for Sedalia, MO, Region 8 will be responsible for presenting the "Hoopla" at De Quoin as part of the 2012 invitation. Also, International President Norm Beu is an Iowa Unit member and we should all be supporting him by going to Du Quoin. Besides, there has never been an International Rally in southern Illinois and it will be interesting to see the sights and learn the history of the area. If you weren't planning to go, give it some serious second thought. The club needs you and your help.

### Region 8 Rally Reminder

Mark the last week in April on your 2011 calendar before you hang it on your wall. That is when we will all gather in the Amana Colonies for the Region 8 Rally. The Iowa Unit, as the host Unit, has three responsibilities; parking, greeting, and tours. Lavonne Sandersfeld is heading up the tours and we will be asking for Iowa members to volunteer for parking and greeting duties. More information about these duties will be available as the time approaches. For now, just mark down the dates.

### Crypto Quiz Answer

Family and friends, children and toys mean Christmas is near, but don't forget Christ, our Savior.

Look for the next Newsletter to come out in February. News is slow this time of year.



New members Sharon & Gary Arnold being presented their badges by Incoming President, Chuck Cabalka at the What Cheer Rally, Oct. 16.

### BIRTHDAYS

#### January

6-Connie Neese  
8-Jeff Paine  
11-Candace Jones  
12-Donella Watkinson  
15-Harold Newman

#### 19-Charlie Key

23-Doris Jean Cabalka  
30-Jon Hrabec

### ANNIVERSARY

#### January

24-Paul & Marcia Hahn

These people enjoyed the November 13th luncheon at Ryan's Steakhouse in Cedar Rapids, hosted by Marilyn Mulbrook. Seated in front are Jim Mickle (former member) and Scott Allen. Standing in back are Jim's wife Mary Ann, guests Dana & Mike Johnson, Donella Watkinson, Mulbrook, Kathy Allen, and Sue & Don Storjohann.



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In This Month's Letter

54th International Convention/Rally  
Bill Thomas Camper Sales  
RV Business magazine

54th International Convention/Rally

More than 300 registrations for the 54th International Convention/Rally at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds in Du Quoin, Illinois have been made by WBCCI members. Remember to register by January 1, 2011 to receive a \$25.00 discount.

I thought I would share our plans for entertainment at the rally. Scheduled entertainment so far includes The WBCCI Band with their Festival of Music; The Steel City Stompers - two terrific musicians/comedians from Pittsburgh, PA; Brian Roman for Canada Day - who is great with a crowd and sounds a lot like Frank Sinatra; and the Harmons - blue grass by Mom, Dad (who used to play with Alison Krauss), three sons and a fiddle player from Nashville. Great variety. I know you'll enjoy them all. In addition, I have submitted a request for a performance by the Air Force Band of the Midwest. It's a long shot, but worth a try, for Scott AFB (home for the Band of the Midwest) is only an hour's drive west on I-70.

Remember, to be eligible for one of the early registration door prizes given by Airstream, you must register by January 1, 2011. Always a well-attended event on the schedule, a presentation by Larry Huttle, Chairman of Airstream, will be followed by award of door prizes worth a total of \$2500.00.

Bill Thomas Camper Sales

I received some very good news earlier this week. Bill Thomas Camper Sales has been firmed up as the Airstream Travel Trailer dealership for the Du Quoin Convention/Rally by Larry Huttle. In addition, Larry intends to have a second dealership in place for display of Travel Coaches - the Airstream Interstate and new Avenue.

Bill Thomas Camper Sales is located in Wentzville, MO, which is just west of St. Louis. BTCS is a major dealership in the Midwest. I spoke with Glenn Thomas to learn of his plans for Du Quoin. We can expect a great display of trailers, an Airstream parts store and technicians for repairs. The last time we had full Airstream support like this was three years ago at Bozeman, MT. You asked for it - we'll have it.

BTW - BTCS has been a loyal WBCCI Dealer Sponsor for many years.

RV Business magazine

You probably do not have access to RV Business magazine. It is a trade publication for the RV industry. The current issue lists their selections for the Top 50 RV Retailers in North America. Three Airstream dealers made the Top 50 list. As you visit these dealerships, give them a pat on the back. They are important to the Club. I sent letters of congratulation to the following:

- Andy Thomson, Jr.; Can-Am RV Centre; London, Ontario
- John and James Lenzo; Colonial Airstream; Lakewood, New Jersey
- Jim Cooley; Dandy RV Superstore, Anniston, Alabama

For those of you who follow the Stock Market - Elsewhere in the Jan/Feb issue of RV Business, "Thor Industries Quadruples Q1 Net Income; Stock Rises 115% in '09, Qualifies for National Ranking. The common stock of Thor Industries Inc. gained at least 100% in value in 2009, qualifying it for a spot on the NASD100.com listing."