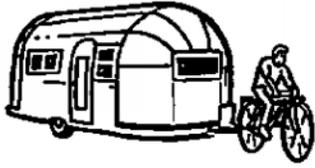
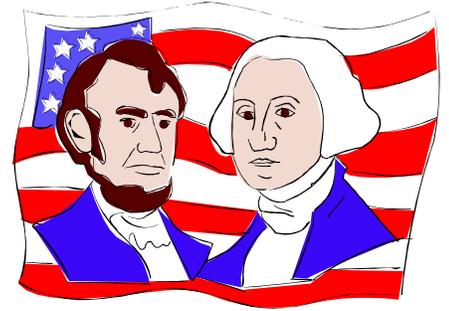


IOWA UNIT WBCCI

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President's Day



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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What a month January turned out to be!!

Even those who winter in the South experienced unusually cold weather. South Texas had daytime and night-time temperatures below freezing for several days in a row, with ice and snow. Arizona experienced temperatures in the low 20's. Makes one wonder just how far south one needs to go to get away from Old Man Winter. In this newsletter, you will find several rather lengthy articles concerning the IBT Mid-Winter meeting, the Iowa Unit Caravan

to Robstown, TX and the history of Common Cents. I'm sorry if they seem long, but I thought they would be of interest to unit members. Also, no one has been sending me anything in the way of news articles. If any of you have items that might be of interest to the rest of us, get them to me by e-mail or snail mail. I'll be glad to get them in the next newsletter. In the meantime, stay warm (wherever you are) and remember, **SPRING WILL COME EVENTUALLY!!**

Chuck

DIRECTORY IS OUT - ANY CORRECTIONS NEEDED?

By this time, all Iowa Unit members should have received their 2011 Membership Directory. If you haven't already done so, please look it over to see if there are any corrections that are needed. Your President and Corresponding Secretary did their best to try to get a directory out that had no problems, but, one never knows. If you see anything that needs attention, please let us know as quickly as possible, either by snail mail, email or a phone call. As your President, I also want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Corresponding Secretary (Doris Jean) for all the hard work she put in on this directory. I didn't keep track of the hours, but it must have been in excess of 60 or 70 hours. I'm probably going to have to take her out somewhere nice to eat to repay her for all her help.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY UPDATE

At the Mid-Winter IBT meeting, we were informed that early registration for the Du Quoin Rally was still less than 500 units. This seems an impossibility, in light of the number registered by this date in previous years. Yet, it is a fact. The club and its annual rally seem to be at a crossroad. The lack of registrations has resulted in a reduction of committee members as well as later reporting dates for committees. The quality of entertainment for rally evenings may also be a victim of the lack of attendance. For those of you planning to attend but have not yet registered, please give registering **NOW** a big consideration. To those Iowa Unit members who are not now planning to attend, give it extra thought. For nearly all of us, it is less than 500 miles to Du Quoin – just one good day's drive via interstate. With this year's International President and, in all likelihood, next year's International Treasurer being Iowa Unit members, the Iowa Unit needs to be at the Du Quoin rally in full force. Norm and June need and deserve our support.

This month's recipe is for **Easy Baked Beans**. If any of you have a favorite recipe, or one which is easy and quick to make when camping, please send it to Chuck and Doris Jean. They'd be glad to get it into an upcoming newsletter and would probably use it themselves.

EASY BAKED BEANS

2 (1 lb.) cans pork & beans	½ cup brown sugar
1 small onion, chopped	1/3 cup molasses
1 tsp. dry mustard	

Open and drain most of the liquid from the beans. Combine beans and remaining ingredients and stir. Pour into a 2-quart casserole dish (lightly sprayed with Pam for easy cleanup). Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Serves 8 to 10. **NOTE:** Chunks of diced ham or bacon can be added, if so desired, and recipe can be doubled and baked in a 9"x13"x2" baking tin for larger groups.

LUNCHEONS HERE & THERE

A total of 25 Airstream members and guests gathered at the **Golden Corral Restaurant in Mesa, AZ** at 11:30 AM on Thursday, January 6th. Iowa Unit members in attendance were June and Paul Ryan, Bob Anderson and Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka. Previous Iowa Unit members Pat and Virgil Moyer were also among those attending. There were 8 attendees from the Kansas City, MO Unit, 6 from the Nebraska Unit, 2 from the Mohican Valley Ohio Unit and 2 guests. Among those attending, there were 3 Unit Presidents and one Region President, as well as several past unit presidents. June Ryan was the Region President, while Bert Sherwin is the Nebraska President, Audrey Ault is the Mohican Valley President and Chuck Cabalka represented the Iowa Unit. As one can see, the Iowa Unit Luncheon has evolved into somewhat of a Region 8 Luncheon, but that is fine. Plentiful food and good conversation made for

a very enjoyable gathering. Since the Ryan's and Cabalka's were still in Texas following the IBT Mid-Winter Meeting, their attendance at the February luncheon was impossible. A check with one of the Nebraska couples who did attend the luncheon on February 3rd revealed there were between 25 and 30 Region 8 members and guests who did make it. That was quite a turnout and it is hoped the March luncheon will be as well attended. If any of you, or any Airstream owner you know, plan to be in Arizona during the first week in March or in April, make it a point to join the group at the Golden Corral on N. Power Road on the first Thursday each month. We'd **LOVE** to have you. Your guests are welcome!

The weather finally co-operated with the Iowa Unit for the **February luncheon at Montana Mike's (formerly Country Kitchen) in NE Des Moines**. The warm and beautiful weather was a welcome contrast to what occurred at the December luncheon in Coralville.

Scott and Kathy Allen, Glen and Millie Hubbard, Jon Hrabe, Mark Kvidera and Dave and Pat Shaw (of the North Iowa Unit) gathered and enjoyed the luncheon hosted by Keith and Jan Bowman. Scott shared a presentation, enjoyed by all, concerning the World Food Prize Building Restoration Project, complete with drawings and photos ranging from 1901 to 2011. Thanks to Scott, a tour of the actual building is scheduled for the October, 2011 Iowa Unit Rally, whose theme is "Home for the Holidays." Good food and lively conversation made the gathering a complete success. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Keith and Jan for hosting the get-together. **All Iowa Unit members remaining in Iowa are reminded that the next unit luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 AM on Saturday, March 12th at the Pizza Ranch on South Hwy. 14 in Marshalltown, with Mark and Karen Kvidera as hosts.** We'll hope the weather again co-operates and as many as possible will join Mark and Karen.

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Wentzville, MO 63385
1-800-367-5767
www.btcamper.com

Camping World RV Sales, LLC
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Council Bluffs, IA 51502
Phone: 712-535-1624
www.campingworldofomaha.com

Fogdall RV (not a dealer)
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Phone: 319-277-2641
FAX: 319-277-3790
www.fogdallrv.com

R. V. Revive (not a dealer)
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3926 W. Airline Hwy
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Phone: 319-235-1115
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US Adventure RV
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Davenport, IA 52806
Phone: 563-468-4678
FAX 563-468-5191
www.usadventurerv.com

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 **G equals A**.

BADH JIKE VXIID LEDOHFM GP CKHIROAHM DH

DAVG GHF GEDNAHG. SAAF LAAF GHF SAAF

LOCCAVMRDT GXAKHFM.



Du Quoin, IL Fairgrounds, a park where the Cabalka's camped and watched many people enjoy camping, fishing, hiking and bicycling.. Utility posts can be seen in the upper left photo.

IOWA LUNCHEON AT DU QUOIN INTERNATIONAL RALLY

First Vice-President Pat Dellamuth has recently informed me that she has contacted two restaurants in Du Quoin about our unit luncheon. It will be at **noon on Monday, June 27th**. One restaurant has a buffet, while at the other, attendees would order from the menu. Also, both restaurants agreed to allow her to wait until she gets to Du Quoin to decide which one to use. However, both would probably like to know as soon as possible so they could book other units. If you have a preference, I'm sure Pat would not mind if you let her know your thoughts. At any rate, as soon as a location has been settled upon, word will be sent out to all Iowa Unit members. Better yet, come to the Region 8 Rally in the Amana Colonies at the end of April and find out directly from Pat. Regardless, plan to join us in Du Quoin.

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| BIRTHDAYS | |
| FEBRUARY | MARCH |
| 6-Norm Beu | 2-Chuck Haas |
| 19-Mark Kvidera | 2-Marcia Woolley |
| 22-Nancy Helle | 4-Gene Haller |
| 22-David Shaw | 5-Michael Allen |
| | 5-Janet Haas |
| | 12-Linda Beu |
| (No anniversaries for either February or March) | 16-Ben Woolley |
| | 25-Donald Kucharo |
| | 28-Rosalie Macumber |

POSSIBLE NEW IOWA UNIT MEMBER

We received word from Donella Watkinson that a couple from Jesup, Iowa purchased their Airstream trailer from Fogdall's. Donella has been in contact with them and has encouraged them to join the Iowa Unit. The response was "I think we will probably join the club". Now it is up to us, as Iowa Unit members, to follow up and recruit them into our "family". Donella also reports the couple is still working, but getting close to retirement. The couple's name is Ed and Eileen Pauley and their address is 10713 Young Road, Jesup, IA 50648; phone number 319-239-6155. A copy of this newsletter is being sent to them, but it would be appropriate and nice if one, or more, of the "Winter Iowans" phoned and personally invited them to the Marshalltown and Vinton luncheons.

IOWA UNIT CARAVAN TO IBT, ROBSTOWN TX

The Iowa Unit Caravan from Arizona to Texas (approved at the October, 2010 Iowa rally) came off without a hitch, much to the relief of Paul and June Ryan and Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka. It had been hoped that, even though they were not aware of any Iowa Unit members who might travel with them from Arizona, a few Region 8 members who winter in Arizona might be enticed to go along. Unfortunately, such was not the case.

Chuck and Doris Jean left their winter residence on January 12th to travel with their trailer to the Arizona Unit 50th Anniversary Rally at Yuma, AZ. At the end of that rally, they traveled from Yuma to Deming, NM where they rendezvoused with Paul and June on Monday, January 17th. On the 18th, the two couples traveled east on I-10 to Fort Stockton, TX where they spent the night. The next morning, both rigs went the short distance from the RV park to historic Fort Stockton, a partially restored frontier military post. The post was active from 1859 to 1886 and consisted of 35 adobe and limestone buildings. Although several of the buildings have succumbed to Father Time, a few of them remain; three of the original eight officers' quarters, the guard house and two reconstructed barracks with kitchens. After spending about 90 minutes at the fort, it was on

to an RV park about 9 miles NW of Del Rio, TX. All you "old timers" probably remember the powerful radio station XERF that came blasting in on the radio in the evening and nighttime hours, touting, among other things, razor blades. As was the case in Fort Stockton, full hookups were enjoyed for the two-night stay near Del Rio.

It had been decided to lay over a day (Thursday, the 20th) and it was a good thing. The day started out sunny and relatively quiet. About 8:00 AM that quickly changed. Suddenly, a loud and powerful blast of wind hit the campground and the strong, gusty wind persisted throughout the entire day. It certainly would not have been a good day to be traveling with an RV. Local evening TV news said that wind gusts had reached as high as 40 mph during the day, with some areas in central Texas enjoying? winds in the 50-60 mph range. Not being discouraged, however, the two couples enjoyed mid-morning coffee and apple fritters before visiting the National Park Service Visitor Center about 2 miles down the road. The park service was there due to Lake Amistad, a National Recreation Area near the RV park. The reservoir was a jointly built by the US and Mexico in the 1960's to catch, store and slowly release Rio Grande River waters. After attending a pro-

gram about bats at the visitor center, it was time for lunch at the rigs (sleeping - in sort of shortened the forenoon) before driving around the area to view the reservoir, dam and an outstanding bridge over the portion of the reservoir backing up in the Pecos River canyon. Except for the wind, it was a beautiful day and a number of pictures were taken.

On Friday, January 21st, the caravan trip ended about 3:00 PM, when the rigs arrived at the regional fairgrounds in Robstown, TX, site of the Mid-Winter WBCCI International Board of Trustees Meeting and Rally. Robstown is located about 20 miles west of Corpus Christi. Facilities included water and 30-50 amp electricity, with a dump station available. The fairground's buildings were only 4 years old and the paved RV parking area where the rigs were parked was completed only **2 weeks prior to the rally**. WBCCI was the first group to use the new camping area. Overall, the facilities, those meals included in the rally fee and the evening entertainment were very enjoyable.

All in all, the caravan was a success. The only thing that would have made it better is to have had more WBCCI members traveling with us. Keep the meeting in mind for 2012.



Cabalka's & Ryan's at Ft. Stockton.
Below: Officers Row



Pecos River entering Lake Amistad.



IBT Board in session, Friday, January 28th.



Four regions received an Award of Excellence for this past year. Region 8 Pres., June Ryan, 3rd from left, ready to receive the award from Intl. Pres. Norm Beu.

MID-WINTER IBT MEETING

A day-long seminar on Tuesday, January 25, helped shorten the ultimate IBT meeting on Friday. At the seminar, numerous committee and officer reports were presented, where International and Region officers (as well as the general membership in attendance) could ask questions and comment on the reports. There were several motions that would be presented at the formal meeting and these were discussed in detail by all present.

The formal IBT Meeting was convened at 9:15 AM on Friday, January 28th. There were too many reports to permit coverage of all in this newsletter article, so just the highlights of a few committees will have to suffice. A **Marketing Committee** had been authorized by the IBT at their meeting on July 5, 2010, following the Gillette International Rally. That committee was charged with developing ways to promote WBCCI membership and increase club revenues. Fred Richardson from the Texas Gulf Coast Unit chairs that committee and they have come up with several interesting ideas. Among them are 1) a color postcard, available at headquarters, has been developed and can be used as a sales tool to promote WBCCI membership, 2) WBCCI Twitter and Facebook accounts have been set up and are operating, 3) the Blue Beret is now on-line and 4) development of a member benefit card is presently in the works. It is envisioned that this card would provide discounts to WBCCI members at such places as Camping World, tire companies and automotive businesses, as well as dining places such as I-Hop, Cracker Barrel, etc. This card would, if developed and approved, be provided annually to new members and those renewing their WBCCI memberships. As a point of interest, the Blue Beret on-line has experienced the following number of Unique Visitors since last July. A Unique Visitor is one who is counted just once each month, regardless of the number of times they visit the site in the month. August, 29,190 -- September, 35,890 -- October, 34,686 -- November, 43,346 and December, 36,339. It appears there are quite a few people, and not only members, who are interested in the club and the Blue Beret..

The **Membership Committee**, chaired by Don McKelvey from the Ontario,

Canada Unit reported some good news in that a sign has been prepared and installed at the Jackson Center Airstream Service Center encouraging non-club owners to consider joining WBCCI. Factory tour guides are also mentioning the club to those taking the tours. Don also mentioned the postcards that have been developed. He also had some bad news, in that the club membership continues to drop. Membership presently stands at 5,664, of which 524 are members-at-large. Approximately 60% of the membership drops are a result of death or the selling of rigs. The rest are non-renewals. He urged every member to make a special effort to encourage Airstream owners they meet to join the club and to re-double efforts to retain 40% of memberships that drop.

Jim Haddaway, International Past President and Chair of the **Planning Guide and Merit Award Committee**, reported there were four regions that received an Award of Excellence this past year. Among that elite group was June Ryan on behalf of Region 8. Congratulations go out to June and her team for the effort they put forth in keeping Region 8 among the top regions in the club.

The special committee, appointed at Gillette, to research the feasibility of working with Thor Industries concerning the possibility of a motorhome that would be eligible and acceptable for club membership, was chaired by Karin Kurkowski, 1st VP for Region 4. Their report was somewhat incomplete in that there was no specific action and recommendation to come before the IBT. A letter received from Larry Huttle and read to all in attendance indicated there was a possibility of Thor making a motorhome and the Airstream Company recognizing it as an Airstream product. There are still several questions to be answered, so the IBT approved the establishment of an on-going committee to continue to work on the problem, with a report and recommendation to be ready for presentation at the June IBT meeting, just prior to the International Rally.

Among other actions taken by the IBT were 1) approval of unit flags for three more units and 2) referring back to the Denver, CO Unit for action, through the proper sequence, their proposed amendment to the club constitution that

would effectively eliminate the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and place the authority to construe and interpret the constitution and bylaws in the hands of the delegates at the International Rally. Probably the most startling report came from the committee chaired by Dona Garner (Parliamentarian, Past Region 4 President and Mohican Valley Ohio Unit member) which was charged with preparing an entirely new constitution for consideration by the unit membership and be voted on at the Delegate Meeting in Du Quoin. That document is supposed to come out to all units in the very near future. Some of the changes, if adopted, would be 1) a reduced number and realignment of regions, 2) elimination of the 3rd International Vice President and 3) allowing the International Rally to be held at various times during the year rather than only late June and early July. There are numerous other big changes from the current constitution. As soon as the document is received, your president will try to get the information out to all Iowa Unit members to review. It promises to be a rather thick document and, hopefully, there will be some sort of summary accompanying it to help in individual membership consideration.

One of the final reports came from the **Nominating Committee** when they announced their slate of officers for the various International offices. Those named were Barry Heckenswiler from the Keystone Pennsylvania Unit for President, Don Clark from the Santa Clara California Unit for 1st VP, John Boutwell from the San Fernando Valley California Unit for 2nd VP, John Stumpf of the Pensacola Florida Unit for 3rd VP, Jo Jugel from the Central Maryland Unit for Recording Secretary, **our own June Ryan from the Iowa Unit for Treasurer** and Kerry Matilla from the Ontario Canada Unit and William "JJ" Johnjulo from the Cleveland Ohio Unit for Nominating Committee.

All in all, the seminar and formal meeting were interesting and informative. If you have never attended an IBT meeting, try one. It is quite an experience.

THE BEGINNING OF COMMON CENTS

All of us in WBCCI have heard of Common Cents, but there are probably some newer members who don't realize how it came about. In the latest Kansas City Missouri Unit Newsletter, there was an article written by Nadine Kennedy which provided the history of Common Cents. It is included in our Iowa Newsletter for the information it provides. It goes as follows:

By Nadine Kennedy

Our granddaughter Katie went to several rallies with us and thought international was really great. Our International rallies catered to the kids for a good time only. After discussing this situation with Katie we thought of ways to add something to the meaning of the youth program. Katie sent a letter to the Blue Beret suggestion the "Common Cents" program as a way our youth could be involved in whatever city the rally was held. It was an immediate hit for our youth.

"Common Cents" began at the 40th International Rally in 1997 in Huntsville, AL. One afternoon we drove to a military base so I could get a haircut. They were having a bake sale for a little girl who needed a kidney transplant. This sounded like the perfect recipient for our help. We were unable to keep in contact with the family. The last we heard the little girl received her new kidney which she rejected and had another transplant.

Our first year the collection was \$2500; the next year the collection was \$6000. We were able to donate \$10,000 for 6 years. Donations decreased as attendance decreased at the last few rallies. The hospital personnel at Springfield, MO were so enthused with our program they volunteered their helicopter and photographer to take our aerial pictures. (At the time Charlie was chairman of aerial pictures.) If you go to an International Rally and you see the kids with their big glass jars, dig in your pockets and donate. It is for a good cause. A separate account was set up and it is used only for Common Cents.

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* Join your WBCCI *
* friends at luncheons in *
* Iowa and Arizona. *
* Good food and good *
* fellowship abounds. *
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Election of Region 8 Officers

This is the year that Region 8 elects its officers for the upcoming 2 years. June Ryan is completing her stint as Region President and she has done a remarkable job. Second Vice President Pat Shaw of the North Iowa Unit has, for personal reasons, decided not to proceed in region office. The slate of officers to be voted upon are 1) Fred Steurer of the Greater St. Louis Unit for President, 2) Leonard Sullivan of the Greater Wichita Kansas Unit for 1st Vice President, and 3) Glenn Waters of the Greater St. Louis Unit for 2nd Vice President. To date, no other candidates have announced. Therefore, unless your president hears from you to the contrary, he will be casting the Iowa Unit votes for the announced slate of officers. Any comments would be appreciated.

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget...

ATTORNEY: You forget: Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None

ATTORNEY: Where there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?