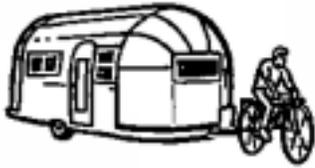


# IOWA UNIT WBCCI

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## St. Patrick's Day



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When, oh when, is the cold weather ending this winter? As I am writing this newsletter at our winter home in Apache Junction, AZ, the weather is bright and sunny, with a temperature of 65°. The Weather Channel indicates the temperature in Newton, IA is 36°. If the winter in Iowa, Florida or Texas has been anything like it has been in Arizona, one begins to wonder about "global warming". I trust the flu bug has missed most, if not all, of you. It has been epidemic in AZ and, much as we hoped to escape it, it did catch us. Both Doris Jean and I "enjoyed?" the 3-day illness, only to be followed by Paul and June Ryan about a week later. Perhaps we are now immune and won't suffer any illnesses for at least a few weeks.

It is time to think about getting the Air-stream ready to use. Just because fuel prices are outlandish, don't let that deter you from using the "best RV made". There are lots of places to explore within 100 miles from where every one of you live and I'll bet you haven't visited all of them. Don't forget the four Iowa Unit rallies, the Region 8 Rally in the Amanas and the International in Du Quoin, Illinois. Fuel costs might prevent you from going to Washington, Oregon, Maine or Vermont, but it shouldn't keep you from exploring the Midwest. So, get the tires pumped up, the water tank filled, the refrigerator stocked and **ENJOY THAT AIRSTREAM!!**

*Chuck*



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### How About a Caravan to DuQuoin?

Due to the lack of early registrants for the 54<sup>th</sup> International Rally in Du Quoin, IL, the IBT has had to make several rather drastic changes this year concerning early committees and arrivals. The club is required to pay for every RV-night, so those who normally arrive 7-14 days prior to opening ceremonies (such as Parking, Field Service Canteen, Carpenters, Sanitation, etc.) create a pretty big cost. Consequently, committees have been greatly reduced, or even eliminated, in an attempt to keep costs down this year. As an example, the Field Service Canteen Committee (which Chuck and Doris Jean have chaired for the past 7 years) has been dropped for 2011, as has the Pancake Committee. There may be others that we are not aware of, but it is certain that committees have been drastically reduced in

size and number as a result of the reduced registrations.

As of the preparation of this newsletter, Paul Ryan (Parking Chairman) has received notice that the early registration total is still less than 500 units. Consequently, Chuck and Doris Jean now have a reporting date of June 23<sup>rd</sup> and are considering a Unit Caravan to Du Quoin. This possibility will be discussed with our Unit Caravan Chairman Dennis Sandersfeld at the Region 8 Rally, so watch for word.

The lack of registrations is really sad news, when one realizes that just a few years ago, attendance at the International was in the range of 1,400-2,000 units. It behooves all of us to aid the club, if we can, and make as great an effort as possible to get to Du Quoin.

This month's recipe is for Boiled Raisin Cake. It is very tasty and well received wherever it is served.

### Boiled Raisin Cake

2 cups sugar	3 cups flour
2 cups raisins	½ tsp. baking powder
2 cups cold water	1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup stick margarine	2 tsp. baking powder
1 tbsp. cinnamon	1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. nutmeg	1/8 cup powdered sugar
½ tsp. ground cloves	

Combine sugar, raisins, water, margarine, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and baking soda in a 3-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil and boil for 3 minutes. Cool until lukewarm. Add vanilla. Combine flour, salt and baking powder and mix well. Add to cooled cooked mixture in thirds, beating well after each addition. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes in a well-greased and floured 9"x13"x2" baking pan. After baking, lightly sprinkle powdered sugar over top of cake, before cutting into desired number of pieces.

## LET'S ALL GO TO AMANA

The time is rapidly approaching for the Region 8 Rally in the Amana Colonies. This will be our own June Ryan's second (and last) Region 8 Rally responsibility as Region President, so you are all encouraged to make plans to attend and send her out in a big way. As far as we know, June is just the 4<sup>th</sup> Region 8 President from the Iowa Unit, the others being Arnie Hel-land, Maurie Rich and Norm Beu.

The Iowa Unit has been assigned three Rally responsibilities; Parking, Welcoming and Tours. The last item, Tours, is in the very capable hands of Lavonne Sandersfeld and she has done a great job of lining up tours for those attending. The tours are listed in the Region 8 newsletter which is

included in this newsletter.

The other two responsibilities are where help is needed. It was June's thought that the wives of the fellows who help with parking could handle the welcoming. "Goodie Bags" will be prepared by the Amana Chamber of Commerce, to be handed out by the women who greet the attendees as they arrive. Parkers will be needed to direct the rigs to their "home" for the rally and, since the campground is already laid out, this shouldn't be too much of a problem. Your President is asking for volunteers to help with parking and welcoming. If he has a good enough response, it may mean that helpers will only need to work one-half day, with the rest of the time free. **PLEASE**, by email (cdjcabalka@juno.com), regular mail (either the Newton or Apache

Junction address) or by telephone (480-216-8096) volunteer to help with parking and/or welcoming. What was the saying, "Many hands make for light work?" Chuck could use "many hands". Those who agree to help are asked to arrive on Monday, April 25, if at all possible, so schedules can be developed, assignments made and be ready for those who will start arriving on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Also, to go along with the soups for the Thursday supper, each unit is asked to bring enough salad to serve 30 people. It was decided that a Jell-O salad would suffice, so if you can prepare a salad (a 9"x13"x2" pan), please let Chuck and Doris Jean know. It will probably take only 2 pans, 3 at most. Let's show Region 8 that Iowa knows how to host a rally!

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www.shorewoodrv.com

Bill Thomas Camper Sales, Inc.  
101 Thomas R.V. Way  
Wentzville, MO 63385  
1-800-367-5767  
www.btcamper.com

Camping World RV Sales, LLC  
2802 S. 21st St  
Council Bluffs, IA 51502  
Phone: 712-535-1624  
www.campingworldofomaha.com

Fogdall RV (not a dealer)  
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7805 Ace Place  
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R. V. Revive (not a dealer)  
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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 **S equals V**.

**WNOB XRKT OB K ATRKW XRKT WC KWWRFB**

**TKHHORB KFG WTKSRH KTCPFG WNR DOGERBW. XCP**

**DOANW RSRF KWWRFK KFCWNRT PFOW'B TKHHX. XCP**

**KTR KHEKXB ERHMCDR, XCP LFCE.**

**PLAN TO ATTEND WINTERSET RALLY, MAY 12-15**

This is an early reminder that the Iowa Unit will be holding its first 2011 unit rally at the fairgrounds at Winterset on May 12-15 and it is a "buddy rally". Make plans to attend, since there is a very, very important item to discuss and vote on. Your president has received the proposed revision of the WBCCI Constitution and it contains numerous changes from what we have operated under for the past several decades.

For those Iowa Unit members who receive this newsletter by US mail, a copy of the proposed constitution is included. For those unit members that receive your newsletter via email, a separate email with the proposed document as an attachment will be

forthcoming. This is done because some email servers will not accept attachments as large as the combined newsletter and constitution in one email. Friends and Affiliate Members, having no vote, will not receive the information.

Also, we have received information from Gene and Sandy Teggetz concerning the Computer Rally they will be hosting immediately following our Winterset rally. You should give careful consideration to staying over to attend this rally, since it is an opportunity to get excellent instruction concerning numerous programs, as well as get your computer questions answered. More details will be in the April newsletter.

**BECKLEY'S ANNIVERSARY**

Wendell and Joanne Beckley (1995 Iowa Unit President and current Iowa Unit Friends) will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their March birthdays with an open house and reception on April 23, 1 - 4 PM at the VFW Hall (401 Lemon Street) in Tipton, IA. All Iowa Unit members are invited to attend, with no gifts, please.

**NEW DEALER/SERVICE IN REGION 8**

A new Airstream dealer in Springfield, MO, with new trailers and Airstream service, has been added to the Airstream family. The firm is ReliableRV and is located at 438 S. Ingram Road in Springfield, 1-866-589-8582, [www.reliablerv.com/](http://www.reliablerv.com/)

If any of you are traveling in SW Missouri and encounter a problem with your Airstream RV, this might be a place where you can get help.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 2-James Macumber
- 4-Linda Allen
- 4-Jan Bowman
- 18-Sharon Urich
- 20-Don Storjohann

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1-Cochran
- 25-Paine

**ELECTION OF REGION 8 OFFICERS**

As was pointed out in the February Iowa Unit Newsletter, 2011 is the year for the election of a president and vice-presidents for Region 8. Your Iowa Unit President is required to have the completed ballot, on behalf of the Iowa Unit, back in the hands of the Region 8 Secretary (Lavonne Sandersfeld) by April 22nd. Fred Steurer is the nominee for President, Leonard Sullivan the nominee for 1st Vice President and Glenn Waters the nominee for 2nd Vice President. Any write-in candidate must provide their written consent to be eligible. If any Iowa Unit member has someone they desire to propose for any of the offices, please let your president know as soon as possible. If nothing is forthcoming by April 10th, your president will cast the Iowa Unit votes for the announced slate.

## FLORIDA FUN Sarasota State Rally

**Nancy Helle** reported that she and **Chuck** had a great time at the Florida State Rally in Sarasota in mid-February. The weather co-operated, with temperatures around 80 degrees during the day, and nighttime temperatures in the 50-60 degree range. The rally theme was "Roses and Romance" and the couple helped with the layout and parking. On Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 12 Iowans at the rally got together to dine at Phillip Creek Village. The restaurant can be entered by either land or water and is noted for its seafood entrees. Those attending were **International President Norm and Linda Beu, Brad and Nancy Nelson, Ben and Marcia Woolley, Dennis and Laverne Sandersfeld, Larry and Pat Dellamuth and Chuck and Nancy Helle**. Nancy reported the group had a great time visiting, while enjoying wonderful food. Brad and Nancy joined the Iowa Unit at the Swiss Festival Rally last fall. Ben and Marcia were on the Florida Fantasy Caravan and the rally was one of the stops on that caravan. **Affiliate Iowa Unit members Gary and Cheryl Burrows and John Thompson** also attended the rally.

### Florida Fantasy Caravan

We have received word from **Ben and Marcia Woolley** that they have been thoroughly enjoying the Florida Fantasy Caravan. The weather has co-operated and made the caravan even more enjoyable. Their 7-day cruise in the Caribbean was a highlight, but Marcia has indicated everything else has also been wonderful. We look forward to a complete report from them for inclusion in the April newsletter.

## HEALTH REPORT

Word has been received that **Marcella Winger** has had a total hip replacement. It seems that she and **Ray** were on a tour of Australia and New Zealand when her previous artificial hip went out. Since nothing more than getting her hip back into place could be done for her in New Zealand, they left the tour early, flew back to Texas and made their way back to Iowa in hopes of getting into the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. They were informed it would be some time before Marcella could be admitted, so they returned to Fort Dodge. While home, Marcella took a tumble down some stairs and the hip went out, again. The Fort Dodge hospital could not help her, so it was back to Mayo. This time, she was admitted and a new hip was installed. She is in a nursing facility in Fort Dodge, undergoing therapy for the next couple of weeks. Ray said it is doubtful they will be able to make the Region 8 Rally, but Marcella is planning on being at Du Quoin to dance and give dance lessons. Way to go, Marcella!! For those who want to send a card to Marcella, their address is 312 Woodmar Heights, Fort Dodge, IA 50501-3018. The entire Iowa Unit wishes a rapid and complete recovery for you, Marcella.

## FREE BEDSPREADS

Marybelle Luckason (old WBCCI 8644) has sent a note indicating she has two twin-bed, original, fitted bedspreads, two quilts she made for the beds and pillow shams that she will give to any unit member who would like them. She totaled her trailer but saved these items. She hates to part with them, but they do not match their current RV and are too good to give to Goodwill. Also, due to their shape, only an Airstream owner would know what they are for. Marybelle can be reached at 1301 Harold Drive S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA 52403-3861 or at luckymarybelle@aol.com.

## AIRSTREAM FOR SALE

If any Iowa Unit member is looking for a used Airstream trailer, or knows of someone who is looking, there is a 1989, 25-foot Airstream for sale in Superstition Resort (where the Ryan's and Cabalka's winter) in Apache Junction, AZ. The unit has rear twin beds and the asking price is \$10,000. For more information, call 480-369-6065. The unit belongs to Bob and Gretchen Zvan; a couple in their 90's who have decided that their trailering days are finally over.

**HELP!!** Your newsletter reporter and editor are **ALWAYS** in need of news items in order to prepare a newsletter that contains items of interest to members. Until you have been in those positions, it is extremely difficult to know just how hard it is to prepare a newsletter nearly every month. **PLEASE**, if you do something that is interesting, send a note (by snail-mail or email) and, if appropriate, one or two pictures. Your articles and pictures are what makes the newsletter interesting.

## REGION 8 ENTERTAINMENT

As you will note in the Region 8 newsletter (attached), each unit is expected to provide a 3-4 minute contribution to the Friday night Talent Show. The talent can be about anything - skit, singing, jokes, etc. It can be just one person or involve a group. If any of you have an idea, **PLEASE** let your president know.

## ARIZONA LUNCHEON

On a beautiful, sunny and warm March 3<sup>rd</sup>, thirty-one Airstreamer's and friends gathered for the monthly luncheon at the Mesa Golden Corral. **Paul and June Ryan, Dale and Connie Neese and Chuck Cabalka** were the Iowa Unit members in attendance. Doris Jean wasn't able to attend, since she was fighting the flu bug. Dale and Connie surprised the Iowa Unit members when they brought **Catherine Bachman** as their guest. Catherine is a Past First Lady of the Iowa Unit (1982) and, for those who knew Willis and Catherine, she looks terrific. It was great to talk to her and relive a few of the "olden" days. Catherine presently resides in an independent living retirement facility in Cedar Rapids and was visiting the Mesa area. It turns out that Dale and Connie bought the Bachman's Airstream when Willis and Catherine had to give up traveling. Melva "Trixie" Johnson sent her regrets, having been ill and still unable to drive.



Paul & June Ryan, Dale & Connie Neese, Chuck Cabalka and Catherine Bachman

Among those attending the luncheon were the President and First Vice-President of the Mohican Valley Ohio Unit, as well as the President and First Vice President of the Nebraska Unit. Region 8 President, and nominee for International Treasurer, June Ryan encouraged all present to attend the Region 8 Rally, as well as the Du Quoin International. The luncheon on April 7<sup>th</sup> will be the last Arizona Luncheon until next November.

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**\* CRYPTOGRAM SOLUTION \***  
 \* This year is a great year to attend rallies and  
 \* travel around the Midwest. You might even  
 \* attend another unit's rally. You are always  
 \* welcome, you know.  
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## IOWA LUNCHEON

Kathy Allen reported that the attendance at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Iowa Unit Luncheon in Marshalltown was on the slim side. She, along with Keith and Jan Bowman and host Mark Kvidera, were the only ones attending. Mark brought a photo album that was very interesting and stories were shared. They look forward to seeing some of their "snowbird" friends at the April 9<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Pizza Ranch in Vinton, where Nancy and Chuck Helle will be the hosts. If you are in Iowa at that time, make sure you plan to attend for good food and an opportunity to catch up on what has happened over the winter.



*Dick Jirus thought our group might enjoy this. Although Casa Grande is only about 30 miles from Apache Junction, AZ, your President has not heard of the store. Might need to check it out. At any rate, here goes:*

*A new Safeway supermarket just opened in Casa Grande, AZ.*

*It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the distant sound of thunder and the smell of fresh rain.*

*When you pass the milk case, you hear cows mooing and you experience the scent of fresh mown hay.*

*In the meat department, there is the aroma of charcoal grilled steaks and brats.*

*In the liquor department, the fresh, clean, crisp smell of tapped Bud Lite.*

*When you approach the egg case, you hear hens clucking and cackling and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying.*

*The bread department features the tantalizing smell of fresh baked bread and cookies.*

*I don't buy toilet paper there, anymore.*

## CABALKA'S AT TUCSON RALLY

Following their recovery from a bout with the flu, Chuck and Doris Jean drove the 115 miles from Apache Junction to Tucson to attend the Arizona Unit's March Rally. It was held at the Diamond J RV Park, about 10 miles west of Tucson. There were 14 units in attendance. The first highlight of the rally was the Friday caravan to the San Xavier del Bac Mission, just south of Tucson. This beautiful old Spanish mission, dating back to 1692, is known as the "White Dove of the Desert" and, one look at the beautiful



structure lets you know why. It is the oldest intact structure in Arizona. Construction of the current church was begun in 1783 and was completed in 1797. You just can't imagine a more beautiful structure and to think it is over 200 years old. The group was taken on a very informative, guided tour through the mission. It sits on a 14-acre tract owned by the Catholic church, right in the middle of the Tohono Odem Indian Reservation. Following the trip to the mission, Chuck and Doris Jean drove to east Tucson, where they visited the east portion of Saguaro National Park (including driving the 8-mile loop). The park was created to preserve the tall, stately saguaro cactus. Saguaro NP is a national park that is comprised of two separate areas, divided by the City of Tucson. Pretty different!

Following a BBQ pork rib dinner on Friday evening and entertainment by a fellow playing a guitar and singing western songs, Saturday found the group on a caravan about 40 miles west to Kit Peak and the Kit Peak National Observatory. A tour of one of the huge telescopes (3.5 meter diameter) was the tour highlight. The docent that led the tour explained to the group how the huge glass mirrors are made under the stadium at the University of Arizona in the non-football season. The group was awed to find that the world's largest optical telescope should be on line in Chile, South America in 2015. It is referred to as the LSST (Large Synoptic Survey Telescope), will be 8.4 meters in diameter and will open a movie-like window on the

Universe to reveal the nature of variable or moving objects in the night sky, near and far. Two dozen universities and laboratories collaborated to build this monster. Following the guided tour, attendees were free to wander among the 25 buildings that housed telescopes of various sizes, as well as view numerous videos that dealt with astronomy. It was a wonderful outing enjoyed by all.



Sunday was a free day, so Chuck and Doris Jean spent some time at the west portion of Saguaro National Park. There were lots more saguaros in this



section than in the east portion. There was a complete forest of the cacti, both on the flats as well as climbing up the mountain slopes. On the way back to the campground, the couple drove to the top of Sentinel Peak where they looked out over all of Tucson, a city of about 1,000,000. Following a "cook your own meat" potluck on Sunday evening, the couple drove back to Sentinel Peak to view the city lights of Tucson. Pretty awesome!! Then, on Monday morning, it was time to return to Apache Junction for a few more weeks before heading back to Iowa. The rally was very enjoyable and the weather co-operated, with clear skies and temperatures in the 80's.

### **CORRECTION & APOLOGY**

**I just noticed that Nancy Helle was not listed as immediate Past President in the list of Officers. The error has been corrected and I apologize to Nancy for not catching the problem sooner. DJC**