

# IOWA UNIT WBCCI

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## JULY NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another International Rally is over and the Iowa Unit did itself up proud. We now have two members who are International Officers (Norm Beu as Immediate Past President and June Ryan as International Treasurer), as well as two members chairing International Standing Committees (Chuck Kiple in Caravaning and Rich Jirus for Legislation) and we couldn't be prouder. Just think – 11% of our membership of 36 are either International officers or chair standing committees. On top of that, the members of 12 of the 13 Iowa units that attended the rally worked in some volunteer capacity, from International President down to committee membership. I think that is just **GREAT!!** The thirteenth, Ray and Marcella Wininger, certainly would have, had it not been for Marcella's recent hip surgery. To top it all off, the Iowa Unit also won the International Beanbag Baseball Tournament in grand fashion. Unit members also entered numerous contests. Chuck Cabalka won two Honorable Mentions for pictures entered in the Photo Contest. Two of our members (Ben Woolley and Gary Ulrich) did a stellar job in the trumpet section of

the WBCCI Band. I'm sure there were other unit members who won other awards, but I am just not aware of them. All in all, I am very proud of the accomplishments and efforts of the Iowa Unit at International.

Now, it is time to turn our efforts to making our unit stronger and better. We still have three rallies this year. Please make every effort to get to at least one of them, if you can't make all three. Your rally hosts are going to a lot of time and trouble to organize each rally and it is up to the rest of us to show our appreciation by attending. Also, we need to make a concerted effort to obtain new members. Sue and Nancy have put forth their best efforts in trying to get new members, but is also the responsibility of every one of the rest of us to help them. If you see an Airstream parked somewhere on your travels (in a park, rest area, yard, or wherever) don't be bashful. Stop, knock on their door, congratulate them on having the best RV on the market, and invite them to join us for our next rally. Remember, a new attendee's rally fee is excused for their first rally. Together we can make our IOWA UNIT even stronger. See you at Lake Geode.

*Chuck*

### AUGUST 11—14 RALLY, LAKE GEODE STATE PARK



Gary and Sharon Ulrich have done a great job organizing the August rally at Lake Geode State Park west of Burlington and Danville, IA. As you can see when looking at the rally schedule on page 9 there are numerous activities planned. A July 19th internet check of spaces available for the Thursday-Sunday rally period (August 11-

14) show Spaces 4 thru 15 and 24 thru 30 are still available. You are encouraged to get on the internet and make a reservation if you want to be parked near the rest of the unit members. The website address is [www.iowadnr.gov/parks/state\\_park\\_list/geode.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/parks/state_park_list/geode.html). Otherwise, you will simply have to take what spaces are available. Hope to see many of you there.

Sharon and Gary Ulrich have asked Iowa Unit members to please let them know if you are coming so they can purchase the proper amount of food for those

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meals provided at the rally site, as well as let the restaurant (where we will enjoy a "dine out" meal and business meeting) know about how many will be coming. You can get word to Sharon either by phoning her at **319-466-1122** or e-mailing her at [grurich@gmail.com](mailto:grurich@gmail.com). Sharon would like to know who can bring toasters that would be available for use in preparing toast. Also, if you have a "pie iron" and would bring that along, it would be greatly appreciated since our dessert for Friday evening will be campfire pies. The sooner you can get this information to Sharon, the better she will sleep at night. Thank you!

### DIRECTORY CORRECTION

It has just come to our attention that the mailing address for Scott and Kathy Allen is wrong. Their proper address should be 2802 - **38<sup>th</sup>** St., Des Moines, IA 50310. Please make the needed change in your directory. Sorry about that Scott and Kathy.

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 **A equals T**.

**A L O N W P W L X F K H G G J**

**X M F L R L Z O K . A X T O**

**A L S O A A L S O A L O K H A**

**G H V O S O L N O X F**

**H W S W M A . M O O J L W**

**A L O K O !**

### Zucchini Casserole.

This month's casserole is simple, quick to fix and is healthy for you. Plus, it's a good way to enjoy zucchini squash, that seems overly prolific. The entire entree is prepared and served in one large skillet.

- 4 or 5 zucchini squash, 8" to 10" long,
- 2 Tbsp. of vegetable oil
- 2/3 C. chopped onion **or** 2 Tbsp. of dry, minced onion
- 2 C. grated Parmesan cheese (about 8 oz.)
- 1 small (6 oz.) can tomato paste

Slice squash (skin and all) 1/8" thick and place in skillet with the vegetable oil. Cover, cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until squash is cooked and tender. Remove from heat, stir in the Parmesan cheese and tomato paste. Mix thoroughly and serve. [Just a personal comment - "It looks awful, but tastes mighty good."]

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## CARES AND CONCERNS

The **Paine family** departed the International Rally on Saturday (July 2nd) and headed back to Gaylor, MN, with a planned stop at Dennis and Lavonne Sandersfeld's in Williamsburg, IA. For those who do not already know, Lavonne is Wanda's aunt. While at Sandersfeld's, **Jeff** suffered another kidney stone attack. That required a quick trip to the ER in Iowa City, and, thankfully, Jeff recovered quickly from the episode. An email received by the Cabalka's on July 5<sup>th</sup> revealed the family got home safely. Jeff, you have our unit's best wishes and we all hope the last attack might truly be the last.

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, **Nancy Helle** underwent surgery for cataract removal on one of her eyes. This was scheduled and took place just hours after the big wind blew through Vinton early on the morning of July 11<sup>th</sup>. At a follow-up exam 24 hours after the surgery, the doctor felt quite satisfied with the outcome, so everything went well. Nancy is scheduled to have cataract surgery on the other eye on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We are all glad and thankful for the successful procedure, wish her the best for the remaining operation and know Nancy will enjoy being able to see better than she has for some time.

**Marilyn Mulbrook** has had her pre-surgery exam, in preparation for hip surgery during the last week of this month. She is now scheduled for surgery on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn reported that this will be the first time she has ever had any type of surgery and she is somewhat leery, which is understandable. Marilyn, we are all pulling for you and know it will turn out to be an outstanding success.

**Carolyn Haller** finally knows the cause of her health problem. It is a reoccurrence of Lyme disease. She underwent an episode with this disease in 1991 and, with the help of antibiotics, got it under control. For some unknown reason, it decided to flare up after lying dormant for 20 years. She is now back on antibiotics and expects to beat it again. Carolyn reported that doctors checked everything (including her heart, which was found to be in excellent condition) and found that her health, except for the Lyme disease, was excellent. Carolyn, we are all so happy that they found out what your problem is, but are sad that it had to happen. We're all pulling for you and expect to see you at rallies as soon as you feel up to it.

While on the way back to Vinton from Cedar Rapids following her cataract surgery, Nancy and Chuck Helle passed an Airstream motorhome. When the

Helle's stopped for lunch at a McDonald's in Centerpoint, the motorhome also pulled in. It turns out that it was **Gary and Sharon Arnold**, Iowa Unit members from Bettendorf. They were on their way to the Iowa Great Lakes for a while. It seems that Gary suffered some rather severe health problems while in Florida this past winter and their son had to come down to bring them home. We have no further details, but since they were "back on the road", we assume the problem has been taken care of. Gary, you might let us know what happened, as our members are all interested in the health and well-being of our fellow club members. At any rate, we all hope the problem is gone, for good.

**Dennis and Lavonne Sandersfeld** provided a mixed report. Dennis is still undergoing periodic chemo treatments for his cancer and is feeling extremely weak, particularly following the treatments. Lavonne, on the other hand, is doing quite well following her eye surgery. She reports she is seeing things that she hasn't seen for quite some time and is even back to driving. We all wish the couple the best and hope Dennis' recovery is forthcoming. It is tough to see someone who has been a faithful Iowa Unit member suffer through health issues and, Dennis, you are in all our prayers.

All these members need to be kept in our thoughts and prayers. If you are so minded, a card would undoubtedly be appreciated. After all, we are all members of our WBCCI Iowa Unit Family.

It is with great regret that we report the passing of **Vera McRae** (age 90) on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Vera, wife of Paul, was our Iowa First Lady in 1983. She and Paul joined the Iowa Unit in 1974 and were faithful participants in unit activities for many years. After wintering in Mesa, AZ for several years, they moved to the Houston, Texas area to be near their son. At the time of Vera's death, she was living in Aiken, SC near her daughter, Janice. Paul passed away in 2006. Those who were Iowa Unit members during the time Paul and Vera were active members will remember them as a fun-loving, helpful and faithful couple.

## WAKE-UP WIND, JULY 11TH

Iowa Unit members living in central and eastern Iowa awoke early on the morning of Monday, July 11th, to extremely strong winds. According to news reports,



Grain Bins in Garwin

straight-line winds in the vicinity of Garwin (NE of Marshalltown) were in excess of 105 mph, while Benton County (further east) had 130 mph winds. Iowa Unit members Don and

Sue Storjohann live on a farm about 3 1/2 miles NW of Garwin and reported they were on the edge of the storm and that a windbreak on the west side of their building area took the brunt of the damage. However, they were in the process of doing some remodeling to their home and materials stacked on the house roof caused a ponding of rainfall runoff. The ponded water backed up under the shingles and resulted in, as Sue put it, "As much water inside as outside". A very smelly carpet needed to be removed and replaced, so the remodeling will be somewhat more than anticipated.

Vinton, IA took a very hard hit from the storm. Chuck and Nancy Helle reported they lost all the big trees in their yard, but,



HELLE LINDEN TREE

Nancy says, "I didn't like that tree, anyhow."

fortunately, only a slight amount of damage was incurred by their home. As of

Wednesday noon, July 13<sup>th</sup>, electricity still had not been restored. Nancy reported

they had no idea when the "juice" would be back on. The lack of electricity, coupled with her scheduled cataract surgery, resulted in the couple spending a couple of nights in a motel in Cedar Rapids.

Thankfully, in both instances, their homes were not badly damaged although neighbors were not so fortunate. Neither couple suffered any injuries. Luckily, their Airstream trailers came through with flying colors, so we can expect to see them at future rallies. Corn fields throughout the area were flattened, enough to nearly make one cry. Don and Sue and Chuck and Nancy, our prayers go out for you and your neighbors, and all of you have the best wishes of the entire Iowa Unit.

## KEY TO CRYPTOGRAM

The Du Quoin Rally is now over. Time to get together at Lake Geode in August. See you there!

## THE DUES ARE DUE

Unit Treasurer Marcia Woolley wants all Iowa Unit members and affiliates to know that the 2011-12 dues are now due. The **Iowa members** dues remain the same as last year – \$65.00 for International and \$15.00 for Iowa, for a **total of \$80.00**, while affiliates, life members and friends pay only the \$15.00 amount. Make your checks payable to Iowa Unit, WBCCI and mail them to **Marcia Woolley, 1997 Three Elms Park Road, Independence, IA 50644**. If you can do this promptly Marcia will greatly appreciate it and you can save the unit some postage money because Marcia will not need to mail you a reminder. Let's all see if we can't help out Marcia.

## 2012 SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY HEADS-UP

As many of you already know, the 2012 Swiss Festival Rally in Sugar Creek, OH will be a milestone. It will not only be the 60<sup>th</sup> edition of the festival, but it will also be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rally. Consequently, the festival and rally are quite likely to draw record crowds. Information received at the Du Quoin International Rally indicated that the rally hosts expect to fill their quota of 250 units early and will probably have to turn away applications to attend. Several Iowa Unit members have already indicated a desire to attend the rally (some for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time) and are warned by the festival rally hosts to register early. Those attending the 2011 rally this fall will be given first chance to return in 2012, before registration is opened to all WBCCI members. The Lafrentz's and Cabalka's are planning to go in 2012 and there may be several more Iowa Unit members who want to join them on a caravan. If you have any desire to attend in 2012, make sure you register as soon as possible. Cancellation policy for 2011 is, "10% service charge prior to August 31. After Sept. 1 refunds at discretion of chairman." That may be the same policy for 2012. Rumor has it that open registration will start on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, so you might want to mark that date on your calendar. Upcoming newsletters will try to keep all of you abreast of developments and you can check for yourself by going to the rally website at <http://www.swissnationalrally.com>. Take it from those who have been there, it is a rally you will never forget and one that you will want to go back to over and over, so register early.

## INTERNATIONAL RALLY REPORT

Those attending the 54<sup>th</sup> International Rally will remember the rally for several reasons. First, those who were among the early workers were "treated?" to an EF-1 tornado about



This tree was up-rooted and fell between the motorhome and the next-door trailer.

3:30 AM on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Although several box-type trailers used by horse trainers at the track were upset, the Airstreams came through with flying colors. Some experienced damage, ranging from broken windows and air conditioner covers to bent flag poles, etc., but nothing major. Norm and Linda Beu had their large awning rolled up, but not locked, and they suffered damage to the awning, as the wind unfurled it. Several large trees were destroyed by the wind, as were portions of several roofs at the horse stables.

Rainfall was in abundance, both before and during the rally. Because the fairgrounds were pretty flat, there were many Airstream parking areas where the water was extremely slow to soak away or evaporate. It was usual to step out of one's RV and hear water squishing underfoot as one walked away. Several even had to leave their tow vehicles parked out on paved streets and walk to the rigs.



WBCCI Band Concert at the grandstand.

A total of 539 Airstreams were registered for the rally, considerably below any previous number. This was somewhat disappointing. But those who attended were treated to even-

ing programs that were excellent. Except for officer installation on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the bluegrass band entertainers on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the rest of the programs were at the outdoor grandstand. The heat and humidity were made a little more bearable by the hand fans passed out, but it was still a far cry from the air conditioning we usually enjoy. Nevertheless, the entertainers did a fine job.

The Delegate Meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> was considerably shorter than many had thought it would be. With all decisions concerning the new constitution being deferred until next year, the main item was the election of officers, with our own June Ryan being elected International Treasurer. There was considerable discussion about the new constitution, with those contending that the club **DID NOT** need an entire overhaul receiving the most applause. Numerous problems, and potential problems, were brought forth by several delegates.

Most of the seminars were held in air conditioned buildings, including the large main building, so the vendors, friendship center, club offices and store, registration, etc. had a cool place. The North Iowa Unit had the 1<sup>st</sup> place bulletin board



Vintage Trailer and Ford Pickup

and are to be congratulated. The Vintage Club had their usual parade, before encamping in their assigned area.

Their area was well-visited, not only by those attending the rally, but also by the Carbondale TV station and there was a very nice news show about the rally. Chuck Kiple was one of those interviewed. Attaway to go, Chuck!

All in all, the rally was enjoyable and everyone survived. Norm and Linda deserve a big **THANK YOU** for the efforts they put forth to make the rally the success it was. There were a few hiccups, but those seem to happen every year.

Now, it is time to look forward to 2012 and Sedalia, MO. Pres. Barry Heckenswiler promises full hookups and air conditioned buildings for all who come, so make your plans.

### NEWS IS NEEDED

Now I know all of you are doing more than just sitting around at home. You have to be going some place and doing something. Write up a short (or long) article and send it to me for inclusion in the next newsletter. If you took a picture, or two, send them along. They can either be sent via e-mail attachment to the article, or send a print. We have scanning capability and can get the picture/s into the computer. I think we have one or two members that went on a caravan following International. Help us out with articles for upcoming newsletters. **PLEASE.**

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lavonne Sandersfeld
- 5 Dennis Sandersfeld
- 6 David Jones
- 6 Joan Lafrentz
- 19 Larry Dellamuth
- 23 Kathy Allen
- 31 Robert Anderson
- 31 Paul Hahn

#### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Keith & Jan Bowman
- 8 Jon & Barbara Hrabe
- 9 Dennis & Lavonne Sandersfeld

## LUNCHEON AT INTERNATIONAL

The unit luncheon, hosted by Pat (our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) and Larry Dellamuth was held at the Du Quoin Family Restaurant near the fairgrounds in Du Quoin. Twenty-six members and affiliate members attended. Unfortunately,



duties and responsibilities at the rally prevented several others from attending and they were truly missed. Rather than setting a particular menu, ordering was done from the restaurant menu and attendees were able to select their favorite dishes. Pat had members give their names, hometowns and the various offices held in WBCCI, as well as conducted an Airstream trivia game while waiting for the meals to be prepared and served. It was good to see Jeff and Wanda Paine (our Iowa Unit members from Gaylor, MN). They brought two of their four children; Amanda, our Unit Teen Queen from several years ago and Tom. Pat announced that Amanda will be preparing our 2012 newsletters. It was decided, by those in attendance, to gather for a "4<sup>th</sup> of July" picnic with a \$5 charge per person to cover the food. Following our meals, ranging from sandwiches to omelets to dinners, many remained for good conversation. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Pat for setting up and hosting the luncheon.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE DONATIONS

There were several donations made by the Iowa Unit at the Du Quoin International Rally. Among these were 29 stuffed toys turned in by Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka, while Connie Neese added 100 beanie-babies and 11 pounds of pull-tabs. Now it is time to start collecting stuffed animals and pull tabs for next year. Also, those of you who knit, or know someone who knits, need to get started on caps and blankets for next year. Let's help blow Sedalia away with our contributions.



Formal Picture of the Ball Team

## Opening Cermony

On a very warm and humid evening (June 28<sup>th</sup>) the 54<sup>th</sup> International Rally opened at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds in Du Quoin, IL. President Norm Beu greeted those attending and welcomed them, following the intro-



duction of Region Presidents and the presentation of unit and/or state flags. Iowa President Chuck Cabalka carried the Iowa state flag, while Dale Lafrentz was

drafted to carry the North Iowa President's flag, since no North Iowa Unit officer was in attendance. Following the flag presentations, the Du Quoin Mayor, the fairgrounds manager and the head of the Tourist and Visitors Bureau were introduced, gave short welcomes and, in keeping with past tradition, were made honorary members of WBCCI. Heat (90<sup>+</sup>) and humidity and heat indexes of more than 100<sup>+</sup> seemed to be the norm. Thank goodness for 30 amp electricity that kept the trailer air conditioners going. Most of the meeting areas were also air conditioned, but others were not. However, we all survived and are now looking forward to the 55<sup>th</sup> International in Sedalia, MO in 2012.

## WHAT A GAME

**WE WON! WE WON!** Eight Iowa Unit members and two affiliate members made up a beanbag baseball team and scorer to compete as the Iowa Unit in the Beanbag Baseball Tournament at the Du Quoin International. Several of the team members that blew away the opposition at the Region 8 Rally in Amana were not able to get to Du Quoin, but several other unit members stepped up and continued an unbeatable team. The scorer was Nancy H e l l e ,

while the team members were, from left, Gary Urich (captain), Don Storjohann, Chuck H e l l e ,



Sharon Urich, Richard Jirus, Gary Burrows, Martha Jirus, Cheryl Burrows and Chuck Cabalka. With five teams entered, and Iowa not getting the bye, it meant that to win the tournament, they had to win three games in a row – and, **THEY DID!** In fact, they scored enough runs in each game that none went the regulation nine innings. Congratulations to the Iowa Unit Beanbag Baseball Team and the blue ribbon they won. To win the championship, the unit needed to beat two Texas teams, a thing Past International President Jim Haddaway claimed couldn't be done. Guess again. **WAY TO GO, TEAM!**

## CELEBRATING THE 4TH WITH AN OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC

Twenty-four caravaners gathered at noon on July 4<sup>th</sup> to visit and enjoy a picnic lunch at the International Rally at Du Quoin, IL. Iowa Unit members Chuck and Nancy Helle, Gary and Sharon Urich, Chuck and Sandi Kiple, Ben and Marcia Woolley, Paul and June Ryan, Norm and Linda Beu, Don and Sue Storjohann, Dale and Connie Neese, Richard and Martha Jirus, and Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka were joined by affiliate members Gary and Cheryl Burrows and North Iowa members John and Carol Heckman.

The chicken, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, lemonade and iced tea were complimented by a salad brought by Carol Heckman and two pans of brownies brought by Sharon Urich, both of which were greatly appreciated. By the time the members at the rally decided to have a picnic on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the only space left was the Grandstand Club on the upper level of the grandstand at the race track. It turned out that it was probably the best place on the fairgrounds. The room had carpeted floor, lots of tables and chairs and, most importantly, it was **AIR CONDITIONED**.

While the heat and humidity visited the picnics of other units and regions, the Iowa Unit dined in comfort. And, on top of that, we all had a good time visiting. All in all, it was a wonderful way to spend a portion of our country's birthday. (Incidentally – those attending the picnic voted to donate any money over the cost of the food to Common Cents. Accordingly, an amount of \$31.50 was turned over to Treasurer Marcia Woolley.)



*God decided it was time to end the world, so he called together those whom he considered the three most influential people in the world - George Bush, Fidel Castro and Bill Gates. "The world will end," God told them. "You must go tell the people." President Bush made a live statement on CNN. "I have some good news and I have some bad news," he said. "The good news is that we have been right, there is a God. The bad news is that he is ending the world." Castro set out a worldwide message to all Communists. "I have*

*bad news and worse news," he said. "The bad news is that we have been wrong all along, there is a God. The worse news is that he is ending the world." Bill Gates got on his computer and sent out a worldwide e-mail on the Internet. "I have good news and I have better news," he wrote. "The good news is that God thinks I'm one of the three most influential people in the world. The better news is that we don't have to upgrade Windows Vista."*

## Cabalka's Attend North Iowa Rally at Allison

On a warm and sultry weekend in June (the 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 5<sup>th</sup>), Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka attended the North Iowa Unit Rally at Wilder Park in Allison, IA. There were 10 Airstreams and one buddy attending. Pat and Dave Shaw and Ted and Norena Holmen hosted the rally. In addition to good food, there were several tours. The first, on Friday morning, was to Allen Industrial Coating in Allison, where the group toured a plant that painted various parts for a number of firms, including John Deere, Harley-Davidson, etc. Powdered paint was sprayed onto the various parts before being baked at 460° for 45 minutes, resulting in a shiny, painted part, ready for shipment and installation into some product.



On Saturday morning, the tour was to "Trains on the Farm" located on a farm about 3 miles NE of Clarksville. An ex-railroad safety inspector has a love affair with railroads and model trains. In various buildings at the farmstead, he has assembled hundreds of items pertaining to railroads (primarily the Rock Island and the Iowa Northern Railway), while the basement of the farmhouse is completely taken over by his model railroad layout. During winter months, he works on the basement layout, while the warm summer months finds him in the unheated outbuildings, busy with his larger railroad displays. In time, he hopes to obtain a caboose to place on a pair of tracks he has in his yard.

Finally, on Sunday morning, the group drove to Nashua and attended church services at the Little Brown Church. The minister recognized the visiting "Airstreamers" and, since their regular pianist-organist was late arriving, enlisted one of the North Iowa members to play the piano during the sing-along

preceding the services. Following the service, the congregation (including the Airstreamers) adjourned to the church basement for refreshments and conversation.

Then, it was a hurried trip back to the Allison campground before heading south to Parkersburg to tour the Wolfe Mansion. The huge brick mansion

was built in 1895 at a cost of \$35,000 and was rumored to have been a wedding gift from C. C. Wolfe's parents to C. C. and his bride, Mary Wilson Wolfe. The mansion, now owned by the Parkersburg Historical Society, features 14 different types of wood, handcarved by a European craftsman who had immigrated to the US. Leaded windows remaining in the home were valued at \$60,000 in 1974 and their value is considerably more today. The mansion has suffered from weather during its 116-year life and needs numerous repairs. However, it is still a beautiful structure and makes one envious of those who had enough money to build such buildings more than a century ago.

All in all, the rally attendees had a great time and the hosts did a fine job in organizing the rally. Iowa Unit members may want to consider attending a North Iowa Unit rally yet this year. The September rally is scheduled for Fiscus Grove near Liscomb, while the October rally is set for Humboldt. Remember, as a member of WBCCI, you are welcome to attend any unit rally.



## GEODE STATE PARK RALLY

The August Rally will be held at the Geode State Park near Burlington, Iowa August 11-14. Geode State Park is west of Burlington, off highway 34. There are 2 exits off highway 34 to the park. Exit 244 is a longer route and more scenic. Exit 255 is a more direct route and both are marked. The campground offers 30 amp electric, but no sewer or water hook ups. A dump station and a fresh water faucet are available. Arrive with a full fresh water tank and empty waste tanks. Reservations may be made on line at [Reservationamerica.com](http://Reservationamerica.com)! or by phone at 877-427-2757. The park does not have any buildings or shelters. We will use the unit tent for meals, etc. Chuck Cabalka has a list of camp sites that Iowa members have reserved. We would like to be close together - so get your reservations made!

If you are traveling on highway 218, the south bound lanes between Riverside and Washington are very rough. The north bound lanes are all right.

### RALLY SCHEDULE

#### Thursday:

Arrive whenever you want. You can come on Wednesday if you desire.

**6:00pm** Supper, bring your own sandwich and salad or dessert to share. Thursday is the local farmers market from 5-8pm at the Port of Burlington. Fresh fruit, vegetables, baked goods, flowers, crafts, and live music are offered, or you may choose to stay at the campground and visit or play games.

#### Friday:

**7:30-8:15** Breakfast of Baked French Toast, sausage, juice, coffee or tea.

**9:00** Line up for tour. We are touring Banger Gardens, 3500 Hillcrest, Burlington, Iowa. Experience acres of beautiful gardens uniquely designed. Over 200 different trees and dozens of varieties of perennial and annual flowers, moss garden, cactus garden, hostas, and 1 and 1/2 acre pond. Also view a collection of antique tractors and equipment. Fee is \$1.00.

**11:00** Lunch Ivy Bake Shoppe, Inc. 309 Gear Ave. known for great soups, sandwiches and desserts. Sharon recommends the Carmel Apple Tart. Their cookbook is for sale. Directions: After leaving the gardens, go back to highway 61 and go south on 61. Turn west on Mt. Pleasant Street. Turn south on Gear Ave. There is a stop light. The Ivy Bake Shoppe is on the west side of the street and is located in the Shottenkirks car dealership. There is ample parking, but, the IVY is small and we need to be there by 11:00 to 11:15 to beat their lunch crowd. We might be able to use an upstairs room for lunch to free up their dining room.

**1:00** tour Winegard Company located at 3000 Kirkwood Street, just past the Sun Oil Company. Winegard has been a manufacturer of quality television products for over 50 years. Randy Winegard, a Burlington native, is President and CEO of the company founded by his father. On the way back to Geode, are you brave enough to drive or walk down Snake Alley? This is the crookedest street in the world, 5 half curves, and 2 quarter curves that drop 58 feet over a distance of 275 feet. Snake Alley is located off highway 34, exit 262, on 6th Street between Columbia and Washington Streets.

**5:30** Supper, Sloppy Joes, baked beans, salad. Weather permitting, enjoy a camp fire with "pies" cooked in the fire and smores. Bring your "pie irons" and marshmallow forks.

#### Saturday:

**8:00** Breakfast of egg and meat casserole, juice, coffee, tea

**9:00** On your own, attend the Sweet Corn Festival at West Point. West Point is about 15 miles west and south of Burlington at the intersection of highway J40 and X23. This is a small town festival, featuring chicken dinners, pork chops and all you can eat free sweet corn. There is also a carnival, crafts and a parade. For information call 319-837-6313 or [westpointiowa.com](http://westpointiowa.com).

Other points of interest are: Catfish Bend Casino, Phelps House Museum, Hawkeye Log Cabin in Crapo Park, Des Moines County Heritage Center, Big Hollow Park, Lock and Dam # 18, and London Wines. All are located in or near Burlington. Historic Nauvoo, Illinois is just 28 miles from Burlington.

**5:30** Line up at Geode Campground to drive to dinner.

**6:00** Dinner is in Burlington at The Drake Restaurant, 106 Washington. We take highway 34 and get off at the last Iowa exit before the river. The Drake is in an old building on the waterfront. We will be in the "Boardroom" and after dinner there will be a board meeting and business meeting. Dinner is on your own, sandwiches are \$8:00-\$12:00 and dinners start at \$11:95.

#### Sunday:

**8:00** Breakfast, pastries, juice, coffee, tea

**9:00** Short devotional service

**9:30** Cleanup and head for home

