



Wings, Rails, & End Zones Rally



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Opening day started off Sunday afternoon with registration, happy hour, and a fabulous picnic barbecue served by a local caterer, The MARQ. Delicious ribs, burgundy spoon steaks, and chicken breasts prepared on site were accompanied by grilled corn on the cob, pasta salad, oriental coleslaw, and fresh fruit. Strawberry shortcake with whipped cream topped off the menu. The dinner was a big hit! Emcee Vern Schultz finished off the evening with lots of wit and humor during opening ceremonies.

Bright and early the next day, rally goes car pooled to Oshkosh to attend the EAA AirVenture. It was quite a quest to take in 10,000 planes on site, the air museum, and various vendors, but everyone did their best. The air show later in the afternoon afforded time to sit, cool off, and regain

some energy before watching the REO Speedwagon concert, which ended the day.

Delicious egg McMuffins were prepared and served by the North Dakota and Wisconsin Unit members for breakfast on Tuesday before folks headed out to Titledown (Green Bay). Our group of 92 adults and 7 children was divided into small groups of 30 each so that each member could better enjoy the storied history of the Green Bay Packers and Lambeau Field Stadium. And what an excellent tour it was, indeed! I think even the Bears and Vikings fans in the group were impressed! After a delicious prime rib sandwich and fries for lunch at Brett Favre's Steak House, we were back to Lambeau Field again to tour the Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame. This was a self-guided tour, which was good, as there is a lot of memorabilia in the

Hall, including the four Super Bowl trophies and rings that the Packers have won. A full blown snack happy hour took place in the early evening, followed by a cake decorated with the wings, rails, and end zones theme served with ice cream.

The next day, John Tetzlaff presented a SkyMed session and provided a bountiful doughnut assortment for our breakfast. After the presentation, open time was available to shop, explore, or see some sights in the vicinity. Later in the afternoon, we gathered at the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, where an authentic pig roast was served right in front of beautiful, restored locomotives at the National Railroad Museum. Participants explored the locomotives and Pullman cars inside the museum and outside and

Presidents' Message

Fantastic news! I am very pleased to announce that Gail Harrower (North Dakota Unit) and Pete Yanke (Minnesota Unit) have confirmed that they are candidates for a region office. Gail and Pete have been WBCCI members for a number of years and have held various leadership roles. Both candidates have served their respective units as President and Gail currently is region Membership Chair while Pete is serving as region Treasurer. The Nominating Committee, Don Rogers, Jack Bailey, and Vern Schultz, interviewed both candidates at the region rally in De Pere. Their resumes are included in this newsletter. The region election will take place in September during our units' business meetings. Due to the vacancy for Second Vice President, the vote for Gail is two fold; if elected, she first will be installed as Second Vice President to fill the vacant position on our leadership team, and then installed as First Vice President during the regular installation. It will be terrific to have these two exceptional leaders as officers in Region 7! Be sure to vote during your unit election.

Once again, all the units in our region received merit award honors at the region rally. Congratulations to Pete Yanke (MN Unit), John Krabseth (ND Unit), Bob Manak (WI Unit), and Region 7 members for an excellent job. Outgoing unit presidents for 2011 can find an electronic form of the Unit Planning Guide and Merit Award Program on the WBCCI website. Just type in the blanks, print two copies, and forward both to me with a unit directory and a copy of your unit goals by February 1, 2012. The form also is a good tool for incoming presidents as they plan their term in office.

Unit and member articles for the Blue Beret and the Region Newsletter are always welcome. Let's circulate the fun, fellowship, and adventure our members are enjoying. Please email articles directly to me. Unit presidents and newsletter editors have been doing an excellent job of routing newsletters and other information to their members. Keep up the good work so everyone is informed!

Congratulations to Leola Schultz for her award for hand quilt in the hobby show at Du Quoin. Leola was the only member from Region 7 who won an award at the rally. It was disappointing that the publication contest was not held this year.

Thank you to Jim Costello, Vern Zink, and John Sellers for the time, commitment, and efforts they gave this past year as Unit Presidents.

On a sad note, we wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Don and Terrol Rogers with the passing of Terrol's father. During the region rally, Terrol was on her cell phone monitoring her father's condition as he was not doing too well. Her dad died a week after they returned home to Winnipeg.

DuQuoin International Meetings Report

June 30 Delegates Meeting

Prior to the Delegates Meeting, International President Norm Beu withdrew his motion to introduce the proposed revised constitution. The motion will be re-introduced at the 2012 Delegates Meeting. The proposed revised bylaws will be released to the membership soon so that members can discuss the revisions as a complete package.

An amendment to the Constitution requiring the Nominating Committee to publish the position papers of all qualified candidates in the April issue of the Blue Beret, not just those selected by the Committee, passed with 96% of the votes in favor.


There were no international officer nominations from the floor and the Nominating Committee's slate of officers was accepted. John Stumpf, Past President of Region 6, was elected Third Vice President.

During discussion of the proposed revised constitution at the Delegates Seminar, Delegates overwhelmingly supported maintaining the Delegates Meeting and showed little support for the proposed replacement of the Delegates Meeting with a member caucus. It seems likely that the revised constitution will be amended accordingly at next year's Delegates Meeting.

June 27 and July 5 IBT Meetings


A motion was approved to present a constitutional amendment to the Delegates on the 2012 ballot which reads: "Regular members who are Life Time Members may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members if they replace their Airstream manufactured recreational vehicle with a Class A motor home manufactured by a division of Thor Industries, Inc., the parent company of Airstream, Inc."

A motion was approved to amend the Bylaws to permit the nomination and election of individuals who have previously held a region office, but not serve consecutive terms. A separate motion was approved whereby the current Region President may appoint the Region's Immediate Past President to serve on the region board.

A balanced budget for the fiscal year ending 2012 was achieved when a motion was approved to acquire a cost savings of \$11,400 for printing and postage by eliminating the December Blue Beret and to change the format of the directory similar to the Blue Beret but with a heavier cover than the magazine. 

Region Photos

By Bob Manak

Photos from Region events and the International are available on the Region website photo page at <http://region7.wbcci.net/photos/>. The photos are located at Picasa. They can be viewed, played as a slide show, downloaded, or printed by an outside company (including your local Walgreen's). If you have photos to contribute please email them to me and I will post them. If you have a web gallery (Flicker, Picasa, or other) that you would like to share, please email me the link. Thanks to Martha Clark for providing some photos of the Region Rally. 

Region Rally Photos

by Martha Clark and Bob Manak

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took a train ride around the grounds. The annual business meeting was held in between the dinner and tours and was well attended.

Members of the Minnesota Unit prepared and served scrumptious breakfast burritos on Thursday. During open time, some members golfed, while others shopped or took in local sights. In the afternoon, a large group of members participated in an informative and lively unit officers' leadership session and region officer round table. The last night featured a happy hour, a delicious homemade chicken and beef dinner with all the trimmings, and an auction all held at the American Legion Hall in neighboring Wrightstown. With Vern Schultz as auctioneer for our white elephant auction, members of our region made us extremely proud when they raised \$1269.00 for the Wounded Warriors Project. Congratulations to all!

Forty-seven units attended the rally. We are glad all of you came "aboard" on our adventure! Besides Region 7 members, we welcomed three units from Iowa, five from Illinois, one from Florida, and one from Ohio. Mike and I wish to thank all of our amazing members who pitched in to help make this rally a huge success. We especially want to thank Linda Agre, Gary and Sharon Colbert, Pete and Kathy Yanke, Bob Manak, and Vern Schultz for all of their contributions. 🚂



Wings, Rails, & End Zones Region 7 Rally De Pere, Wisconsin July 24 – 29, 2011

Photos by Bob Manak and John Sellers

Region president Joan and Mike Lahr hosted a dynamite region rally at Apple Creek Campground! The high-energy program attracted 47 units, a great turnout! Opening day (Sunday) included the opening ceremonies and an excellent catered dinner.



Opening ceremonies at Apple Creek Campground.

Monday was spent at the EAA AirVenture fly-in in Oshkosk, including the world-famous air show and an REO Speedwagon concert.



First stop: EAA AirVenture air show.

The next day was spent touring Lambeau Field, the home of the Green Bay Packers, the Hall of Fame, and lunch at Brett Favre's Steakhouse.



Rally goes on the steps of Lambeau Field.

Food at this rally was outstanding, with creative breakfasts (largely due to the efforts of the Minnesota Unit), excellent catered meals, and happy hours!



Minnesota Unit breakfast burrito team.

Wednesday's focus was the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, whose collection includes Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's staff train from WW II, and a Union Pacific Big Boy articulated locomotive, one of the biggest steam locomotives ever built.



Catered dinner at the National Railroad Museum.



Impressive place for a business meeting!

Thursday included region leadership meeting and member "round table" discussions, followed by a trip to a nearby American Legion hall for another great catered dinner and brown bag auction, which raised more than \$1,200 for the Wounded Warrior project.



Vern Schultz demonstrates his auctioneering skills.

Thanks, Joan, Mike, & Linda, for an outstanding region rally!

LINDA L. AGRE

PROFILE

Outgoing, friendly individual who loves to travel and is ready for the challenges of the Office of Region VII President, W.B.C.C.I.

EXPERIENCE

VICE PRESIDENT OF REGION VII, 2009-2011

Representative of Minnesota Airstream Park to the Airstream Parks Association's seminar at the W.B.C.C.I. International Rally Gillette, WY 2010 and International Rally DuQuion, IL - 2011. Co-chair and group leader Registration International Rally Gillette, WY 2010, International Rally Madison, WI 2009 and International Rally Boseman, MT 2008. Pet Show Judge International Rally DuQuion, IL 2011.

PRESIDENT MINNESOTA UNIT, 2004-2005

Planned and organized Fall Rally at Lanesboro, Minnesota - Fall 2004. Planned and organized Spring 2005 Rally at Ortonville, Minnesota at which the North Dakota and South Dakota Units were invited to join the Minnesota Unit. Planned and organized Installation Rally 2005. The Minnesota Unit received a Superior Merit rating for this year.

TREASURER, LANDYACHT CARAVANEERS CLUB 2003-2005

Served as Board Member and Treasurer of the Minnesota Airstream Park. Set up and entered all bookkeeping on a computer system. Set up budgets, profit and loss statements, and balance sheets. In charge of payroll and filing of all Federal and State tax reports.

CARAVAN LEADER 2004

Planned and lead 14 day slow caravan from Clear Lake, Minnesota to the International Rally at Lansing, Michigan in June 2004. Received 'Best in Show' award for Drivers Manual.

OFFICE MANAGER, 1976-2002

Office manager - Roth Chevrolet, Inc. - Willmar, Minnesota (1992-2002) - Retired in October 2002
Duties included: Payroll, Profit & Loss Statements, New & Used Car Inventory, Insurance & Warranty Reports. Office manager - Dr. James J. Michels, D.D.S. - Willmar, Minnesota (1976-1992)

AWARDS

Received the W.B.C.C.I. 'Best In Show' Award for Drivers Manual at the Lansing International Rally 2004.
W.B.C.C.I. Superior Merit rating 2004-05 for the Minnesota Unit.

SKILLS

Able to plan and organize rallies with good communication skills in a friendly setting. Able to understand problems confronting W.B.C.C.I.

REFERRALS

John Tetzlaff - Past President Region VII

Joan Lahr - President Region VII

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Unit North Dakota (145)

WBCCI Member of WBCCI for the last 31 years
Joined WBCCI September 1979 with the Alberta / Saskatchewan Unit
Transferred membership to Manitoba Canada Unit in 1984
Transferred membership to North Dakota Unit in 2009
Recording Secretary & Treasurer - Manitoba Canada Unit - 1986 to 1992
President Manitoba Canada Unit - 1992-1993, 2003-2004,
First Lady Manitoba Canada Unit - 1988-1989, 2005-2006, 2007-2008
Secretary / Treasurer - Morris Stampede Special Events Rally
- 1988 - 1995
Region 7 Membership Chair - 2007-Present

Occupation Financial Administrator, Superior Technologies, Winnipeg, MB. from November 1, 1984 to December 1, 2006. Part of the management committee that documented and implemented ISO 9001 certification in the company.

Rallies Attended
International Rally - 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003
IBT Mid Winter Board Meeting & Rally - 2008, 2009, 2011
Morris Stampede Special Events Rally - responsible for registration -
1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995
Region 7 Folklorama Rally in Winnipeg, MB - 1989 - Registration
Region 7 Rally - 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011

Caravans 1988 - 2003 - caravanned with Manitoba Unit to International Rallies.
Caravanned with the Manitoba Unit to the Region 7 rallies

Personal Married to Bruce since 1973 - two children, two grandchildren

Volunteering June 2007 to present - Editor of the newsletter for the Paradise Village Residents' Association. The newsletter is the largest publication in South East Manitoba and consists of 48 to 52 pages each month and is distributed to over 250 homes in Paradise Village and 70 advertisers.

Headed the committee that raised over \$18,000.00 for the local Ste. Anne Hospital in 2010 through a fundraising dinner at Paradise Village.

Very active in the community of Paradise Village since May 2006.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with and represent the members of Region 7.

Pete Yanke #7528

Candidate for Region 7 2nd VP, July 2012

- Vitals:
 - Wife – Kathy
 - WBCCI member since 2002
 - Past MN unit President and Trustee, Current Region 7 Treasurer.
 - Planned caravans and rallies.
- Objectives:
 - Represent the interests of Region 7 as directed by the units.
 - Work with other IBT representatives to affect positive policy decisions
 - Make region officer positions more attractive to members.
 - Keep events on all levels interesting and affordable, a good value