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### Letter from Judy Bechthold, Region 12 President

Ken and I left for Du Quoin, IL on 6/15 and returned home on 7/26. We had a great trip and saw many good friends. After the International Rally ended, we headed for Southern Washington to meet some other friends for a leisurely trip down the Pacific Coast. Du Quoin was hot and humid; the Pacific coast was pleasantly cool.

The Rally at Du Quoin was filled with many (sometimes too many) activities and something for everyone. I was pleased with our Region 12 turnout considering the distance to travel.

I think the highlights of the three meetings were: 1) we approved a balanced budget; 2) our delegates decided by an overwhelming majority that more than one person can be nominated for each International office; 3) the constitution revision was pulled from the agenda in order to give our membership another year to understand it and to make amendments to it; 4) the motor home motion will be sent to the delegates for 2012.

Our Region 12 breakfast had 55 attendees, most were Region 12 members. We held the breakfast on 6/29 which was earlier during the rally than in the past (7/3). The decision to do this was so Region 12 members could see who was in attendance early so they could visit with them. The only drawback was contacting everyone early to buy a ticket. I think Ken and I found everyone by riding our bicycles on a hot afternoon around the huge fairgrounds. Thanks to Past Region President Don Guy for his cool motor home and lots of water to keep this President from heat exhaustion.

We coordinated with Region 11 for a picnic on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout and it was enjoyable getting to know our neighbors to the east a little better. Region 11 President Dan Neumarkel and his wife Emily have been good friends of ours since 1989. Before moving to Arizona they were members of the Golden West Unit.

Please check out the Blue Beret (August 2011, page 7) -for a list of all the fantastic donations that were made in Du Quoin. The tally for Cents for Kids shows \$13,911.19 but it actually went over \$14,000. I always say our Airstream friends are very tight about wasting money, but have hearts of gold and are very generous when they see a need. I'm so proud of our club every time we go into a community.

I'm really getting excited about our Region 12 Rally in Jackson. We have a very good signup so far. Bob Stansbury, Rally Chair, and Cecelia have so many activities, food and entertainment planned for us that this will rate as a top notch rally. Be sure to note the very important date of September 12<sup>th</sup> as the date to have your registration to our registrar, Kathy Hampel. We have reserved the entire RV park of 100 sites but on that date, they will release the sites that we have not booked. If you do not get your registration in before the deadline, it will be on a space available basis.

Special kudos go to Central Coast Unit, Nevada Unit and Northern California Unit who received special recognition in the current Blue Beret (August 2011, page 10) for retaining all the members for the 2011 dues year who joined for the 2010 dues year. Of 124 WBCCI units, 40 units achieved this goal (32%.)

I'm also proud that Region 12 has seven Superior Merit Award winners and one Merit Award winner. These winners will be recognized at the Region Meeting on 10/15.

Hope to see you in Jackson.

### Report on WBCCI International Rally

Du Quoin, IL 2011

### International Board of Trustees Meeting 6/27/11

Motion #1: Allow the nomination and election of individuals who have previously held a region office from "be limited to one term in each office" with the words "not serve consecutive terms in the same office (except as provided in the Constitution)". Motion passed.

Motion #2: Add the Tech (computer/electronic) Help Group as a Standing Committee. Motion passed.

Motion #3: Greater Wichita Kansas Unit's name be changed to the Greater Kansas Unit. Motion passed.

Motion #4: The following motion to be sent to the 2012 Delegates' meeting for discussion and vote. "Regular members who are Life 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." Motion passed.

### **Delegates Meeting 6/30/11**

International Treasurer Bob Moss reported that, in his estimate, both club operations and this year's rally will be in the black. A complete financial statement will be made available as soon as all figures are put together.

All nominees for International officers were elected as follows:

President - Barry Heckenswiler

1st Vice President - Don Clark

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – John Boutwell

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – John Stumpf

Recording Secretary – Jo Jugel

Treasurer – June Ryan

Nominating Committee - Kerry Mattilla and William Johnjulio

The motion regarding the Revision of our Constitution was withdrawn so our members will have more time to consider the changes and to make amendments to the revision. President-Elect Heckenswiler said he will place the proposed Constitutional revision on the 2012 Delegates agenda.

A motion was made to change the Constitution to strike out "slate of officers" and insert "list of qualified candidates" for the nomination and election of WBCCI International Officers. This motion passed by an overwhelming majority – aye 4,802 and no 190.

### International Board of Trustees Meeting 7/5/11

Motion #1: The motion was made to discontinue the December issue of the Blue Beret and make the January issue the Annual Membership Directory. A 2/3 vote was needed and it failed with Aye 8, No 9 and no abstentions. This created a negative budget of more than \$9,000. The passage of this motion was necessary for approval of a balanced budget. The meeting was recessed briefly so the Budget Chairman Ralph Forrester could make some changes in order to bring a balanced budget back to the IBT. After much discussion and a failure to find any other way to present a balanced budget, Motion #1 was again presented to the IBT. The second vote was - aye 15, no 1, abstain 1 and the motion passed. The Budget for 2011-12 was then approved by the same vote – aye 15, no 1, abstain 1.

Motion #2: Each year a motion is needed to update the bylaws with officer reimbursements. A motion was made to remove all travel expense amounts and replace them with the words "based on the budget approved by the IBT for the fiscal year". Motion passed.

Motion #3: Recommendation that the International Relations Standing Committee be allowed to invite a selected representative and their spouse from a foreign caravan club to the 2012 WBCCI International Rally in Sedalia, MO. Motion was referred to the Executive committee and approved.

Motion #4: The deadline date for the Blue Beret "centerfold" published in February was moved from 11/15 to 11/1. Motion passed.

Motion #5: That all RV parks that advertise in WBCCI publications be charged the authorized fees. Motion was withdrawn.

Motion #6: This motion changed some of the confusing and contradictory wording of region officer elections. It was a housekeeping motion only and passed unanimously.

### Region 12 Officers Seek International Offices



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Cecelia Stansbury (Santa Clara Unit and Region 12 Secretary) announced her intention to seek the office of International Recording Secretary for the 2012 – 2013 year and Kathy Hampel (Santa Clara Unit and Region 12 Treasurer) announced her intention to seek the office of International Treasurer for the 2012 – 2013 year. We want to show these ladies all the support we can. Unfortunately we lose them as Region 12 officers. If you would like to help out with either of these offices, please contact Judy Bechthold.

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Kathy Hampel

Cecelia Stansbury

### **IBT Passes a Balanced Budget for FY2012**

A balanced budget for the fiscal year ending 2012 was passed by the IBT at the meeting on July 5, 2011. In addition the Board was advised the current year expenses are projected to be under the 2011 budget by more than \$14,000.

To balance the 2012 budget, the Board adopted a change to print the Membership Directory in magazine style in lieu of the December/January issue of the Blue Beret. While this was not a popular choice, it was a necessary step to reduce expenses. The majority of the Board agreed that we can go back to the old Directory publication if this does not work as long as other money is available to keep the budget balanced.

Region 12 members attending the International Rally in Du Quoin were:

<u>Golden West Unit</u> – Ken & Judy Bechthold, Erv & Bert Harding, Richard & Judy Kleiman, Dan & Emily Neumarkel (affiliates)

Northern California Unit – Harold & Sandra Higgins, Judith Ballard, Tom & Hedda Smithson

El Camino Real Unit – Don Guy, Bob & Helen Halasey, Bill & Leslie Westbrook, Tony & Betty Weldon,

Tom and Patti Reed (affiliates)

San Fernando Valley Unit – John Boutwell, Jim & Sally Elmlinger

San Joaquin Unit – David Putnam, Joe ten Berge

Santa Clara Unit - Don & Jan Clark, Kathy Hampel, Bob & Cecelia Stansbury

South Coast Unit - M.N. McFie, Scott & Louise Weddle

<u>Sierra Nevada Unit</u> – Vaughn Peak, Von Gallion

This was a very good showing for Region 12 since the rally was such a far distance from our homes (2,200 miles for us). We had one unit president attending

	Region 12 Membership						
as of 5/31/11							
		<u>New</u>	Renewed	<u>Total</u>			
20	CENTRAL COAST CALIFORNIA	9	24	33			
14	EL CAMINO REAL CA UNIT	8	74	82			
8	GOLDEN WEST	2	18	20			
10	LONG BEACH CA	5	28	33			
63	NEVADA	3	21	24			
11	NORTHERN CA	8	79	87			
15	SAN DIEGO CA	10	36	46			
16	SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CA	0	12	12			
17	SAN JOAQUIN CA	0	19	19			
18	SANTA CLARA CA	2	26	28			
157	SIERRA NEVADA	1	31	32			
19	SOUTH COAST CA	1	18	19			
	Region 12 Total	49	386	435			

### **HELP WANTED...**

Region 12 needs someone to volunteer to be the Region 12 Legislative Chair. This person will report to the Region President any legislation that affects WBCCI members such as information about state parks, driving changes, anything that relates directly to RVs, and other pieces that might be of interest to us. These items will be published in the Region newsletter and the Chair may also wish to forward them to the WBCCI International Legislative Chair. Please contact Judy Bechthold if you are interested.



### FLAMINGOS IN THE FOOTHILLS

Region 12 Fall Rally in Jackson, CA October 13 17, 2011

### An Important message from Bob Stansbury, Rally Chairman

NO WALK-INS FOR THIS RALLY: Due to the popularity of the park, we cannot guarantee there will be space available if your registration does not reach Kathy Hampel, Registrar, by September 12.

Late Registration: If you need to register after September 12, you can contact the Jackson Rancheria RV Park directly but you will not be part of the group rate and will have to pay full overnight parking fees which are considerably more. You will still be charged the \$150 rally fee for participation in the rally activities.

Early Arrivals/Staying After Rally: The RV Park rules have changed and you cannot make reservations directly with the park to receive the discount group rate if you plan to arrive early or stay after the rally has ended. Please call me (925-200-4229-cell or 775-297-3866-home) or send an email (<a href="mailto:burytone@charter.net">burytone@charter.net</a>) and I will book your additional days. Please do not delay on booking any additional days due to the popularity of the park.

Golfing: There will be a golf tournament on Friday afternoon (See flyer next page).

Deadline to sign up is October 1st. Fees are \$24 for golf and cart. Questions: call Ross Bauer at 559-297-2233.

We apologize for these date restrictions, but we are working with a very popular resort during the prime season in that area. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at this rally in a fantastic location. We have been busy planning a fun event for your enjoyment.

Robert Stansbury, Chair

RALLY FEES: 2 people per rig \$250, 1 person per rig \$220, guest (15+years) \$30. Deduct \$5 per person if you register prior to SEPTEMBER 1st, 2011.

Rally Registration Deadline: September 12, 2011

Download brochure for all details and registration coupon on Region 12 website at http://region12.wbcci.net/ Direct link: http://wbcci12.org/2011%20Brochure.pdf

RV Park info, description of amenities and virtual tour at http://www.iacksoncasino.com/lodging/rv\_park.aspx

For more info, contact Rally Chairman Bob Stansbury, email: burytone@charter.net 925-200-4229

# Flamingos in the Foothills Golf Tournament 2011 Join us for the fun! Friday, October 14, 2011

Mace Meadow Golf Course, 26570 Fairway Dr, Pioneer CA 95666, 209-295-7020

http://www.macemeadow.com/

1:00 starting time 9 hole 4 Person scramble
Prizes for 1st and 2nd place
Longest drive men and women
Closest to the pin men and women



\$24 fee for golf & cart

Golf course attire requirement: Shirt with collar, no jeans.

No outside food or beverage.

Deadline for Golf tournament is October 1, 2011 Make checks payable to: Region 12 Rally

Mail check to:

Kathy Hampel, Treasurer Region 12 Fall Rally 794 Grace St. Livermore, CA 94550 Questions? Call Ross Bauer 559-297-2233 golferyp@hotmail.com

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## 31st National Hobo Rally Colorado River Fairgrounds, Blythe, CA

Feb 6 - Feb 12, 2012

Come on down to Southern California and enjoy the warmth of sunshine and the fun of friends at the

2012 National Hobo Rally

Region 12 invites you to the 52nd Hobo Rally in Blythe, California from February 6 - 12, 2011. Blythe is located 130 miles from Phoenix, 220 miles from Los Angeles, 150 miles from Laughlin, and 20 miles from Quartzsite.

Here are some of the interesting and fun activities:

The whole week will lead up to the fabulous Hobo Stew that you will long remember. The finale celebration is the Hobo Parade and the Hobo Stew that has been in preparation for days.

**REMEMBER** that a hobo was typically a person of the road, **NOT** a bum, clown or person of ill repute. Hobos were **CLEAN**, although their clothes may have been old and worn. Start assembling your outfit and enter the contest

A great favorite of the rally is the entertaining Hobo Band. BRING YOUR MUSICAL INSTRU-MENT AND JOIN THE BAND FOR A MUSIC MAKING FUN TIME FOR ALL. Check the box on your coupon so we will look for you.



Go to www.region12.wbcci.net
Email Joe at joe.tenberge@gmail.com
or call Joe at 209-652-2747



### **PARKING**

Six nights of parking on mostly grass, water, limited electricity and loads of FUN.

Handicapped parking is available.

No free Bullpen Parking

### **MEALS**

Monday, **ARRIVAL DAY**, a dinner will be served so you won't have to cook after a long day of riding the rails!

Toast with jam and/or peanut butter, coffee or tea will be available most mornings.

A special breakfast will be served by the Region 12 officers

Saturday is our **Famous Hobo Stew**.

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Two nights of **GREAT professional entertainment.**The famous Hobo Band entertains 3 nights (**bring your musical instrument**).

Bingo with ALL proceeds going to the winners!

### PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Orientation for First Time Hobos

Vintage Trailer Open House

Seminars: Wheel Packing; Electrical; Makeup and Hairstyles for the Traveling Woman; Stew Can Preparation Competitions: Hobo King and Queen; Indoor and Outdoor Games; Hobbies and Crafts Show; Best Beard grown **since January 1st, 2012**; Tall Tales, Stew Can Judging.

Door Prizes (times will be listed in your program) Swap-N-Sell - Flea Market - your junk may be some-one else's treasures; so bring it with you.

Tours: Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, Local Agriculture and Chuckawalla Prison \*NOTE: For the prison tour (40 maximum) EACH PERSON planning to attend will need to fill out a security clearance form and SUBMIT IT BY JANUARY 1, 2012. Forms can be requested from the Rally registrar (check the box on the rally coupon) or from the Region 12 web site www.region12.wbcci.net.

Start thinking about the **TALL TALE** you would like to share with your fellow Airstreamers during the Tall Tales Contest. The Tall Tales Master of Ceremonies will limit each tall tale to two (2) minutes. Off color stories or stories which demean ethnic backgrounds or religions are not acceptable.

A variety of workshops and seminars will be held. The topics, locations and schedules will be listed in the Rally program.

As a part of the Hobo Rally's Community Service Program, please bring an unwrapped **NEW TOY** to the rally for a child between the ages of 8 to 16. The toys will be presented to the Chuckawalla State Prison Employees Association to give to needy families dur-ing the holiday season. Be sure to check the box on your coupon.

What else is there to do?

Blythe has many restaurants where you, your friends, caravan groups, or units can enjoy a meal and/or meeting.

Ouartzsite is just across the Arizona border.

Joshua Tree National Monument, Salton Sea and the General Patton Museum are local attractions.

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument is in Arizona and London Bridge can be seen at Lake Havasu City.

For those who enjoy gambling, Laughlin is just a few hours up the road!

The Hobo Rally has a history of being a laid back rally, providing many planned activities, along with plenty of time for Airstreamers to socialize and just relax.

Typically, the days in Blythe are warm and the evenings are pleasantly cool. Be prepared for a week of **FUN** in the **SUN**!

Golfers, **BRING YOUR CLUBS** because there's a great golf course nearby.

If your pet travels with you, there will be a Pet Show for your fellow Airstreamers to meet your pet and ask questions.

Enter your art and/or handicrafts in the Hobby and Craft Show.

Bring your bicycle and have fun in the Bicycle Rodeo.

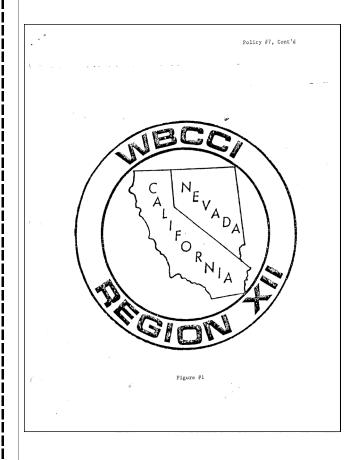
Men - start growing your beards beginning no sooner than January 1st, 2012. That's the requirement for entering the Best Beard Con-test.

Bring a large can to the rally (wide mouth highly **recommended**—such as a #10 food can) for the Saturday Night Hobo Stew Dinner. There will be a Stew Can Construction Work-shop and you can enter your decorated stew can in the Decorated Stew Can Competition. All you long time hobos, please remember to bring extra cans to help the new attendees.

52nd Hobo Rally - 31st National Hobo Rally				
Colorado River Fairgrounds				
Blythe, California				
Feb 6 - Feb 12, 2012				
Name				
Address				
CityState/ProvZip				
WBCCI # Phone ()				
E-mail Check any below that apply				
First Timer Vintage Club Classic Club				
Committee Member Chair Early Worker				
Name of Committee				
Adults # Children # Handicap Parking				
Send me a Prison Tour Security Form (I'm in-				
cluding a self addressed stamped envelope)				
Yes, I will bring a NEW TOY!				
(unwrapped, for a child ages 8 - 16)				
I am bringing my band instrument and it's a				
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RALLY FEES				
Airstream with 2 adults @ \$225 \$				
Airstream with 1 adult @ \$210 \$				
Adult guests (15+ years) #X \$50 \$				
Early Bird Fun SAVER Special				
(Must be postmarked by January 1, 2012)				
Yes, We/I want to SAVE \$5.00 per person by				
registering EARLY:				
Deduct # X \$5 \$ ()				
Total Amount Due \$				
Make your check payable to: Region 12 Hobo Rally				
Mail check with coupon to:				
Kathy Hampel, Hobo Rally Registrar				
794 Grace Street, Livermore, CA 94550				

Help Needed:

We need someone to work on our Region 12 logo. The easiest task is to take the current logo and keep it the same but change Region XII to Region 12 and make it a little sharper looking. More of a challenge is to create a totally new logo. A new logo will have to be accepted by the Region 12 Board at next year's meeting. If you are interested, please contact Judy Bechthold at jab-keb@aol.com



### Summer is Time for Airstream Travel

### Wally Byam Birthday Bash in Baker City, Oregon Lynda & Jim Polk

One of the highlights of our summer was attending the Wally Byam Birthday Bash in Baker City, Oregon in early July. Born in this eastern Oregon town 115 years ago, Wally, creator of Airstreams, is the reason we hit the road in our iconic rigs. 70 Airstreams from around Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia attended the event, hosted by the Oregon unit. Our hosts did an exemplary job of making everyone feel welcome and a part of the festivities at this multi-unit/state celebration.

The four-day event culminated at the Baker City Heritage Museum where an excellent exhibit on the life and travels of Wally, complete with travel memorabilia from several caravans, was on display. Here we gathered to sing Happy Birthday and enjoyed birthday cake&in red, white & blue on Wally s birthday, the Fourth of July.



Jim enjoying the Wally Byam exhibits at the Baker City Heritage Museum



Tom Golden sharing stories from his mothers, Grace, journals from the Cape Town to Cairo caravan adventures 1959-60. Souvenirs from the caravan are in the forefront.



Bash attendees included the Polls and Polks/CCC, Baker City, Oregon

(photo by Bill Ferry)

Thanks to Linda Polk of the Central Coast California Unit for submitting this article. The group photo above was taken by Bill Ferry.

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It is with great sadness we have to announce the passing of Jan Gough of the Long Beach Unit. Gary Gough sent the following letter and I wish to share it with you. Our sympathies go out to the Gough family and friends. Jan will be missed by all.

To all our friends and family,

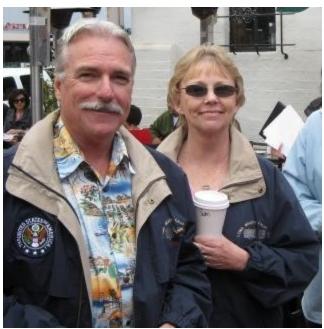
It is with great sadness I must announce Jan's passing. She has put up an incredible fight in her battle with cancer during these past eleven years and has been victorious until just recently. The medical profession has helped allow her to enjoy her family and friends for these past years and for that I am very grateful. I am also very grateful to have such wonderful and supporting friends and family, as you have all been. She died in my arms just after three this morning and was very much at peace and comfort.

Love to you all,

Gary

This was sent to your Region President on August 20, 2011

Gary and Jan are members of the Long Beach Unit. They made so many friends at Region 12 events.



Jan & Gary taken during one of the many rallies they attended.



Pictured above are left to right new San Joaquin members Mike & Kelly Phillips, Linda Dodge from Santa Clara Unit, Judy & Ken Bechthold from Golden West, Kathy & Jack Hampel from Santa Clara and Ed Dodge from Santa Clara Unit. This picture was take in Monterey during the San Joaquin/ Santa Clara/Golden West rally in Gilroy.



Some local sea lions taking a cat nap at the Monterey Harbor.



Golden West member Judy Kleiman and her new best friend taken during the International Rally!



Opening ceremonies at the International Rally in DuQuoin



Kathy Hampel dressed in her best Flamingo outfit promoting Region 12 Rally in Jackson, Ca



At the Region 12 breakfast in Du Quoin, International 1st VP Don Clark (center) installed Region 12 officers, Joe ten Berge (left) as 1st Vice President and Bob Stansbury (right) as 2nd Vice President. Judy Bechthold was installed as Region 12 President on stage during the evening of July 2 with the other even-numbered Region Presidents and International officers."



I have just read in the RVA news letter about a situation in Red Bluff, CA that may be of interest to Region 12 members. The city administrator has agreed that the TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) applies to RVs in public campgrounds. The park in question is Durango RV resort, and their daily camping rates vary from \$43.00 to \$58.00 per night. Should this tax apply to this park, they will owe about \$42,000 in taxes going back to May 2010. The Red Bluff city council is to vote on an amendment this week that would correct any misunderstanding about the city code. This is the second time I have read about the bed tax being applied to RVs, the first being in Georgia. There is no doubt in my mind that should the tax prevail, it will simply be passed on to the campers.

As governments struggle with diminishing incomes I would expect more of this sort of creative financing to take place. Please let me know if you need more information.

I would have sent this to your legislative chair but could not find a name for this position in your region. (Editor's note: please see ad for a Region 12 Legislative Chair).

Richard Jirus

International Legislative Chair



### **MORE BAKER CITY PHOTOS-**



As some of you may know Burt Byam from the Golden West Unit is a fourth cousin of Wally Byam and has contributed a lot of Wally Byam memorabilia to the Baker City Museum where Wally was born 115 years ago. Burt and Nellie went to the Baker City Rally hosted by the Oregon Unit and sent the following report and picture, which I have attached below.



We really enjoyed ourselves. For the ones that wanted to participate in the open house, they got to park on the lawn of the city park (free) just across the street from the museum (we did). We were all given a 4-day free pass to the museum which held lots of Wally's memorabilia that Burt had just donated. There were many trailers in the park, but most Airstreamers stayed in local RV parks, but they always came to the park for the activities and where we had free breakfasts and dinners. On the fourth, there was a parade in the next town about 8 miles away which we went to. And the weather was beautiful!



Submitted by Burt & Nellie Byam





Burt Byam standing next to a photo of Wally Byam, the likeness is uncanny.



Airstreams in Baker City, Or .