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January 2012 Mid-Winter IBT

By Joan Lahr

Kathleen Hedgepeth, Region 6 President, along with fellow region members, hosted the Mid-Winter IBT Rally in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, January 9-13, 2012. Eighty-four rigs were on site, plus 14 members stayed off-site at local hotels. Representing Region 7 were Linda Agre, Mary Anderson and John Shull, and John and Bobbi Tetzlaff, (Minnesota Unit); Bruce and Gail Harrower, Jerry and Joan Larson, and Don and Lillian Thomson (North Dakota Unit); and Mike and Joan Lahr and Bill and Marti Upton (Wisconsin Unit).

In addition to the WBCCI business meeting, nightly entertainment, a tour of nearby Fort Shelby and Mississippi's Armed Forces Museum, and lots of delicious barbeque meals were included on the rally schedule.

Following are highlights of the Standing Committee reports presented during the business meeting.

The *Blue Beret* Committee Chair stated that some changes to the magazine were necessary due to budget constraints. Also, the new, larger print directory was very well received.

The Budget Committee reported less revenue than budgeted due to less dues income than originally accounted for.

Carolyn Beardshear, representing the Electronic Communication Committee, gave an excellent demonstration on the new, enhanced WBCCI website on a large viewing screen for everyone attending the rally. The committee is developing unit websites at wbcci.net and will continue to work on upgrading the software and adding more services and features. The outdated file server will be replaced and the current database program will need to be updated within two years, as it will no longer be supported.

International President Barry Heckenswiler reported that 323 registrations have been received for the International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri in June.

Don Clark, International First Vice President, announced that Huron, South Dakota, is the site for the 2013 International Rally. The rally theme is "A New Approach." Pearl Adams-Kyle, Past Region 7 President, held a region rally

in 2007 at the same location. As Huron is located within Region 7, we need to support Don in his efforts.

The Marketing Committee reported that it was challenging to maintain the committee due to minimal budgeted funds from the last IBT meeting (which was necessary to balance the budget). In spite of this situation, they are implementing new marketing ideas in various media vehicles.

The Membership committee reported a drop in membership of 273 members or 4.9% for 5,323 members to date.

Twelve motions were presented during the meeting. The first two motions were for approval of unit flags for the Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit and the Alberta/Saskatchewan Unit. Both motions passed.

Motion 3 was an amendment to a motion that was passed on June 27, 2011 to be presented to the delegates in June, 2012. The motion stated "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

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President's Message

International Peace Garden Monument Project

Our Club has a unique opportunity to participate in the four-year celebration (2012-2016) commemorating 200 years of peace since the War of 1812 between the nations of the United States of America and Canada by replacing the original WBCCI/Brandon "Hands of Peace" sculpture that was placed in the International Peace Garden in 1975.

The original sculpture, created by artist Barry Burdeny of Canada, was a joint effort by the city of Brandon, Manitoba and the WBCCI. It was dedicated on June 27, 1975 in the International Peace Garden during the International Rally in Brandon, Manitoba. The International Peace Garden is located on the Canadian and USA border between Dunseith, North Dakota and Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. During the early beginnings of the "Hands Across the Border" program between the USA and Canada, this sculpture was a symbol of the achievement by two nations working together for peace, which should be celebrated especially in our international situations today. As of this date, the International Peace Garden's staff has been unable to locate the original WBCCI "Hands of Peace" sculpture, as it apparently was removed several years ago due to its poor state of disrepair.

A motion intended for this project was introduced and passed unanimously by the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit of Region 7 at the Unit's meeting on July 16, 2011, held at the Unit rally in the International Peace Garden. On July 27, 2011, at the Region 7 rally in De Pere, Wisconsin, the Region board unanimously agreed to have the Region 7 President place a motion to create a Special Committee for the International Peace Garden Monument Project on the agenda for the Mid-Winter IBT meeting to be held in January 2012 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The IBT approved the motion to form a Special Committee to proceed with this project.

Committee members representing Canada are Gail Harrower, Chair, and Chris Wells of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit. Representing the United States are Jerry Larson, Don Thomson, and Vern Zink of the North Dakota Peace Garden Unit; Linda Agre of the Minnesota Unit; and Joan Lahr of the Wisconsin Unit. Research to replace the sculpture is progressing with final details to be completed soon. The International Peace Garden is located within Region 7 and committee members are considering staging a Special Event Rally around the dedication of the sculpture. The committee will give a progress report at the June 27, 2012 IBT meeting.

Dedication of this replacement sculpture presents an excellent public relations opportunity for our club. Dignitaries from both nations will be invited to participate in this international event of promoting peace among its peoples. In support of Wally Byam's Creed to us all, representatives from the Airstream Company and Thor Industries will also be invited to attend the ceremony. This is a noteworthy legacy to Wally Byam, his Airstream, and his club, the WBCCI.

Funds will be raised at the region rally in Spicer, Minnesota through our region community undertaking to support this mission.

This project will be funded on donations which are fully tax deductible. The International Peace Garden (IPC) is a 501(c) (3) organization (45-0368420) in North Dakota; and a registered charity (127250181RR0001) in Manitoba. Donations, with checks payable to "International Peace Garden Inc." either in US funds or Canadian funds can be mailed to the addresses below, OR direct deposit into the IPC bank account. Identify "WBCCI Project" on checks. Please contact Mr. Doug Hevenor, International Peace Garden CEO, for more information on direct deposits.

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Dunseith, ND 58329
701.263.4390 204.534.2510
701.263.3169 (fax)
888.432.6733

Canada:
International Peace Garden
Box 419
Boissevain, MB R0K 0E0
888.432.6733

Region 7 Luncheon

Enjoy a delicious lunch and excellent fellowship with fellow Region 7 members at the Region 7 luncheon. The event will be held off site at the Ivory Grille Restaurant, 317 S. Ohio Avenue in downtown Sedalia, on June 29, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. The restaurant is located in the historic Hotel Bothwell. Attendees will savor a six-ounce Certified Angus Beef ribeye steak sandwich, accompanied by a house salad, brownie, and iced tea or coffee. Tickets for the luncheon will be available for purchase at the Region 7 table or from Joan Lahr or Linda Agre at the International Rally in Sedalia for \$13.00 per person. ☞

Airstreaming is Educational

By: Pete Yanke MN Unit #7528

Last spring my 8 year old grandson, Alexander, attended a rally with me. We traveled in a group caravan to Grand Rapids, MN. He enjoyed the trip and said he would go along on another rally. Fast forward a few months. Alexander, now 9, was attending a religion class and the teacher asked if anybody knew what a caravan was. He was the only one who could answer the question. ☞

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home manufactured by a division of Thor Industries, Inc., the parent company of Airstream, Inc.” The amendment requested to delete the words “Life Time Members” and add the following words “Also any person who owns such a Class A motor home may apply for membership in WBCCI.” This would allow an owner of any brand motor home to join the club. This motion, an amendment to the June 27, 2012 motion to the delegates, was out of order and withdrawn by its maker, as the current IBT board does not have authority over motions passed by a previous board.

Region 7 presented Motion 4, which requested the

approval of a new Special Committee, the International Peace Garden Monument Committee. This new committee will investigate and oversee WBCCI’s participation in the four-year celebration commemorating 200 years of peace since the War of 1812 between the United States and Canada by replacing the original WBCCI/Brandon “Hands of Peace” sculpture that was placed in the International Peace Garden during the 1975 International Rally. The original sculpture has been removed due to disrepair and cannot be found. The cost for this project will be borne by 501(C) (3) tax deductible donations. The motion passed and the committee will present

a report at the June 27, 2012 IBT meeting.

Motions 5 and 6 were considered housekeeping items for the purpose of omitting what are now possible misinterpretations to the club’s bylaws. Both motions passed.

Motion 7 requested amending the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget by adding \$9,500 to the Standing and Special Committees budget. This amount was allocated specifically for the Marketing Committee and will create a deficit budget. The motion passed.

Motion 8 was authorization to sign a contract with the State of South Dakota for the 2013 International rally, which will be held at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron. The motion passed.

Motion 9 was authorization to sign a contract with the Campbell County Public Land Board, CAM-PLEX in Gillette, Wyoming to host the International rally site in 2014. Signing a contract for use of the facilities at this early date will lock in usage charges at the 2011 rates rather than exposing the club to future price increases. A deposit of \$5,000 taken from the 2014 advance funds is required. All funds for the rally will be provided from

fees for attendance, advertising, use and other sources. The motion passed.

Motion 10 requested approval for capital expenditures for a new file server (\$4,000) to be used for the website and data base software, and for a dual platform data base software and licenses (up to \$5,100). The Executive Committee will require adequate documentation prior to the expenditure of these funds. These expenses will assist the Electronic Communications Committee to improve several problem areas with possible solutions to improve the website and communications. Since these are capital expenditure items, the cost will be depreciated over their expected useful life. The motion passed.

Motion 11 requested amending the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget by adding \$1,410 to Depreciation Expense. This amount is the estimated depreciation expense for the capital expenditures approved in Motion 10 for the purchase of a server and data base software and licenses. The motion passed.

Motion 12 was a recommendation to the delegates at the June 30, 2012 Delegates Meeting to vote against the motion that allows owners of Thor motor homes to become members of our club. This motion was recommended because of the overwhelming response from members against the original motion and amendment. A vote was passed to withdraw the motion. ☺



Officer trio, left to right: Gail Harrower, Second Vice President; Joan Lahr, President; Linda Agre, First Vice President at the IBT rally.



IBT Rally attendees left to right: John Shull & Mary Anderson, John & Bobbi Tetzlaff (Minnesota Unit); Jerry & Joan Larson, Don & Lillian Thomson, Bruce & Gail Harrower (North Dakota Unit); Linda Agre (Minnesota Unit); & Mike & Joan Lahr (Wisconsin Unit). Not pictured Bill & Marti Upton (Wisconsin Unit).

AIRSTREAMERS IN THE VALLEY

Once again, Don McKelvey (WBCCI # 205) arranged a get together for all Airstreamers spending the winter in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. On Monday, Feb. 13, 2012 we were treated to a wonderful full course meal put on by volunteers at the Tip O' Texas RV Resort in Pharr, TX. It was wonderful to see old friends and meet new. What wonderful stories we heard from 'old Airstreamers' (who no longer are towing) but joined us for the luncheon. This was the 4th Annual



Get-Together.

It never ceases to amaze me at the energy Don projects with the beautiful smiling Kathy at his side. It was truly a fun day.

Region 7 had 11 members in attendance. From right to left - Carol & Ed Witzke, Plymouth, WI (Carol is our current Region 7 Sec'y). Gail (Region 7 2nd VP) & Bruce Harrower, Ste. Anne, MB Canada,

Stan Schwenke, Sheboygan,

WI; Arlene & Jack Bailey, Wyndmere, ND; Joan & Fred Gilson, Pharr, TX & MN Airstream Park; Linda Agre, Clear Lake, MN; and Norm Lammers, from Wisconsin now of Pharr, Texas.

Norm Lammers developed the very popular Polar Bear Safari Caravan which he and his wife Clara led for 12 years. Clara passed away in 2011. It is this writers hope that many of the Wisconsin Unit members will remember him. Linda Agre (#5628) First VP Region 7

Gail's Official!

Jerry Larson installed Gail Harrower as Region 7 Second Vice President before an enthusiastic crowd during the opening reception at the Mid-Winter IBT rally. Jerry's inspiring remarks made the installation a very special occasion. A rousing ovation was received from the crowd when he announced that Region 7 is creating history with three female region officers serving at the same time. This the first time this has occurred in the WBCCI and Gail, Linda, and I are thrilled and very proud to serve our region! Gail is most efficient and organized and already has taken on the role as chair of the International Peace Garden Monument Special Committee. Congratulations to Gail and welcome to the team (Bruce too)!



Left to right: Bruce & Gail Harrower with Jerry Larson after Jerry installed Gail as Region 7 Second Vice President.

The club's new web site represents a change in the way the club does business. No longer are we depending on an outside company to maintain the site; we are doing it ourselves with volunteer efforts from members like you.

Right now we need members willing to take responsibility for one small section of the web site and maintain the content on that section - keep it up to date. All training will be provided. If you can do basic word-processing you can create, edit and publish content for the site. All editing will be done from the front end of the site with a login and password.

We have many sections to maintain, from Blue Beret content to the calendar of events, from updating the president's message to updating the International Schedule and rally-site information.

If you are willing to help out we will get you set up and trained to maintain your corner of the site.

Just email the Electronic Communications Committee at ecc@wbcci.net

If you are not able to help but know someone who might, please forward this email on. The more volunteers we have, the sooner the website will be launched.

Appreciatively,
The Electronic

Communications Committee

From the ECC

Dear WBCCI Region, Unit Presidents and Web Masters,

This is your opportunity to contribute to the club in a way that does not take up a lot of your time but helps the club.

As you know, the Electronic Communications Committee has been tasked with improving the club's communications via electronic means and it is a big task.



The US Army's 60 ton, 5 million dollar primary battle tank, the Abrams, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

REGION 7

2012 Rally Reservation

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Spouse _____

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State/Prov _____ Zip _____

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E-Mail _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit # _____

NOTE: Rally fee Does NOT Include camping

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Unit w/2 -----\$180.00

Unit w/1-----\$90.00

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Region 7, WBCCI

Forms due July 25, 2012

Mail to: Carolyn Grandstrand

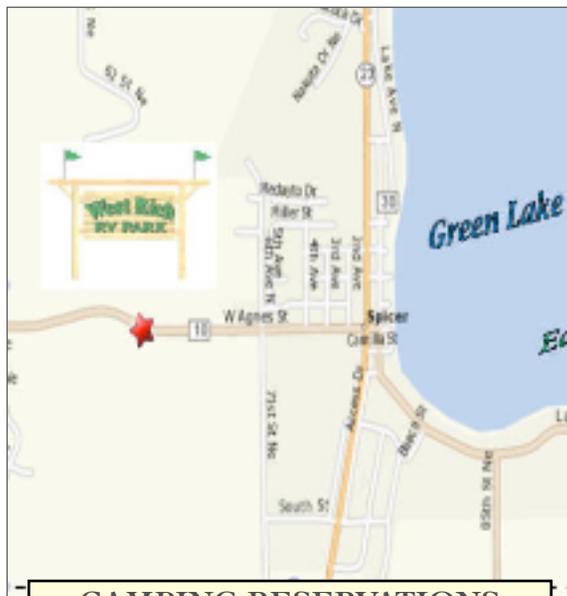
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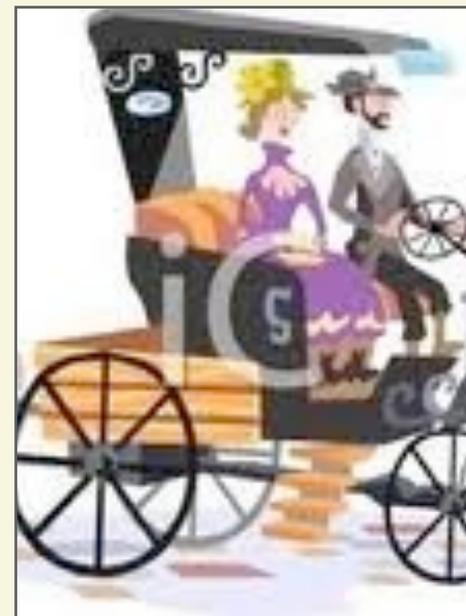
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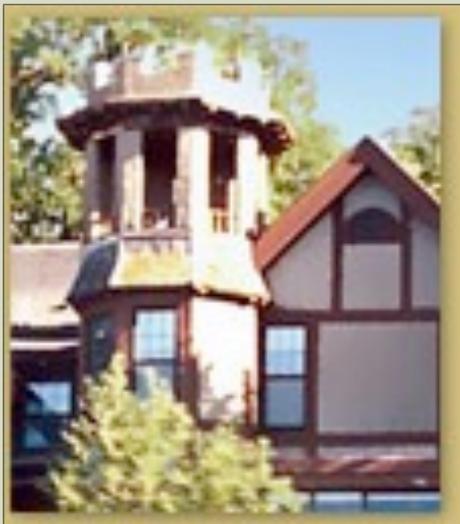
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2012

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THE HISTORIC SPICER CASTLE ON
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Region 7 Rally - 'Step Back Into The Good Old Days'

The New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run began in 1987 during New Brighton's Centennial Celebration to reinforce the City's namesake ties to Brighton, England. It is patterned after the prestigious London to Brighton Veteran Car Run held annually in England. The English Run celebrates the repeal of the 'Red Flag' law in 1896. The law banned the first motorized vehicles from using the road unless a man carrying a red flag walked in front of the car.

The Minnesota Run is a 120 mile American version designed to show case the beauty & endurance of very early automobiles. With the costumed drivers and gleaming vintage cars, the unique event promises 'turn of the century' charm for at least one day. All vehicles are pre 1916 & include bikes & motorcycles, steam & electric cars.

Pack up your Bike, Roller Blades, & Hiking shoes & come enjoy the beautiful Lake Area of Kandiyohi County at Spicer, MN and Green Lake. You can hike or bike on more than 30 miles of paved nature trails and enjoy the songs of the many varieties of birds that bring the rolling hills to life.

Bring along your fishing gear and swimming suit to enjoy beautiful Green Lake known for its clear water and sand beaches and walleyes.

Wander the streets of Spicer or the quaint village of New London, visit the shops of local artisans, quilt shops and antique stores.

Visit the Kandiyohi County Fair in Willmar where exhibits include cattle, horses, pigs, sheep, and chickens & ducks. See the handiwork of quilters and seamstresses. Enjoy the old art of home canning and bread making. Ending the day with Stock Car Racing.

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