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HIGHLIGHTS FROM IBT

The weather was very COLD and WINDY. Didn't know I could still move so fast!!

The Region Officers made several proactive decisions to move our club forward. These decisions were made after several hours of meetings where everyone was involved in the discussion. One point made was that the boards start listening to our members!

The region officers proposed several motions to present at the IBT meeting. These motions covered a variety of critical items to our club. Every motion passed. They will be reviewed in this newsletter.

The region officers voted to include the Executive Committee (International officers) in following discussions to facilitate better interaction.

A member from Region 3, Jim Cocke, was nominated for International Third Vice-President.

Report on Mid-Winter IBT Meeting

Linda Knezek

All the region presidents and members of the Executive Committee were present at the meeting except Ron Gordy, Treasurer, and Justin Humphries, Trustee. All motions (16) presented, passed and will be implemented or forwarded to the delegates for vote.

Motion 13: Voted on first, so action would pertain to remaining motions at this meeting. All motions voted on by the IBT shall show the results of votes by name of voters and how they voted except when a request for unanimous consent is approved.

Motion 1: Established supervision and representation of units not in the United States, Canada and Mexico, i.e. the Australian unit and any other international units.

Motion 2: To insure that international units be organized as non-profit.

Motion 3: To combine the Public Relations and Rally Promotions standing committees into one committee.

Motion 4: To change the name of the Australian Unit from "Down Under Unit" to "Airstream Club Australia". Of note is that the Airstream Company "owns" the name "Airstream" and thus had to approve this. They agreed because adding Airstream to the name of the unit promotes Airstream sales.

Motion 5: Change the boundaries of Regions 4 and 7 such that the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (UP) becomes a part of Region 7. This was done at the request of members living in the UP because they feel more a part of Wisconsin than Michigan. This motion originally was withdrawn, but after listening to one of the members from the UP, the motion was re-submitted and passed.

Motion 6: A charter was granted to the Southeastern Camping Unit in Region 3.

Motion 7: The flag of the Southeastern Unit was approved. It is a very distinct one!



Motion 8: To update the job description of the History Standing Committee.

Motion 9: Modify the National Special Events Rally reporting form to include the number of people attending.

Motion 10: Forward to the Delegates Meeting in Gillette that the constitution be changed such that the period for holding the International Rally and Annual Delegates Meeting shall be between June 20 and July 30. This motion removes the requirement that the rally include July

1, Canada Day and July 4, Independence Day. This motion will become effective in 2017 since contracts have been signed for 2014, 2015, and 2016. This motion is important as it provides flexibility in scheduling the International Rally away from July 4. This has been discussed for many years, but now the members may vote and decide when to have the rally.

Motion 11: Modifications to the section of the policy regarding the International Rally. The primary changes to this section include re-location of Teen Queen contest to the Youth Committee, which has early parking authorization, and parking days to include Sunday. Early parking is authorized for current International and Region officers, immediate Past International President, Region 2nd VP's elect, post caravan leaders and required early workers. Early parking is not authorized for past International and Region Presidents or past International officers. The section regarding reserved seating at rally functions was eliminated.

Motion 12: Forward to the Delegates Meeting in Gillette that the constitution be changed to allow for electronic payment of International dues to headquarters using the WBCCI website. This motion will allow that members, **if they wish**, may pay their dues electronically, thus providing convenience to them and efficiency to the headquarters staff in dealing with renewals and corrections to the database.

Motion 14: Clarifies the procedure for regions to elect vice presidents when vacancies occur in either 1st or 2nd Vice Presidents, or both.

Motion 15: To reinstate the publication of the News and Views Newsletter by the Electronic Communications Committee. Publication of this newsletter ceased earlier this year and many members have requested that it be reinstated.

Motion 16: Elimination of charges by headquarters for services, to the International Rally, currently \$45,000, starting in 2015. This charge was instituted several years ago when the International Rally was making a profit and the headquarters office-having difficulty operating within their budget. However, this fee is now unreasonable and a deterrent to attendance at the rally. The Board of Trustees do not plan to raise the dues to balance the budget, but feel that increased efficiencies resulting from implementation of the new database, increased number of members receiving the Blue Beret on-line, reducing the cost of putting the Blue Beret on-line, and electronic transmission of information versus printed matter at the rally will provide savings. Also, an increase in membership provides more income! Again, the Board of Trustees is listening to the members!

Report on Upcoming Region 9 Rally

Linda Knezek



The countdown has started for the Region 9 Rally in Mineola!!! It is very important that you register soon!!!! If you are planning on attending, please, please register by March 15th. The reason for this deadline is that food needs to be ordered before we arrive. If you wait to register at the rally, we can't guarantee food will be provided for you. No money need be sent at this time. You can pay upon arrival. Brochure is on website and in Blue Beret.

This is exciting to me!!! Vogt RV from Fort Worth will be bringing 2 or 3 new Airstreams to the rally to tour!! Also, Justin Humphries, Vice President Sales from Airstream, Inc. is scheduled to speak on Thursday, April 3rd, sharing news and answering questions about Airstream.



I've had many questions about the Flamingo Decorating Contest. I will do my best to address ones I've heard and ones that may not have been even thought of yet!!



All flamingos need to be able to stand-alone. If the lawn ornament ones are used, they can be put on a piece of wood, 2" x 6" x 8 to 12 inches long with holes drilled for the wire legs to go into. Or Styrofoam also can be used. Whatever base is used it needs to be heavy enough to hold the flamingo up and not fall over. The decorations are only limited by your imagination!! After being judged the Flamingos will be used as decorations around the complex.

There will be entertainment and ice cream every night!! New seminars have been added to the schedule. Games, games, games will be enjoyed either being played or watched by all!! A tentative schedule will be posted soon!

One change this year will be the "Flamingo Market" (changed from flea). Instead of moving tables and carting all sale items to the building. The "market" will be at your trailer weather permitting, less time and energy hauling back and forth. If a table is needed, they will be available from the center.

Message from Andy

Hey Airstreamers!

It's time to get your Airstreams out of storage, fill up the tanks, check the batteries and kick all the tires. Last year at this time I replaced all four tires after going through the check and finding a piece missing from one of them. This year it was the refrigerator. We went to IBT with ice chests just like the good old days of tent camping. It's a good thing it was so cold in Rayne - the ice lasted longer! Barb has gotten used to having a refrigerator though, so we now have a brand new one in the trailer ready for our trip to Mineola! Guess that isn't too bad after thousands of miles on the road! After all, that's what I bought my trailer for - to travel the country.

The tires are still good, just need to check the air pressure. My battery is ready with a little added distilled water and my awning has been lubricated. I encourage all of you to go through all the checklists before hooking up and heading to Mineola! Being prepared will hopefully help you avoid problems down the road.

See you down the road!
Andy Selking
Region 9, 1st VP

Message from Jim

Vickie & I attended the TCPU "Bring in the New Year" Rally at Advanced RV Resort in Pearland, TX Dec 29-Jan 1. The highlight of the rally was a murder mystery "A Vintage Murder" set in the lush wine country of France. The promise of a sparkling evening was shattered when we discovered our host; St. John Sedgwick-Smythe had been murdered. Several members were "in character" through the evening as everyone tried to solve the crime. Needless to say everyone had a great time and what a warm welcome we received by the Texas Coastal Plains Unit.

We then traveled to IBT where, after several days of meetings, 16 motions were passed or will be forwarded to the delegates. I know our president is reporting in more detail on those.

Our next stop is the Texas Highland Lakes Unit – "Till There Was You" Rally in Goliad, TX February 6-9, 2014. I understand it is a beautiful park, and after looking at the schedule and the list of rally attendees, it looks like it will be a lot of fun; we are looking forward to being a part of it.

After that we are planning to attend the Texas Hill Country Valentine Rally, Feb 12-16, 2014 at the North Texas Airstream Community. Although we haven't seen the rally schedule yet I understand there are several tours set up and lots of fun to be had.

Let's have fun, get out and travel, make friends for life; and remember a part of the Wally Byam Creed: "To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel, fun, and personal expressions."

See you down the road.
Jim Courtney
2nd VP, Region 9