



# Region Niner



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## REPORT FROM PRESIDENT LINDA KNEZEK

WOW, what a week of fun, food and flamingos!!! When I asked for decorated flamingos, I had no clue how many flamingos would "show up"! From the "Wizard of Oz" to Mardi Gras and lots in between!! I thought there MIGHT be 10 or so flamingos but lo and behold, a flock of 42 showed up! I'm very impressed and thankful for everyone's participation.

Tuesday was "Region Business Day". The day began with seminars for Unit President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's then the Region Seminar/Board Meeting. Committee chairmen gave reports, there was no old business and the new business consisted of Andy presenting his budget for the 2015-2016 Region Rallies. The vote was unanimous to accept his budgets. Andy spoke about the votes that will be going to the delegates in Gillette.

I will be unable to attend the International Rally due to my parents celebrating 65 years of marriage on June 25<sup>th</sup>. And with my Dad's health not being the best right now, I don't want to be too far from home.

Opening ceremony was a little different this year with Region and Unit Officers wearing the colors of their unit. All past International officers wore their rally colors. It made for a very colorful ceremony! The Color Guard was made up of past international and region first ladies. They made Region 9 proud!!

The President's reception was very "pink" with flamingo sparkles all over the table! The flamingo glasses worn by the servers were a special touch!! Thanks to TAU for doing such a beautiful job!!

There were three brand new Airstreams provided by Vogt RV from Fort Worth. Justin Humphreys from Airstream, Inc. gave a report about how Airstream is growing and hiring more employees. The marketing department has been successful in getting Airstreams on numerous TV shows and commercials.

The games were abundant and the winners can be found on the website. There was "friendly" rivalry and NO bloodshed!!

One game that had everyone in stitches was the "Driving Contest"!! The 1<sup>st</sup> VP First Lady directed the NTU President right up a tree!!! There is a video and will be available for viewing!!

There was a variety of entertainment. The Mineola HS Choir sang many oldies for us "old folks"! Their last song of the night which, was written by them, was dedicated to the men and women who have and are serving our country. There was not a dry eye in the crowd!! The Wounded Warrior representative, who spoke after they sang, was very impressed!

High Demand was a barbershop quartet who had our toes a tapping. Then Friday night the group Shake Rattle and Roll took us back to the 1950's. Saturday night we danced the night away (8:30 pm) with Britton the DJ. He did his best to keep everyone up and moving!!

The Flamingo Market on Saturday was very cold!! Don't think the idea of around the trailers was a very good idea.... there is always next year!!

My hope is that everyone who attended the "Flamingo Roundup in Mineola" had a good time and was able to get their flamingos home without too much trouble!!

Happy trails to all until we meet again!

Linda Knezek  
Region 9 President

## REPORT FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> VP ANDY SELKING

Airstreamers are the best people in the world! Thanks to all of you that helped make the Region 9 Rally in Mineola such a great success. Barb and I especially enjoyed visiting with all the wonderful Region 9 members. It was a great joy to see all of you again. We look forward to coming to many of your unit rallies in the future.

We had a great introduction for the 2015 Region Rally "Airstream Hollywood". I didn't realize we had so many great actors and actresses among our units. It was so fun to watch our unit and region leaders walking the red carpet to receive their "Wally" award. Please mark your calendars for March 23-28, 2015 for the Region 9 Rally in Montgomery. There will certainly be more red carpet fun happening.

The decorated flamingo contest was such a huge success this year that I've decided to continue a contest for "Airstream Hollywood" next year. Please decorate an Airstream in your favorite movie theme. We will again use them as table decorations. Get your creative juices flowing! I can't wait to see what you come up with! We will again auction some of them off at the end of the rally for those of you who are willing to part with your decorated Airstream!

Barb and I are now in the process of making preparations to head to Gillette for the International Rally. We hope that many of you will be able to join us up there. The Region 9 breakfast will be Sunday, June 29th. Tickets for the breakfast are available from David Thompson. You will also be able to purchase breakfast tickets in Gillette.

It is an honor to serve as your Region 9 First Vice President. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. I thoroughly enjoy everything about it!

See you down the road!  
Andy Selking  
Region 9 First VP

## REPORT FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> VP JIM COURTNEY

The Region 9 Rally is over for this year, and I can say Vickie and I had a great time. Being the "new guy" this year, I am still learning the ropes – so to speak. The first thing that happened, I found out that I had some committees to round up for the Region 9 Rally. Everyone I asked either said yes, or if they could not serve this year, gave me names of someone who probably would. What a great response I received. Thanks to those who helped.

The next thing I learned, it is my responsibility to ask for door prizes for the rally. Again, I received a great response from the vendors, businesses in our community, and our Unit Presidents and members. Now I am starting to think this isn't too bad, maybe by the time I get to be president I'll do okay!

Vickie and I have been able to visit several rallies, starting with the TCPU New Year's Rally in Pearland, TX; then on to the IBT in Rayne, LA. Our next rallies were the Texas Highland Lake Rally in Goliad, TX, the Valentine Rally put on by the Texas Hill Country Unit; and Region 9 Computer Rally at NTAC. Most recently we were able to attend the North Texas Unit Rally at Sowell Creek near Dublin Texas, and while there, visited with the Heart of Texas Unit who were camping in Dublin with many vintage units and an open house for the Dublin Community.

We will be heading to Gillette for International and hope to see many of you there.

Thank you for your support.

Jim Courtney