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Region 9 President, Andy Selking, improvises with his shoe instead of the mallet to open the Region 9 Rally in Montgomery, TX.

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## Region 9 Members,

Airstreamers are the best people in the world! Thanks to all of you that helped make the Region 9 Rally in Montgomery such a great success. Barb and I can't begin to express our gratitude for all of the volunteers. You're the best!!!

I also want to thank all the units and individuals for the many door prizes you provided. We had a really nice array of gifts and I think almost everyone went home with something. Thank you again for your generosity.

Another big thank you goes out to all the Region 9 members who made blankets, bags and hats for the Shriners' hospital. It was so awesome to see that table full of items for the children. We also presented them with a check for over \$1000. Wow!

Plans are underway for next year's Region Rally, "Airstream PowWow", in Shawnee, OK on March 14-19, 2016. The information about the rally can be found on the Region 9 website. The table decorations this year were once again amazing, so we will again be making table decorations for "Airstream PowWow". Please make a totem pole for your table decoration in Shawnee. They do not have to include an Airstream, but can be whatever you want them to be. I can't wait to see what the creative members of Region 9 will make.

Barb and I are now in the process of making preparations to head to Farmington for the International Rally. We hope that many of you will be able to join us over there. The Region 9 luncheon will be Friday, June 26th. Tickets for the luncheon are available from David Thompson. You will also be able to purchase luncheon tickets in Farmington.

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

See you down the road!

Andy Selking Region 9 President





Report from
Region 9
Membership
Chairman
Marque Mooney

Congratulations to all of you for doing an outstanding job the last year! We are growing! I have heard from Corporate Manager Lori Plummer this last week that we, in Region 9, currently have 571 members. This is an increase from last year's figure of 548.

Let me tell you just how important Membership is to our President Andy Selking. Andy has generously opened up the pocketbook of Region 9 and is allowing me to personally contact every single new Airstream owner in Texas and Oklahoma. I am sent a copy of all of the new Airstream owners every other month from Headquarters and where an email address is given I write those happy new Airstream owners a letter congratulating them on their new investment and to let them know that we would love to have them join us in WBCCI. If they have not included an email address, I write them the same personal letter and tell them what all Units are available in Region 9, their websites, their Membership Chairman and all their available contact information and invite them to call or write any of them or me with any questions.

I then turn around and send that list out to all of our Unit's Membership Chairmen and encourage them to make contact with the ones just in their area or everyone on the list! Former Region 9 Membership Chairman, Myron Fischer, once told me that he'd rather a new Airstream owner be contacted by every single Unit's Membership Chairman than not at all!

Postage isn't cheap now days, and it may be a little more effort, but I applaud a Region, and a Region President, who have made Membership such a priority. But by doing so, we now know that every single new Airstream owner in Texas and Oklahoma has been contacted and made to feel welcome. And by judging the increase in numbers, not just on the Region level, but also on the International level, we have a renewed hope that things are turning around and more and more people are joining and learning to enjoy what we already know and love - the Wally Byam way of life.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the greatest Region in all of WBCCI!

Marque Mooney Region 9 Membership Chairman

## **Region 9 Members in Montgomery**





Registration by Hollywood stars from the Coastal Plains Unit!



Janie Haddaway presenting all the blankets, bags and hats made by Region 9 members to Jennifer from the Shriners' Hospital for Children.









Ewart and Marilyn!



Master of Ceremonies Tom Collier



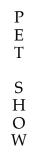
Fashion Show!



Dutch Oven Cooking!



Line Dancing!









Crafts!









Bean Bag Baseball!







Entertainment!











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