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Report from President Linda Knezek

Hello Airstreamers!

Here's hoping you had a wonderful and cool summer. That is if you weren't in Texas!

We now have a full slate of Region officers with the addition of Jim Courtney as the 2nd Vice President. Andy and I are so thankful that Jim stepped up into this position and look forward to working with him.

At the time of this writing, Barb and I are sitting in a motel room in Mineola, TX putting the finishing touches on the "Region 9 Flamingo Round-up Rally". We've sampled a couple of local cuisines, shopped in some very unique shops and already got lost in the big city of Mineola while checking out the lights of the city.

URGENT NEED!!

After meeting with Charlotte at the Civic Center, she will need a count for the food one week before we arrive. If you have not registered and plan on coming to Mineola, please, please send in your registration as soon as possible. No money is needed at this time unless you want to send it.

I really hope that you have made plans to attend the Region 9 Rally in Mineola "Where People Make the Difference." There will be games (as usual), seminars, some local entertainment as well as flamingos out the kazoo! Decorated flamingos will be used as table centerpieces. I hear that Andy and Jim have already started decorating their flamingos!

I hope you have a very happy Thanksgiving and a very blessed Christmas!

Happy trails to all until we meet again!
Linda Knezek
Region 9 President



Report from 1st VP – Andy Selking

As the weather begins to cool down, and the holidays approach, I am reminded that we have a lot to be thankful for in the great states of Oklahoma and Texas. Region 9 units have had some great fall rallies and have some wonderful Christmas rallies planned for December. Barb and I have done several installations this fall and still have one more to do. We especially enjoy putting faces with names of all the wonderful Region 9 members. It is also a great joy to make so many new friends. We look forward to coming to some of your unit rallies in the future.

Plans are coming together for the 45th Annual “Flamingo Round-Up In Mineola” Region 9 Rally on March 31 to April 6. The rally promises to have a lot of pink, purple and bling. One of the fun activities at this year's rally is a decorated flamingo contest. Barb even bought me a purple shirt to wear and a pink flamingo to decorate. I'm drawing the line at wearing bling though. Registration forms for the rally can be found on the Region 9 website. Please send your money and completed forms to David Thompson.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving. I hope you are able to spend some time with family and friends.

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

Report from 2nd VP – Jim Courtney

I am very excited about serving as your 2nd Vice President for Region 9. I appreciate your support, and will continue to ask for your support during my term of office.

One of my goals is to visit each of the units at least once every two years; hopefully more often. I would like to get to know each of you. Those of you who know us know that we travel a lot and like to have fun. We expect to continue that tradition.

Talk about support; Vickie and I just finished leading the Where Da Heck is Chokoloskee Caravan on November 15th. 40% of our Caravanners were from Region 9. How good is that! What support! Go Region 9! We are truly a caravan club and in my opinion that is what WBCCI is all about. Let's continue the tradition and get out there and caravan.

Vickie and I will be going to the last Hobo Rally in Blythe, California February 3-9, 2014. Would you be interested in traveling on a Buddy Caravan to Blythe? We will organize a Buddy Caravan if there is enough interest.

For a *Buddy Caravan* we will provide a Drivers' Manual, confirm each night's stop, and make your reservations for you. You will travel with a buddy and meet each night at the designated campground. We will not be travelling as one group, but in separate groups of two. We will leave NTAC on January 30 arrive Blythe, CA on February 3. Approximately 1,281 miles to Blythe (4 overnight stops the longest day being approximately 318 miles) If there is enough interest we will plan the route, identify the stops, make the camping reservations, provide a drivers' manual, and team you up with a buddy. If there is enough interest we will pay the campground fees when we make the reservations and you will reimburse us. There will be no kitty fee and all other costs will be on your own. You travel home at your leisure. If you are interested, please let me know no later than December 30th.

Remember our Region 9 Computer Rally February 18-22; and our Region 9 Rally in Mineola March 31-April 6. We will see you all there.

Let's have fun, get out and travel, make friends for life; and remember a part of the Wally Byam Creed: “*To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow dreams come true.*”

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

