

The President's Month in Review

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Distribution...

This report is sent out only by e-mail, at the end of every month to: *The International 1st, 2nd, & 3rd VPs, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President (7), WBCCI Corporate Office Staff (4), Region Presidents (12), International Standing and Special Committee Chairmen (17), and Past International Presidents (15).*

Comment/Purpose...

Requests have been received from various members to be added to the distribution of this President's Monthly Review. This Review is not intended to be a general membership newsletter. It's an informal informational/status report of WBCCI items of interest for Club Leaders that occurred during the past month. Information from the President to the general membership is located in the Blue Beret inside front cover. This Report includes items for information, evaluation, and consideration in your leadership role. Each Key Leader may distribute parts, or all, of this Report to their staff and members as deemed appropriate.

Madison Convention/Rally...

Need 8 Chairmen:

#	<u>Committee</u>
14	Bean Bag Baseball
120	Grounds After Rally
140	Job Descriptions
228	Rally Headquarters Receptionist
292	Transportation, Shuttle
New	Bicycle Excursions
New	Canoe/Kayak Excursions
New	Pre-Rally Promotion Drawing

Statistics To-Date:

- Registrations - 368
- Airstreams - 350
- 30 Amp Power – 287 (78%)
- 3 Amp Power - 63
- Staying Off-Site – 18

Pre-Rally Schedule: The Pre-Rally Booklet is now on the Club's Web site under 'Rallies' then 'International Rally'. In addition a newly 'Updated Pre-Rally Schedule' supersedes the Pre-Rally Booklet's Schedule on pages 9/10 for events between June 11 and June 27.

ACTIONS COMPLETED...

- A **Grand Public Open House** will be held at the 2009 Madison Rally/Convention on Saturday, July 4, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This should bring more local community citizens to our Flea Market and Vendors for possible additional sales, more local visitors to view the Vintage Airstreams in addition to seeing and maybe even to purchase a new Airstream.

President's Correspondence

<u>Month</u>	<u>E - Mails</u>		<u>NewsLtrs</u>		<u>Phone Calls</u>
	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	
July	195	68	37	2	47
Aug	349	205	40	5	59
Sept	303	118	45	4	29
3-Months	847	391	122	11	135

MEMBER IDEAS to EVALUATE...

Members have wondered, if their suggestions and recommendations are being heard. Help me to assure them that all inputs are received, evaluated and then acted upon. The actions may include making a change, or not, collecting the data with no action at this time, or evaluating if this has been done in the past. The key is to listen and refer valid recommendations to the appropriate level of leadership.

For instance, here is a new item:

Historic Airstreams: Consider developing and/or providing some type of recognition/identification for various historic Airstreams. Such as those who were on certain overseas caravans, like the one from Capetown to Cairo and other special caravans. Also those special Airstreams owned by certain individuals, like Wally Byam and others. Because this may significantly affect the value of these "Historic Airstreams" care and accuracy with documented proof must be considered. With this being a historical technical research issue, the Vintage Intra-Club may be the best ones to consider evaluating this idea, developing various criteria and then submitting a proposal to the International Boards of Trustees.

RALLY COLORS: CORAL, BLACK & WHITE

RALLY THEME: "BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"

ON COMMUNICATIONS...

Encourage all our Members to use the normal WBCCI organizational structure to address their communications directly to an individual, group, or Committee Chairman at the Unit, Region, or International level who can best answer, or relay, their request. We each need to keep the members of the International Executive Committee and International Board of Trustees informed of key items.

In discussions with our Membership, a few have stated that our Code of Ethics are too stringent and they want to be able to say and print anything they want. I encourage all the Leadership to ask their Members for opinions and discussion on this subject and to bring these opinions to the Mid-Winter IBT Workshop.

A PERSONAL OBSERVATION ON VOLUNTEERISM...

Our Club depends heavily upon Member Volunteerism. We have a limited staff of only four paid employees in our Headquarters Office at Jackson Center, Ohio to take care of many vital Membership needs.

This time of year, Units are installing new officers. The task of finding new officers is becoming more difficult each year. This is also true of chairmen and new officers for our Standing Committees, Intra-Clubs, the many Chairmen for Rallies (Special Event, National, Region, State, and International) plus new officers for Regions and International. The fact is this great Club could not function without each of these dedicated and willing volunteers. They give of their time, expertise, and even financial resources just for the privilege to help and serve others. We need to appreciate and respect each of our Volunteers. Give them a hearty 'Thank You' frequently.

WHY CONFIDENTIALITY IN DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES?...

Several comments and questions have been received on this subject during the past two months.

REFERENCE A: WBCCI Bylaws, Article I, Parliamentary Authority, Section 1, Page 1.

REFERENCE B: Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised – Chapter XX, Disciplinary Procedures, Section 61, Rights of the Society and the Accused.

WBCCI Members working together, with differing opinions, for the betterment of the WBCCI has been evidenced in the situations posed by events surrounding a series of grievances that were filed in mid 2008. Each of these members, too many to be listed here, are to be commended for their contributions and devotion to the principles under which this great Club operates.

In contrast, these same situations have caused some WBCCI Members to demonstrate their dissatisfaction against the WBCCI and its leadership for making apparently unpopular decisions required by the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws.

The WBCCI is governed by a set of rules called its Constitution, Bylaws and Policies. In Reference A above, it states, *"The rules contained in the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the international club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the international club."*

This causes one to look further into Reference B which states, *"Since a society has the right to prescribe and enforce its standards for membership, it has the right to investigate the character of its members as may be necessary to this enforcement. But neither the society nor any member has the right to make public any information obtained through such investigation; if it becomes common knowledge within the society, it should not be revealed to any nonmember."*

If a member is expelled, the society has the right to disclose the fact that he is no longer a member – circulating it only to the extent required for the protection of the society or, possibly, of other organizations. Neither the society nor any of its members has the right to make public the charge of which an expelled member has been found guilty, or to reveal another details connected with the case.... The society can not legally establish the guilt of the accused, as understood in a court of law; it can only establish his guilt as affecting the society's judgment of his fitness for membership."

CONFIDENTIALITY (Continued)...

It must be emphasized that should any WBCCI Member not agree with, or desire to change, any current requirements under which the Club operates, all they need to do is properly submit a change to those requirements. It is the Membership who governs this great Club and votes to decide whether a change will be approved or not.

AFFILIATE UNIT MEMBERS...

An interesting question was asked by a Member in regards to a Member-at-Large becoming an Affiliate Member of a Unit. The answer is on page 10.1 of Bylaws/Policy under Definitions of Member where Paragraph 2 states; "*Affiliate Member* - *A Regular member in good standing in one Unit and who applies to and is accepted as a member by another Unit and such member pays only Unit dues to said Unit. (1/17/97)*"

So the answer is: Only a Member of another Unit in WBCCI may become an Affiliate Member in a different Unit.