

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).*

THANKSGIVING...

Looking back at this past week's activities and the recognition of the many blessings we are thankful for; it is with gratitude that we live in our respective exceptional countries; that we are able to celebrate our many freedoms because of many past and present dedicated service men and women. Best of all we are especially thankful for our many Airstream friends and love ones we share our 'Airstream Way of Life' with by giving of ourselves to others. I hope your Thanksgiving Holiday was a time of remembrance and being thankful for life.

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.

MEMBER IDEAS to EVALUATE...

Members have wondered, if their suggestions and recommendations are being heard. Help me to assure them that when inputs are received, they are 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.

This has been an exceptional month for Members sending me comments and recommendations. Most have been for future International Rallies. I have responded back to each. Due to the very lengthy inputs, they are not included in this newsletter. It is interesting that most of the recommendations have already been incorporated, or corrected by the Int'l Rally Committee.

Mid-Winter IBT Int'l Rally...

Preparations are complete for your visit. This is a 5 Star Resort RV Park with excellent meeting facilities and 4-Point hook-ups on level cement pads and paved roads. If you have not sent in your reservations, please do it now, as the campground desires to fill up all of the RV sites we are not going to be using with other RVers. We also need to finalize our commitments for the numbers of meals and buses to order. So if you are coming and want a place to park your Airstream, food to eat, and a seat on the tour busses, get your reservation in now. Encourage your Members to join and come on down to experience a warm and hearty "Texas Welcome" just 45 miles Northwest of Houston in Montgomery.

ACTIONS COMPLETED...

President's Correspondence

Month	E - Mails		NewsLtrs		Phone
	In	Out	In	Out	Calls
Sept	303	118	45	4	29
Oct	299	98	34	5	86
Nov	281	97	46	6	32
3-Months	883	313	125	15	147

The 2009 Rally Site...

The Alliant Energy Center (AEC) is an award-winning, full-service, multi-building 164-acre (about 1/4 mile square) complex.

Rally Parking for our Airstreams will primarily be in large black top parking lots surrounding the exceptional Exhibition Hall and Coliseum buildings. The remaining Airstream parking areas will be farther out on grass, some trees.

There is one official dump station on-site. In addition there are five additional dumping connections available for our use. Nearby is a Restroom Facility containing shower facilities for our use which will be open 24/7 during the rally.

2009 Madison Chairmen Needs...

Need 7 Chairmen:

<u>#</u>	<u>Committee</u>
36	Caravan Training
96	First Timers Seminar
117	Geocaching
292	Transportation, Shuttle
New	Bicycle Excursions
New	Canoe/Kayak Excursions
New	Jam Sessions

Statistics To-Date:

- Registrations - 474
- Airstreams - 454
- 30 Amp Power – 357 (75%)
- 3 Amp Power - 97
- Staying Off-Site – 20

RALLY COLORS: CORAL, BLACK & WHITE

RALLY THEME: "BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"

New Year Preparations with some Inspirational Thoughts...

From Lalani Vanderheide of the British Columbia Unit for these quotes published in her 'Sunshine Corner' of the Unit's December 2008 Newsletter:

"SIMPLE SECRETS TO A HAPPY LIFE:"

"Life can be complicated but happiness is really pretty simple:"

"Laughter is an instant vacation" – Milton Berle.

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless" – Mother Teresa.

"Change your thoughts and change your world" – Norman Vincent Peale.

"Keep you face to the sunshine and you will not see the shadows" – Hellen Keller"

I would like to personally thank Lalani for finding these jewels and placing them in the British Columbia Unit's Newsletter. Congratulations also to Arlene Matches for another year as the BC Unit President. The BC Unit is one of many exceptional Units in the WBCCI that also have an excellent Unit Newsletter which typifies all that WBCCI is.

New Rally Seminar Chairman Established...

A NEW International Rally Seminar Chairman position has been established by the International Rally Committee. The Goals and Objectives of this new Chairman will be improved management control of seminars presented at the International rally by:

- 1 – Finding and developing new and interesting seminars for the Membership
- 2 – Removing seminars that have served their purpose
- 3 – Finding qualified presenters for each seminar
- 4 – Maximizing locating and obtaining qualified local host city citizens for new/local seminars
- 5 – Reducing Rally expenses through better management of available resources
- 6 – Determining Rally Host Facility seminar space availability and prioritizing seminars to provide the best seminars when space is limited
- 7 - Providing a single/central point of contact for most Rally Seminars

The more complex and lengthy seminars currently not under the new Seminar Chairman and remain as chairman positions are:

- Caravan Training Seminars
- Unit Officer Leadership/Workshop Training Seminars
- Region Officer/Spouse Leadership/Workshop Training
- Computer Seminars
- Vintage Seminars

Darrell Waters has consented to be the new International Rally Seminar Chairman starting at Madison, Wisconsin in 2009. The Rally Seminar Program will be a work in progress with evaluations and improvements after each rally. This will improve the seminar program for each future International Rally. Please let Darrell know of your willingness to be a future seminar presenter and what types of seminars you would like to see at future International Rallies. Darrell Waters e-mail and postal addresses are listed in the Membership Directory.

**MAY YOU HAVE A JOYUS AND
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!**