



NEWS & VIEWS



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From your President,

It's been a busy time since I took office in July. Gene and I have been on the road most of the time, attending Unit and State Rallies, and now it is the Holiday season already.

In July and August we visited several Unit Rallies, including some Joint ones. They were all enjoyable and a wonderful opportunity to get to meet more Region 2 members up close and personal.

There was a recurring theme in the three state rallies in our region. The theme was – RAIN and FLOODING. I think it rained nearly every day. In spite of the weather caused by Hurricanes Irene and Lee, and the flooding of several rivers, the spirits of Region 2 Airstreamers were not dampened.



In September the first state rally was Pennsylvania, held at the Lebanon Fairgrounds hosted by the Keystone Unit. Members in attendance were grateful for the hard work and flexibility of the hosts. All were disappointed that the tours had to be cancelled due to closed venues and flooded roads, especially the PA State Police museum.



A German band entertained us.

The catered dinner was very, very good, and the wine, soda and beer tasting were unusual and fun. The camaraderie and excellent entertainment also contributed to the success of the rally.

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We were glad Barry and Leslie could join us at PA Rally



Later in September, the New Jersey rally, hosted by the New Jersey Unit was held at Jersey Shore Haven. Using a raffle, 50/50 ticket sales, fines from “the Sheriff” and other donations, the Rally collected \$335 which will be presented to the USO for support of our troops.

Region 2 1st President Pat McFadden and Karl and Jo Jugel, International Secretary, attended and Jo spoke to the group about the 2012 International Rally to be held in Sedalia. We had wonderful, abundant food, including a delicious Italian dinner a la Chef Guiseppi. After dinner we celebrated his 90th Birthday with Past International President John Shull. The Jersey Devil made an appearance, complete with beard. While I thought it looked good on him it vanished after dinner.

Each night we had a movie, complete with popcorn.



After we ate our way through Pennsylvania and New Jersey -- we were on to New York. The New York State Rally was held at Ulster Fairgrounds, a great setting. I look forward to having more rallies here in the future. This rally was also affected by rain and flooding. The nearby Walkill River rose over a road to the fairground, but we were able to travel by another exit. The Metro Unit, our hosts, provided good tours to wineries, museum and other local attractions. There was splendid entertainment and good food (again).

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Several of us went to the Woodstock Museum and Donna and Glen Lippincott and Gene went to Shawangunk Mountain State Park where they cut millstones for flour and grist mills. People also camped in this region to pick blueberries in season. Pat McFadden stopped in to visit and Jo Jugel and I did the installation of officers for the Metro Unit that evening. New members joined who are in the business of selling used Airstreams in Plattsburgh, NY. I'm sure they will join in more rallies in the future as they, along with everyone else, had a great time.

Among the fun Unit Rallies we attended was the Al-Mon-O Rally at Friendship Village, Bedford in



October. There was an Apple Festival that weekend, and I helped to press the apples for cider in the campground, tasted apple butter and enjoyed meals at historic places –

the Bedford Inn and the Jean Bonnet Tavern.

We also visited Flight 93 memorial site with our friends Frank and Joan Anderson from Georgia who met us at this Rally.



As we enter the Holiday season, we are mindful of our friends and neighbors who are still struggling to recover from the flooding this fall. The Susquehanna River damaged many homes and businesses in Bloomsburg and other towns. The Bloomsburg Fair was cancelled this year, a major impact to our area. Several of our WBCCI members had damage to their homes, and a few Airstreams were lost. While we celebrate this season, please remember those who were affected by the flooding and others who are less fortunate.

MOTORHOME AMENDMENT

Several members have written me on this issue. The amendment that was introduced at the IBT meeting on July 5, 2011, and any changes to it that might be made at the IBT meeting in January 2012, will be submitted to THE DELEGATES for a vote at the International in Sedalia, MO in June, 2012. No final action by the IBT will be taken in January.

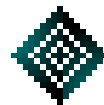
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Gene and I will leave after the holidays to go to IBT in Hattiesburg, MS. My next note will be after IBT. If you need help or information, call me at any time on my cell phone. We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



REGION 2 2012 RALLY **May 30-June 3, 2012.**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for May 30-June 3, 2012. – when the 2012 Region 2 Rally



Dig'In for Diamonds, will be held at Herkimer Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY.

As we said in our previous newsletter, Herkimer County is in central New York State. The fairgrounds are located near exit 31 on I-90, the New York Thruway.

There will be many things to do in the area in addition to activities being planned for the Rally. Some of the local attractions include: diamond mining (yes, diamonds!), the Remington Gun museum, Canal and River cruises and shopping at Canal Place in Little Falls. There will be tours and other activities, and some may wish to visit the Turning Stone Casino in Verona. We will send the coupon to each Unit in Region 2 as soon as it is complete, and it will be available in a future Blue Beret.

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