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Dear WBCCI Member,

Linda and I successfully escaped from NE Iowa earlier this month between winter storms. Due to single digit temperatures, the trailer and truck loading process was not as orderly as I had planned, but all the "must go" things made it, I think. About Kansas City the Ford engine started to run roughly. I continued south. With the aid of a cell phone we located a repair shop in Derby, Kansas, just south of Wichita. We spent two nights dry camping in a Church parking lot while the Ford was being repaired. Thank goodness for two new Interstate batteries. About the time the Ford was ready, both propane tanks were empty. Currently we are at NTAC in Hillsboro, Texas, recuperating and preparing for a much shorter trip to Robstown in about a week.

For the first item of business this month, I am able to tell you that the WBCCI Mail Trailer has been sold for \$13,500. It's a bit sad to see it go, for the Mail Trailer was always a welcome sight at the International Convention/Rally in years past. However, the last time it was used was at Perry, Georgia in 2007. It became very expensive to transport to and from rally sites, and really unnecessary when the host facility normally has space for our Mail Service Committee. The buyer's check has cleared, and the trailer will be prepared for shipment to Japan. Myron Fischer, Past International Treasurer, is to be congratulated for assisting the Club with this sale. Job well done.

Speaking of trailers, First Lady Linda spotted an article in the Feb - Mar 2011 issue of Country Woman magazine, titled "Ants on the Pants". Sarah Calhoun started her own company to provide "durable work pants that fit women's curves". She had grown tired of trying to modify men's work jeans to fit, when working on her parents' llama farm as a girl. She has a regular store front in White Sulphur Springs, Montana, but also markets her pants



(with an ant logo), at pants parties across the U.S. and into Ontario. What does Sarah use for travel? A 1964 Airstream!

Here's an item from Richard Jirus, the WBCCI Legislative Standing Committee Chairman. The U.S. National Park Service has announced that there will be seventeen "free" days at all National parks and monuments in 2011. The first is in conjunction with Martin Luther King Day on January 15 through January 17. The second period is to commemorate National Park Week from April 16 through April 24. The first day of summer will also be free, June 21. The next period is National Public Lands Day, and will be observed on September 24. The last free period will be the week ending that also marks Veteran's Day, November 11 through November 13. All entry fees are waived on these days. In addition, the Park Service intends to have special programs on those free days to also emphasize these special days.

At last count, 101 members have registered for the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting at Robstown, Texas. It is a brand new camping facility - we may be the first to use it. If you can make it, please contact Jerry Larson to register. We have room for more!

Registrations continue to steadily increase for the 54th International Convention/Rally in Du Quoin, Illinois, scheduled for June 28 - July 4, 2011. We now have 457 members who are registered to come to the Land of Lincoln. The Du Quoin State Fairgrounds will be beautiful in June, flowers will be blooming, race horses pulling sulkies will be training, and we will be providing our own additional Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.

Last, some of you may be aware of an AirForum posting which expressed concern with processing of a proposed Constitutional amendment initiated by the Denver Colorado Unit. In addition, two associated motions have been initiated by Region 11 - one revises the other. It is a complicated issue. Interpretations of the Constitution, Article XVI, Sections 1, 2 and 3 have been made by the Club Parliamentarian and the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Standing Committee, but both have been rejected by the Denver Colorado Unit President and others. I am preparing a detailed paper which is intended to move this issue forward to its conclusion. I will attempt to summarize the misunderstandings and problems which have arisen as a result. It will be ready before the end of the week. I do want to be very clear on one initial point. The oath of office administered to me, to the members of the Executive Committee and to the new Region Presidents requires us to enforce the WBCCI Constitution. We are honor bound so to do. Furthermore, there is no provision known to me that allows me, the members of the Executive Committee or the full



International Board of Trustees, which includes all Region Presidents, to waive, change or ignore Constitutional requirements.

Safe Travels,

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