

# Wally Byam Caravan Club International

## The Airstream RV Association

### REGION 12

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### President's Message By Judy Bechthold



Today is one week away from the opening day for the Region 12 Hobo Rally 2012 and everything is in high gear with the planning. If you haven't signed up yet, please come and join us anyway. You can sign up at registration on Monday, February 6, from noon – 3:00 p.m. We have some great entertainment planned and lots of other activities and meals. Of course, bring your best 'Hobo' attire for the parade and judging on Saturday.

The NorCal Unit will be stirring up huge pots of our favorite Hobo Stew. The rally will start on Monday, February 6, and end on Sunday, February 12. Come join us!

Be sure to note the 'Save-The-Date' card for the next Rose Parade Rally, Mid-Winter IBT and Hobo Rally 2013. If you're not aware yet, Region 12 has been asked by International First Vice-President Don Clark to host the next IBT right here in California. Don and Jan are long time members of the Santa Clara Unit and want to show off our beautiful state to the rest of the IBT (International Board of Trustees). We accepted the offer and are now starting the planning process. If your unit would like to help out, please let me know. For the IBT we will need a couple of units to help with meals.

If you want to attend the next Rose Parade Rally, be sure to sign up early because we are limiting the count to 30 rigs this year and have already received reservations for 21 of them. A deposit of \$100 is needed to hold your place. Send your deposit to Kathy Hampel, 794 Grace Street, Livermore, CA 94550.

Region 12 needs volunteers to help in the key positions of Treasurer and Membership. If you would like more information on what these positions require, please contact me. We also need someone to chair Constitution and Bylaws. One more volunteer is needed for the Nomination Committee. Currently we have Chairperson Karen Walton, Golden West Unit, and Ray Burmaster, NorCal.

If you are a new member of WBCCI Region 12, check out our region activities. Our units are like family as we get to know each other more with each rally. . This also happens with region events. Eventually you get to looking forward to reuniting with new friends from other parts of our states, California and Nevada, whom you haven't seen since the last event. If you're a seasoned member of Region 12, you can probably agree with this and are already part of our Region Family. We'll see you down the road.

## IBT Winter Meeting Highlights By Fred Steurer

The International Board of Trustees, the IBT, held the WBCCI winter meetings at Hattiesburg, Mississippi last week. The purpose of the meetings is to hear the reports of the Standing Committee chairpersons and to consider motions for change to either the club's Constitution or its By-laws.

Last week all of the Standing Committees reported, and 12 motions were considered. Even though the WBCCI Interclub are not required to report at the Winter Meetings, the Vintage Airstream Interclub produced a fine in-depth report.

The Blue Beret Chairperson Anne Werth reported on the changes. Most of you have already received the Blue Beret for this month and will notice the Membership Directory has been included. It is much easier to read.

The Budget committee and the Treasurer reported a drop in revenue since we lost more members than originally budgeted. Additional items to the current budget were voted. See the budget motions later in this column.

The Electronic Communications Committee reported a new look, and new functions were being recommended for the wbcci.org website. It is also time to change out an old file server, and within two years change out the database program currently in use at Headquarters as it will no longer be supported. The database program change will be expensive, however necessary. The Electronic Communications committee produced a fine demonstration for all of those attending. The demonstration was projected on a large screen and gave us a look at what is being considered. The Chairman, Damon Beals, was not present but was electronically available via Face Time during the demonstration.

Our President, Barry Heckenswiler, reported the pre-registration is about 320 for the International Rally in Sedalia, MO in June.

Don Clark, our International 1st V P reported the 2013 rally will be in Huron, SD.

The Marketing Committee reported they were about shut down since they had very little money budgeted from last IBT meeting in order to balance the budget. The Board found it compelling to add money to the Marketing budget. See Motions later in this column.

The Membership committee reported a drop in membership of 4.9% to 5323 members as of November 1, 2011.

Jim Haddaway, chairperson of the Planning Guides & Merit Award program presented our own June Ryan with a Region Merit Award for her fine work while she was Region 8 President. Great work, June.

The Vintage Airstream Club provided a report on their progress with a new club newsletter and a report of their activities at Quoin, IL last summer.

There was no unfinished business left from the previous IBT Meeting.

There were 12 motions for the board to consider. The first two motions were for Unit flags requested by Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit and by the Alberta/Saskatchewan Unit. A correction was made and the motions passed.

The third motion was withdrawn by its maker. It is necessary to tell you what the motion was about. At the last IBT meeting in Quoin, the board considered and passed on June 27, 2011, a motion to amend the Constitution to allow Motorhome owners who are Life Members to replace their existing motorhome with a Class A motorhome manufactured by Thor Industries. Note the complexity of this motion passed last June 27th. This motion was passed by a previous board. It is no longer in the hands of the present board, but in the hands of the delegates who will vote on it AS IT STANDS.

The current board has no authority to bring that motion back for amendment. The amendment that was proposed in Motion 3 before it was withdrawn had to do with elimination of the words 'Life time members' and the addition of a line to 'allow any owner of such a Class A Motorhome manufactured by Thor to apply for membership in the WBCCI.' These words generated many emails from WBCCI members to me against the proposed amendment to the original motion. The Motion 3 (amendment to the original motion) was withdrawn because this board had no authority over a previous board's motion. The Delegates will still vote on the original motion.

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## IBT Highlights Cont.

Motion 4 was passed approving a new Special Committee, the International Peace Garden Monument Committee to participate in the celebration commemorating 200 years of peace since the War of 1812 by placing a new sculpture. The original sculpture was placed by the efforts of the city of Bradon, MN and the WBCCI. The original sculpture has been removed due to deterioration and lost. The cost will be borne by donations. Motion passed.

Motions 5 and 6 have to do with housekeeping issues in the club's by-laws. Both passed.

Motion 7 added \$9500 to the Marketing budget and passed.

Motion 8 was authorization to sign a contract with the State of South Dakota for the 2013 International rally site in Huron, SD. Motion passed.

Motion 9 was authorization to sign a contract with the Camp-bell County Public Land Board, CAM-PLEX in Gillette, WY to host the International rally site in 2014. By signing early, we lock in the 2011 rates. A deposit of \$5000 is required at signing.

Motion 10 was passed to authorize capital expenditures for a new file server to be housed at Headquarters and for a dual platform data base software and licenses. The Executive Committee will require adequate documentation prior to the expenditure of funds.

It should be noted also the club owns both the wbcci.org and the wbcci.net domains.

Motion 11 was approved to support the specific budget impact of Motion 10. Note that Motion 10 was a capital expenditure, and Motion 11 was this year's depreciation expense of that expenditure.

Motion 12 was a proposed resolution of motorhomes which was voted to be withdrawn almost unanimously.  
End



Fred Steurer, President Region 8

### DENVER MOTION DEADLINE APPROACHES

May 20, 2012, is the deadline for submitting your unit's vote for the Denver Motion. As of October 6<sup>th</sup>, headquarters received a total of 22 votes...15 for and 5 against. My thanks to Region 12 units who voted by that date, Northern California and South Coast California. If your unit has submitted since then, I also thank you. There is still plenty of time for the rest of our units.

**Region 12 needs the following:**

**Treasurer**

**Membership Chairperson**

**Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson**



If you are interested in any of the above positions, please contact

**Judy Bechthold.**

**ROSE PARADE RALLY, Pasadena**

December 28, 2012 – January 1, 2013  
\$100 deposit needed to reserve space  
Limit 30 rigs



**IBT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, Blythe**

Wed, 1/23 – International and Region Officers arrive and register  
Thurs, 1/24 – Officer Workshops and General Parking and Registration  
Fri., 1/25 – IBT Seminar  
Sat., 1/26 – IBT  
Sun. 1/27 – Free day and Interviews  
Mon. 1/28 – IBT Departure and Hobo arrivals



**HOBO RALLY, Blythe**

January 28, 2013 – February 2, 2013



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**REGION 12 EVENTS**

Locations and Dates

*Hobo Rally 2012, 2/6/2012-2/12/2012, Colorado River Fairgrounds, Blythe, CA*

*Region 12 Rally 2012, 10/17/2012-10/22/2012, Bakersfield RV Resort, Bakersfield, CA*

*Rose Parade Rally, 12/28/2012-1/1/2013, Pasadena, CA*

*Mid-Winter IBT 2013, 1/23/2013-1/28/2013, Colorado River Fairgrounds, Blythe, CA*

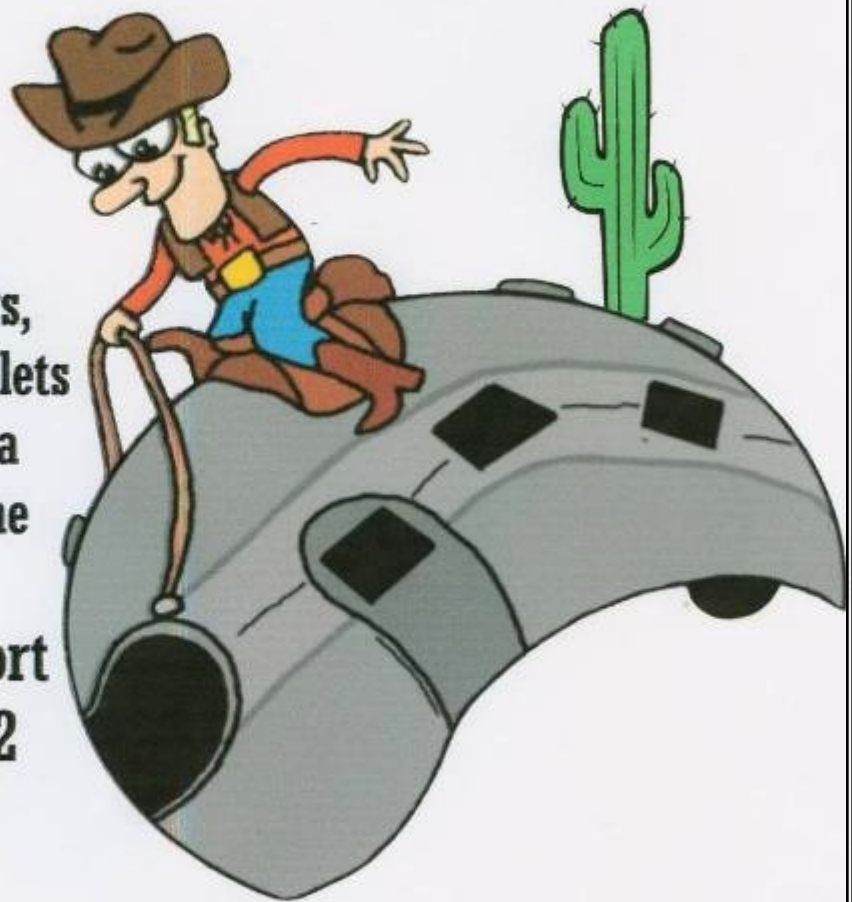
*Hobo Rally 2013, 1/28/2013-2/3/2013, Colorado River Fairgrounds, Blythe, CA*

*Region 12 Rally 2013, 10/10/13-10/15/13, Lodi Grape Festival, Lodi, CA*

# WBCCI REGION 12 RALLY 2012

## *Taming the Silver Bullet*

Howdy wagon masters,  
roundup your silver bullets  
and hit the trail for a  
rootin' tootin' good time  
at the  
Bakersfield RV Resort  
October 17-22, 2012



**WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB  
INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**55TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION/RALLY**

JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2012 • Sedalia, MO

**Welcome to Sedalia! Each year, Sedalia welcomes visitors from across the state and around the world to their community. Visitors find Sedalia to be a friendly, welcoming place to spend time. Historic downtown is filled with shops and restaurants that you will surely enjoy as you explore the rail and ragtime history of Sedalia. Our International Officers, headed by President Barry Heckenswiler and First Lady Lesley, are working diligently to give us a rally with unique tours and activities to stimulate your interest and make your stay in Sedalia fun and memorable.**

**If you haven't signed up yet, please find the registration form on [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org) and get ready for another summer of  
FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND ADVENTURE.**



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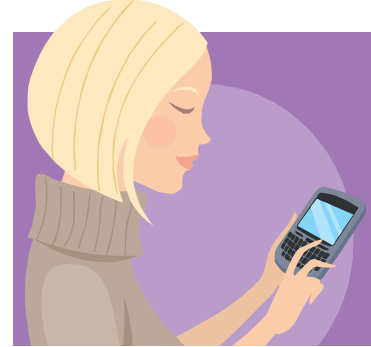
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NorCal Unit members from the All-Terrain Caravan  
(Background is the Casino on Catalina Island)

