



NEWSLETTER

President's Corner

I hope everyone has had a good and safe summer season. Fall is well upon us and winter isn't far behind. Carol is recovering very well from her knee replacement and is about to start her outpatient rehab. We are looking forward to getting back out on the road and spending time with all of you.



We sent each of you (those with a listed email address) a flyer for the 2012 Region 3 rally. The rally will be in Myrtle Beach SC from the 24th through the 29th of April with early parking beginning on Sunday April 22nd.

There is so much to do in Myrtle Beach, over 100 golf courses, retail outlets, excellent restaurants, entertainment suitable for the family and of course the beach. Ocean lakes campground <http://www.oceanlakes.com/> has 5 point hookups and free Wi-Fi at your site.

We will have the building adjacent to the heated swimming pool for our meetings. The seating is limited to 500 and I hope

that is a problem. We will be placing the flyer for the rally on the website <http://region3.wbcci.net/> and making updates and additions as the dates get closer and more details are finalized.

We are opening this rally to all Airstream owners as a way of reaching out to those that have never had the opportunity to attend a WBCCI rally. I am asking each of you to help us reach out to this part of our Airstream community showing that we are an inclusive group not exclusive.

We will conduct a business meeting Wednesday April 25 at 9 a.m. Each unit president is a voting member of this board and should be at this meeting or send a documented representative to vote the desires of their unit.

The major issue at this meeting will be to vote on the region officers. All prospective officers should send in their resume to the nominations committee, Tom Carmichael Sr. 2203 Turtle Hill Cr. Midlothian, VA 23112 tomc@sportsimageinc.com

This region rally will be a good time to ask questions regarding the new WBCCI constitution. This is also a good opportunity to attend our officer training and to be brought up to speed on how to better fulfill your role as leaders in your units.

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CARAVANNING IN REGION 3

Most of you know that Elna and I are co-leaders with Carol and Winston Montague of the SW Adventure Caravan, a WBCCI national caravan. Since we have spent a great deal of time scouting and traveling on caravans we have made friends all over the United States and Canada. That is very special to us! All of us have opportunities to participate in caravans, whether national, regional, or unit. We can make new friends or get to know unit friends even better as we travel to see our great country.

In 2012 there will be opportunities to participate on 13 national caravans, four of which are within Region 3. Those four are the Civil War Part II, Taste of the Blue Ridge, Southeast Coast Spectacular, and (partially in Region 3), Ghosts on the East Coast. The Civil War caravan is led by Region 3 members Ed and Beth Jones of the Northern Virginia Unit and the Taste of the Blue Ridge is co-led by Region 3 members Bob and Marge Bennett and Jamie and Susan King.

There will be several unit caravans during the year with a notable one already announced by the Northern Virginia Unit. It will last two weeks and cover Civil War locations in Virginia and Pennsylvania. The NORVA Unit also has an annual caravan planned by their Unit 2nd Vice President. (See article page 4 about the caravan.)

The Big Bend Unit is planning a caravan from their unit rally in Reed Bingham State Park near Adele, Georgia, Myrtle Beach, the site of our Region 3 Rally. Several other units are also expected to have caravans to the Region 3 Rally. Join one and enjoy the camaraderie as you make your way to this great rally!

We also would like to have a Region Caravan to the International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri. The Big Bend Unit is planning to caravan there and anyone is invited to join. If we get enough folks, we will call it a region caravan.

We will be leading a seminar "Introduction to Caravanning" at the Florida State Rally and perhaps at the Region 3 Rally to inform folks about running caravans and to talk about the various caravans. We expect several caravan leaders to be present at both rallies and welcome you to attend.

As your Unit plans a caravan, let us know and we will publicize it in the newsletter and on the region website. Caravanning is what Wally Byam founded this organization to promote and we are firm advocates of WBCCI continuing this tradition.

See you down the road,

Jay and Elna





TEAMWORK HELPS WBCCI UNITS

As the newest persons trying to participate in our region officer team, we find ourselves working from lists of "to-dos". We appreciate all those who are helping us get started in the right direction. We would like to do the same for others as they transition toward their newly installed officer teams.

Some of the tasks each of us performs allow other members to perform their roles. This final quarter of 2011 is busy with tasks which set the stage for 2012.

All of this is on our website, www.wbccci.org. The reporting forms can be completed and transmitted with a minimum of effort.

These are actions your unit team needs to take in this quarter:

1. Membership dues collection and submission to our headquarters staff for the 2012 membership directory before 11/30/11.
2. 2012 Unit Activities Schedule to both the Region and International Headquarters by 11/01/11.

3. 2012 Unit Officer reporting form submitted to both the Region & Headquarters staff before 11/01/11.
4. Nomination resumes for Region and International Officer candidates submitted to the appropriate nominating committee before 11/15/11.
5. Unit Planning Guide & Merit Award Program submissions to both the Region and International Headquarters within 60 days of the installation of Officers for our new year.

Please let us help if you are having difficulty with any of these items.

See you down the road,

Dick and Judy Martiny





SPECIAL CARAVAN ANNOUNCED: "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ROBERT E. LEE"

Chuck Kiple has just assigned number U-400 to the 2012 caravan I am planning to lead for NORVA Unit 110. This caravan is open to any WBCCI member who wants to participate, not just NORVA unit members

The Northern Virginia (NORVA) Unit 110 of WBCCI will conduct its 2012 unit caravan beginning on Sunday, May 27, 2012 and ending on Saturday evening, June 9, 2012 (14 days). In observance of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, our caravan will follow "In the Footsteps of Robert E. Lee." The caravan will be limited to a total of 20 Airstream trailers/motorhomes. Any WBCCI member is welcome to participate, but reserve early to get a space!

The caravan will begin at the 18th Century mansion where General Lee was born...the elegant Stratford Hall plantation near Montross, VA; and it will end in Lexington, VA, where Lee is entombed on the campus of Washington & Lee University. During the two weeks of caravanning, we will camp at five different campgrounds: Westmoreland State Park, Bull Run Regional Park, Paradise Lake, and Glen Maury Park (all in Virginia); and Gettysburg Campground in Gettysburg, PA.

Who was Robert E. Lee? A great, historical, American leader? A traitorous rebel? We will focus on Lee's eventful life from his birth to his death, making stops at significant venues for tours and lectures. These will include Lee's Boyhood Home in Alexandria, VA; the Custis-Lee Mansion in Arlington National Cemetery; the Civil War battlefields of

Second Manassas, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg; the Appomattox Courthouse surrender site; the new Museum of the Confederacy, and Lee Chapel.

Free time will also be built into the schedule for individual touring and activities. Other nearby sites to visit on one's own during the caravan include Washington's Birthplace National Monument, Fredericksburg and Wilderness Battlefields, Eisenhower National Historic Site, the Marine Corps Museum, and the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum (Smithsonian Institution).



During the caravan we will enjoy several dinners and lunches at historical eateries, as well as pot luck dinners, a Bar-B-Q cookout, and a Pizza Party. Kitty fee, which includes all campsites (14 nights), 5 dinners, 3 lunches, 3 breakfasts, ice cream socials, and many tours is \$1,125 per couple in an Airstream; \$860 per single. Extra person add on is \$265. A deposit of \$200 is due by December 15, 2011, with the balance of the kitty fee due April 1, 2012.

Please make checks payable to "WBCCI-NORVA" and sent to the caravan leader:

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FROM YOUR REGION THREE SAFETY CHAIRMAN

I am making a plea to each of you to PLEASE ALWAYS wear your safety belts in your vehicles.

God, excellent medical care, many prayers and SAFETY BELTS, the two of them survived and hopefully will be here for a long time.

We were reminded recently how very, very essential seat belts are. Our good friends and WBCCI members, Buzz and Carol Wallen had an awful accident this summer. I'm sure many of you know them as Buzz is President of the Tampa Bay, FL. Unit. Only because they both were wearing safety belts did they avoid much more serious harm.

All states have mandatory safety belt laws except New Hampshire*. Whatever your state laws are regarding safety belts....PLEASE be sure to buckle up!!

*Jimmy Lassiter,
Region 3 Safety Chairman*

We are so glad to hear that Buzz is making great strides in his recovery. By the Grace of

*<http://www.iihs.org/laws/safetybeltuse.aspx> ,ed.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER, CONTINUED

The new constitution before our units will be voted on by your delegates at the 2012 international meeting. There is a well-prepared hand-out that will be available to you in hard copy and it is on the web site as well.

membership directory in the form of a blue beret magazine.

Many of our unit officers have been installed and the rest aren't far behind. With that in mind, Past Presidents, please do not forget to submit your Merit Award documentation. It can be sent to me in hard copy of electronic format.

The concept of doing installations at state rallies has been a success in both Virginia and in the Carolinas. It not only reduces cost of region officers attending but it is a time when the incoming officers can meet their counterparts from units close by. This has helped units plan upcoming events and to do more joint rallies and very positive by-product.

Most of us were not excited about this proposal because we really like the size, shape and ease of carrying the 5 x 7 book.

New Presidents, it's time to prepare and submit your new officer reporting form and your schedule of events for 2012.

The IBT worked hard and long this past session to bring to the membership a balanced budget. One item that was discussed in length and detail was to publish the

The bottom line was that it would save WBCCI \$14,000 to publish the directory in the magazine format. This decision was not taken lightly and was debated for hours. It was apparent to all present, there was no other way to balance the budget. We felt strongly that the membership had mandated us to that end.

Best wishes to all of you and if there is any way that the region can assist you do not hesitate to let us know.

*Rick Bell
Region 3 President*



Calendar

Nov 1

Units Activities Schedules due to WBCCI
Units Officer Reporting Form to WBCCI

Nov 15

Nomination resumes for Region and
International Officer candidates to
appropriate nominating committee

Nov 30

Units dues and rosters due to WBCCI

Jan 9 - 13

Mid-Winter IBT, Hattiesburg MS

Feb 14 - 19

Florida State Rally, Sarasota FL

Apr 3 - 9

Easter Rally, St Augustine FL

Apr 24 - 28

Region 3 Rally, Myrtle Beach SC

May 27 - Jun 9

NORVA Unit Rob't E Lee Caravan

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