

# Region XI Newsletter

**On the Road** – Richard Girard – Region 11 President



**Hobos Jan and Richard**

Happy New Year to everyone in Region 11! This year has been a busy one for Jan and I as we have been to 4 Rallies this year so far. The last 2 were back to back in Blythe, California and they were the Winter IBT and the Hobo Rally. The IBT was a mix of fun and business and I will address the business later in this newsletter. This was the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Hobo Rally which ends with the crowning of a new Hobo King and Queen plus awards for things like the best beard and tall tail story. As you can see from the picture Jan and I got into the spirit of the rally, but were not selected for any titles of royalty nor were the whiskers, which are now gone, good enough for an award. I did earn a second place in the Cribbage Tournament which I am extremely proud of!

## **Mid Winter IBT Meeting**

As I mentioned, the Mid Winter IBT Meeting was held right before the Hobo Rally at the same location. There were 14 business items that were proposed going into the meeting. The items that were approved by the board included 2 new unit flags and a series of housekeeping changes to the bylaws. I was asked to present a proposal for the Vintage Airstream Club to host a series of Buddy Rallies over the next two years. This motion was approved by the board as well. There were several items that were withdrawn before the meeting for various reasons. If you have any questions regarding a specific item, please contact me.

The Nominating Committee gave a courtesy report listing the candidates that will be presented to the 2013 Delegates meeting in Huron, SD. The candidates are:

International President – John Stumpf  
International 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Joe Perryman  
International 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Jim Schwerdfeger  
International 3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Richard Girard  
International Recording Secretary - Louise Humble  
International Treasurer – Ron Gordy  
Nominating Committee – Jim Polk  
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\* There was only one volunteer for the position of Nominating Committee. If you are interested in running, you can do so from the floor in Huron. If you are unable to attend the International, you can still run for this position. You will have to provide the person nominating you from the floor with a letter stating your consent to serve.

## **International 3<sup>rd</sup> VP**

You may have noticed that I have been selected as the nominee for the office of International 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. Jan and I made the decision to run for this office after the International last year. It is a commitment that we take very seriously, and we look forward to serving the members of the club over the years to come. I would not have done this if Roger Pruter was not ready and willing to move up to Region President a year early. I have been in contact with Roger since the nomination and he is eager to take over and has taken over the planning of the 2013 Region Rally. At this point, I am just the nominee for the position. It still needs to be voted on at the 2013 Delegates Meeting.

## **What is happening in Region 11**

While our friends in places like Colorado and Wyoming are knee deep or more in snow there are several rallies going on in the rest of the region. The Arizona Unit has a Rally later this month in Wickenburg, AZ and next month the Arizona Unit and the Four Corners Unit get together to celebrate St Patrick's Day at the McDowell Mountain Regional Park North of Phoenix. The New Mexico Unit has Incheons scheduled for the next two months before their first rally in April at Pancho Villa State Park. DenCo will be having luncheons for the next three months before their May Maintenance Rally in Wellington, CO. Please check the web sites for these units for more details.

If your Airstream is covered in snow visit one of the luncheons in your area. If not, hook it up and have fun at a rally...

Remember to travel safe!