

Region XI Newsletter



On the Road – Richard Girard – Region 11 President

Jan and I recently returned home from the International Rally. Our trip home took almost a month as we traveled to the East Coast for a family reunion and also visited Jackson Center, OH where we toured the club headquarters and meet several members of the staff. This was our first visit to the Airstream factory and we did all of the required tourist items while parked on the company teraport. We visited the local burger establishment, toured the factory and shopped at the Airstream store. I would highly recommend a visit to Jackson Center if you are in the area. The factory tour is rated as one of the top ten tours in the America.



Membership Trophy

Congratulations are in order to every member of Region 11. We were the only Region in the WBCCI that grew in membership this past year and the Region is now in possession of the Membership Trophy for the next year. I would like to see us retain that trophy again next year. Membership is the most important item that every unit and every member should be working towards. Thank you all for winning the trophy for our Region!

I am very pleased to announce the Region 11 Team for 2012.

Richard Girard – President

Roger Pruter - 1st Vice President/Membership Chair

Barbara Vaughn – 2nd Vice President

Mary Doster – Recording Secretary

Patti Reed – Treasurer

Jan Girard – Corresponding Secretary

Linda Lawson – Contributing Editor

Leon Hauck – Webmaster



Installation of Barbara and Roger by John Boutwell

The Region is currently looking for a Caravan Chairman.

Caravans are a big part of our club and the role of Caravan Chairman would be to work with units that were planning local caravans. Please contact me if you are interested in this position.

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NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RALLY July 5, 2012 – Dan Neumarkel – Past President

The Region 11 was recognized as the only Region which has had a growth in membership for this year!!
Way to go Airstreamers.

Barbara Vaughn, Arizona's 2 time Past President and the Contributing Editor for the Region 11 to the Blue Beret for the past 2 years, volunteered to be the 2nd VP for Region 11. This meant that I needed to call a Meeting of the Region Board of Directors. Present was Region President, Region 1st VP, Region 2nd VP, Arizona President, Denco President, and New Mexico President. This made a required quorum. The Business was to elect the Officers for the Region for the next year. The result of the election was: President, Richard Girard; 1st VP, Roger Pruter; and 2nd VP, Barbara Vaughn.

The urgency for calling the meeting was dictated by the scheduled Installation of Officers at the Region 11 Luncheon. John Boutwell, International President for 2012-2013 did the installation.

I am proud that Region 11 had a full slate of delegates for the Delegate's Meeting.

The International Rally had 459 +/- units present. (Forgive me if that number is not correct, but it is close.) Richard will probably have a correction which will be correct.

It is with regret that I announce that the Utah Unit of WBCCI is closing, effective December 31, 2012. If anyone in the area knows of some who want to have a Unit, please contact Richard Girard, Pres, and Roger Pruter, 1st VP and Membership Chairman.

Emily and I wish to say thank you to all who supported our Region this past year. We look forward to being out and about throughout Region 11 as our travels lead us. Please remember that we have Courtesy Parking when you find your travels take you to Arizona. We have plenty of parking spaces.

Dan Neumarkel, Past Region 11 President

More about the International...

At this year's International Rally there were a variety of issues under consideration by both the delegates and IBT. Region 11 was represented by a delegate from every unit and they can be seen in the last row of the picture on the right. The delegates meeting had 3 items that were to be decided by the delegates.

The first item was the election of the International 3rd Vice President. Because of the resignation Of Don Clark due to health reasons, all of the existing VPs moved up one position and the nominee for 3rd VP (Joe Perryman) became the nominee for 2nd VP. The position for 3rd VP was then open to nominees from the floor. In a very close vote, Jim Schwerdfeger was elected 3rd VP.

The next item for the delegates was the Revised Constitution.

This was expected to be a very long drawn out process with many amendments and roll call votes by the delegates. Instead, a motion to call for the question was raised. This meant that a vote would be taken and if 2/3 of the delegates agreed, the debate was done and a vote would be taken on the Revision as submitted. The vote to call for the question was approved and the Revision was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

The third and final issue before the delegates meeting was the Motor Home motion. There were several amendments that were under consideration and a substitute motion pending when a member pointed out inconsistencies with the current motion and amendments with the current constitution. At that point a motion was made and approved to send the original motion back to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review.

The 5th of July IBT meeting was much less dramatic with mostly administrative actions taken. Two unit flags were approved and the Safety Committee was merged into the Technical Committee. There was a motion to eliminate the position of Region 2nd Vice President. The rational for this was to decrease the commitment of Region Officers from 6 years to 4. This motion was defeated. A motion to establish a committee to look into the current Region sizes was approved. This committee will be reporting to the IBT at the winter meeting in Blyth, CA in January.

If anyone would like more detail, please contact me.

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Delegates Meeting 2012 – Sedalia, MO

Region 11 Rally

The 2012 Region 11 Rally will be held at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds in Cortez, CO from the 10th of October till the 14th. Cortez is located in Southwestern Colorado and offers a variety of things to see and do. The rally schedule has one day set aside for enjoying the area. Included in the rally fee are 2 dinners and 4 breakfasts and there will be one pot luck dinner and an ice cream evening. We have arranged for two nights of professional entertainment for everyone's enjoyment.



David Nigteagle is a flute player and storyteller extraordinaire. David combines his Lakota knowledge of flute making, playing, and stories to engage audiences. His recordings include *Torn From the Heart: "The Journey, Mesa Anthology, and Circle Around the Moon. Mesa Anthology* was recorded at Mesa Verde National Park. David has performed for student groups nationwide. Among many other places, David has been an invited performer at Disney World, Grand Canyon and Mesa Verde National Parks, Crow Canyon Archeological Center, and for the Sierra Club at Hovenweep National Monument.

Donnie Johnson is the local country western singer in Cortez and performs regularly around the area. Donny will be performing on Western Night (Saturday) after the Unit President's Appreciation Dinner.

This will be a fun Rally in a great location, Jan and I look forward to seeing you there.