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ROSE PARADE RALLY DEC 29, 2016 - JAN 2, 2017

As it has done the past several years, Region 12 hosted the annual Rose Parade Rally in Pasadena. This was year 36! Thirty-one Airstreams showed up; their owners braved long journeys and challenging weather to arrive from places as far away as New Jersey and Pennsylvania as well as British Columbia and

Manitoba. There was also a guest from London, England who was able to take part in all the activities.

Because January 1 fell on a Sunday, the parade was held January 2. Tradition tells us that was because the floats may disturb horses parked at the churches along the parade route. Remember, this is a very old parade (127 years); the route wound through rural and urban areas at one time. The weather was cool with a bit of rain, but the day of the parade was clear. The equine groups, bands and floats were spectacular. The rally had a great group of people who loved the experience.

As an aside, there is already a list of some dozen or so folks who were on the waiting list and have sent in deposits for the 2017 rally. See the Region 12 website region12.wbcci.net for information and registration info in February.

WBCCI MID-WINTER IBT MEETING.

The Region 12 officers were glad to leave the rain and cold of California, but alas they brought it with them to Casa Grande, Arizona for the Mid-Winter IBT meeting. Region 11 President, Barbara Vaughn, and chef extraordinaire, Roger Pruter, managed to put on a great rally in spite of the weather.

The IBT (International Board of Trustees) meeting had more than 40 motions to review and vote on; in the end there were only about 14. Half of the original motions dealing with Units wanting to change their name or flags to include Airstream were put on hold. This is due to a legal issue raised by Thor Industries, (parent company of Airstream) about the use of the name Airstream. Airstream Inc. itself does not

have a problem, only Thor. We think the resolution will involve a licensing agreement similar to the one currently existing between Airstream and WBCCI. Meanwhile Units who have already changed their names are fine, but may have to sign a licensing agreement. Hopefully the issue will be resolved by the time of the International Rally.

The IBT approved a motion that allows Units to design their own Unit badge with certain conditions: The badge must have the official WBCCI emblem/logo prominently displayed as well as the members name, and home Unit. If they are a current officer in the Unit that should also be included. A number of Units have already designed a unique badge, but for WBCCI recognition it must have the official emblem included and not a derivation of the emblem.



Another motion, which passed made significant changes in the publications policies of the club. These will result in further

improvements in the Blue Beret.

Two other motions, one dealing with caravan policy and another revising Article V of the bylaws, were sent to committee for review and will be reintroduced at Escanaba.

Most of the rest of the motions were housekeeping, cleaning up the language of the bylaws.

REGION RALLY 2017

The 2017 Region Rally will be October 10 - 15, 2017 at Jackson Rancheria in Jackson, CA. The theme for this years rally is “**Get Your Groove On**”, a **60’s** event. The host, NorCal, has put together a great program for the rally with many activities and entertainment. Registration information for the rally will be coming out in February on the Region web site and will also be sent to each Unit. The last NorCal hosted Region rally, “Silver Among the Vines”, was great; I am sure this one will be also. So build the dates into your Unit plans and we look forward to seeing you in Jackson.

AN URBAN RALLY

For a great time before the Region Rally in October consider attending the 3 day Urban Rally in Carson City NV. The Lake Tahoe Unit is

organizing an Urban Rally to take over downtown historic Carson City. Contact burytone@yahoo.com for more information. This will be a first for Region 12!

INTERNATIONAL RALLY AND DELEGATES MEETING



The International Rally will be held in Escanaba MI, July 22-29, 2017 and the two point sites are sold out with a significant waiting list. However if you still want to attend there are solar/generator sites available and Richard Girard, International President, has found additional RV locations near the rally site. The information from the WBCCI website states:

Electric/Water/Pump out sites are currently **SOLD OUT!** The waiting list is also closed for these sites.

Solar and Generator sites are **AVAILABLE**. Solar and Generator camping will have water and pump outs. Bathrooms/shower houses are available at the

fairgrounds. You can register for those sites **NOW** click [HERE](#) to [Register](#).

We have made arrangements with two off site locations which are relatively close to the fairground.

Pioneer Trail Park- <http://www.deltacountyarks.com/pioneer-trail-park.html> Sites at this park are being held exclusively for "Airstream Club" members from January 1st to February 28th. After that date, registrations are open to the public. To make reservations, call 906-786-1020 or 906-553-7700 and identify yourself as a member of the Airstream Club. Email lorimathews@deltacd.org for additional information. This park is 3 miles from the fairground

Gladstone Bay Campground. <http://www.gladstonemi.org/campground> Sites can be reserved at this campground by leaving a message at 906-428-9222. This park is 7 miles from the fairground. **(It will be up to you to make reservations at these sites and then**

register for the rally at WBCCI.org indicating you are staying offsite.)

The offsite fee is \$95 per adult and entitles you to all the events at the fairground. This includes all the seminars, meals, entertainment, and access to the vendor area. If you are considering staying at one of these campgrounds, do not procrastinate, space is limited.

Just a note for those registered for the actual fairground rally site. If you are planning to travel with someone else to the rally and wish to be parked with them be sure to enter together as registrants will be parked as they arrive. **Note, because there are different kinds of sites (water and electric as well as solar/generator) make sure your partner has the same kind as you.**

REGION 12 UNIT/CLUB CARAVANS

In the July newsletter you were encouraged to make an effort to put together Unit/Club caravans for travel in or outside the Region. NorCal's annual Winter caravan is starting February 6 and will be doing the California coast with many interesting stops ending in

Bakersfield. They are also doing a caravan, Journey Into Darkens, to join the Oregon Unit for an eclipse rally in August.

The Lake Tahoe Airstream Club has just completed a caravan to the 30th annual Bluegrass Festival in Blyth CA. Some of the Region officers managed to attend this after the IBT meeting. Hopefully some Units will organize caravans to the International in Escanaba MI as well as to the Region 12 Rally in Jackson. If your Unit is planning any caravans and are looking for participants, please post this on your up to date website.

REGION OFFICERS ELECTION.

This is the year Region 12 elects new Region officers. The candidates are: Jim Polk for Region President, Cecelia Stansbury for 1VP and Eric McHenry for 2VP. The ballots for the election have been sent to the Unit Presidents for consideration by their Unit Members. Completed ballots need to be returned to the Region Treasurer by April 25, 2017.

Law of Logical Argument- Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.