



## President's Monthly News

To be shared with WBCCI Members

Tom Collier, International President

### **Register Before January 1 and Save \$20**

Be sure and register for the 53rd International Convention/Rally before January 1, 2010 and save \$20.00 per couple or \$10.00 for a single. Not only do you save a few bucks, but the earlier we know how many are going to attend, the better we can plan for the best rally possible. It is much easier for hosts to schedule events and activities if they know how many are planning to attend.

### **2020 Committee**

Chairman Darrell Waters and members of the 20/20 Committee have been diligently working these past six months. They have some ideas on how Region Officers can assist Unit 1st Vice Presidents to better plan their unit rallies, such as including members of all ages and hosting events that are new and well attended. These ideas, along with the Unit Planning Guide, the Mentor Program, the Media Program should give these incoming officers assistance in better planning their year. There will be a training seminar during the International Rally for Unit Vice Presidents.

International 1st VP, Norm Beu, has also asked the 2020 Committee to review the job descriptions of the International Standing Committees to make sure the club is getting needed information while looking for ways to cut expenses. As the club gets smaller, do we need all of these positions? Or can we get by with fewer people or perhaps combine some committees?

If you remember, in 2005 Jim Franklin presented a paper outlining ideas to realign Regional boundaries, reduce the number of Region officers, and combine International Rallies with Region Rallies, all with the intention of cutting expenses. While in 2005 those ideas were met with less than enthusiasm, perhaps it is time to rethink this idea. The 2020 Committee is now looking at these possibilities. This is something that will not come easily and will take a great deal of thought and time. There are many different opinions on this subject and many areas of the Blue Book that would need to be amended.

### **2010 Frog Roundup IBT MID-WINTER Rally**

Rayne, Louisiana January 19-23, 2010  
Sandy Stumpf

The WBCCI Frog Roundup Mind-Winter IBT Rally will be held at the Rayne Civic Center in Rayne, Louisiana. The majority of the rally sites have full hookups.

Rayne is the "Frog Capital of the World" and has many interesting and historical sights to see in the area. The rally fee includes a Wine and Cheese Reception on Tuesday evening, two catered dinners, three breakfast, a social hour, and an optional banquet on Saturday night. There are three nights of entertainment, which include a Barber Shop Quartet on Wednesday evening, a Cajun Band on Thursday evening, and Bill Roza Duo on Saturday evening after the banquet. As this is Cajun Country, you will find many fine restaurants in the local and surrounding area. Friday is a free day and you will be able to explore this part of Louisiana to your heart's content. This Mid-Winter IBT is open to all WBCCI members. Plan to join us for a great rally in January at Rayne. Look for the rally coupon in your *Blue Beret*.

### **Gillette**

The time for the 53rd International Rally is quickly approaching. As I think back on past International Rallies, I remember the uniqueness of each, the differing experiences and all the fun enjoyed even though some inconveniences of nature occurred. Even so, these were all great, fun rallies. Just as the 53rd International Rally in Gillette, June 27th-July 4th, 2010 will be unique with some new seminars, new vendors, new activities and more than likely a few new surprises. I am looking forward to your being able to explore the area and discover some new things as you make new friends, experience new adventures, and participate in the business meetings of WBCCI.

## Mailing of Directories

Please let your region members know that if they have moved since paying their dues, they will not receive their 2010 Directory unless headquarters has been given their new address.

## Motions for Mid-Winter

Twenty-five (25) motions are on the agenda for the IBT to address at the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting. Thirteen (13) of the motions are budget and financial related. Eight (8) of the motions deal with changing the grievance procedures in WBCCI. To date, more grievances have been filed in 2009 than in any other year during the history of our club.

## Bean Bag Baseball

During the International Rally each summer, many different types of contests are held. Most are competitions between individual members. Some, such as Unit Directories, are competitions where units compete against each other. The only Regional competition is Beanbag Baseball. At Madison, only a few of the Regions competed. If the Beanbag Baseball competition is to continue, more Regions need to become involved. Please let me know if your Region plans to compete so that I can mail you a copy of the rules we will use in Gillette.

## New Members

In November, seventy-eight (78) new members joined WBCCI. Has each of these new members been assigned a mentor? Please see that your units are mentoring their new members.

Ten (10) of the new members are Members-at-Large. If any of these new MAL's live in your region, please send them a letter welcoming them to WBCCI. Also, encourage your unit presidents to invite the Members at Large to attend a unit rally, travel with the unit on a unit caravan, or attend a unit dinner..

## Need Chairmen

Beanbag Baseball  
Outdoor Games  
Knitting

## Gillette Registrations

11-30-09      475

## Gillette Rally Bags

It appears that we will have extra rally bags. Therefore, anyone wanting an additional bag may purchase one from any of the International Officers or order one from the International President. The cost is \$15 per bag plus the cost for shipping.

## Staff Changes at Headquarters

Jodi Morris, Membership Director, has turned in her resignation effective December 18, 2009. Jodie began her employment with WBCCI in 1997 as Member Services and Reception. We will all miss Jodie and the great job she had done for our club in all these years. Deb Mann will be taking over Jodi's duties. Deb Sailor has been hired to assume Deb Mann's duties, and Dot Stengel has reduced the number of hours that she works each week. These changes have resulted in a reduction of salary costs.

## New Special Events Rallies

Our members will have three new special event rallies to attend this next year thanks to the efforts of our hard working members and units.

**The Albuquerque Balloon Festival**, hosted by the New Mexico Unit, is back. This has always been a great rally which allows WBCCI members to get up close and personal with beautiful hot air balloons. Details for this special event will be available soon in the *Blue Beret*. Watch for this information and be ready to travel to New Mexico for a fun and exciting rally.

**Pocono Raceway Rally**, July 29-Aug. 1, 2010. This special event rally will be hosted by the Metropolitan New York Unit. The rally has been billed as a Mega-Joint Rally and a Nascar sponsored event at the Pocono Raceway. Parking will be in the infield where members and racing fan will be close to the action.

**Canadian Thanksgiving & Columbus Day Rally**, Oct. 7-11, 2010, will be hosted by the Cape Cod Unit in Provincetown, Massachusetts, located on the tip of Cape Cod. This rally will celebrate Canada's thriving harvest and salute Christopher Columbus for his successful voyage to the "New World".

Norma and I wish you a Happy New Year and safe travels as you make your way to Rayne, Louisiana for the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting January 19-23, 2010.

"Keep your eyes on the stars, and the stars in your eyes...see it you can *discover* (sic) what's over the next hill, and the next one after that."  
Wally Byam