



# President's Monthly News

To be shared with WBCCI Members

Tom Collier, International President

## Region Planning Guide and Award of Excellence Program

This is the second full year for the Regions to have the opportunity to participate in the Region Planning Guide and Award of Excellence Program. The program, chaired by Past International President Jim Had-daway, is similar to the Unit Planning and Award Program, as it is to be used for the Regions to better plan for successful region activities and also to measure the results of that planning. The award portion of the program recognizes these accomplishments, and those who qualify will receive a streamer to display with their region flag.

In 2007, the first full year for the program, there were six regions who qualified for the award. In 2008, the number receiving the award rose to seven. Let's plan for 100% by next year!

Congratulations to all the Regions, whether they qualified or not. Their efforts in helping to make WBCCI the place for fun, fellowship and adventure are appreciated.

## Balloon Festival Reactivated

The Albuquerque Balloon Festival has been reactivated. 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.

## Gillette Rally

The 53rd International Convention/Rally in Gillette is on schedule with most items finalized; however, there are still things to be completed.

Activities, tours, entertainment and attractions will be featured in future *Blue Beret* articles. Thanks to all who have registered early.

Check out the poem "Why Wyoming". Go to the WBCCI web page and click on Int'l Rally then "Why Wyoming". Great poem and pictures of WY.

Rally committee chairmen still needed:

- Beanbag Baseball
- Outdoor games
- Knitting
- Walking for Fun

Registrations as of 10-30-09  
455

79 new members in Oct.  
12 Members-At-Large  
Each one needs a mentor

## Frog Round-Up in Rayne

The Mid-Winter IBT in Rayne, Louisiana is fast approaching. Region 6, the host, is planning for a fun and interesting rally. The Mid-Winter IBT is first of all a business meeting, but it is also a time for fun and fellowship.

This years IBT starts on Tuesday January 19th, and ends on Saturday January 23rd. This is a change from past years. Monday January 18th is Martin Luther King Day, and the buildings will be in use. Please be patient if you come in to park on Monday as the area will be busy with traffic and people.

Region Presidents, if you are planning on bringing forth motions to be placed on the agenda for the Mid-Winter IBT, they are due in WBCCI headquarters by December 1st.

## Seminars at Gillette

One of the highlights of any rally are the varied seminars available to members. Over the years we have had everything from personal hobbies, health, financial, RV maintenance, cooking, computers, and many others. If you have a seminar that you would like to present in Gillette, or have a topic you think others would enjoy, please let us know and we will try to schedule a place and time.

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