

REGION NINER

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Unit installations for 2010 are complete and we have a new group of officers who have committed their time and energies to their various units.

The planning for our region rally in Abilene is progress well. We have a caterer sign up to provide great food. We have some great entertainment signed for two of the three nights and are looking for a third. I hope you all will make arrangements to attend. A sign up sheet is included in this newsletter.

Region 9 Unit Presidents for 2011

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| East Texas Lakes Unit | Alonzo Sosa | Texas Coastal Plains Unit..... | Jack Williams |
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Stay Safe on the Road

Travel tips from Good Sams Insider

1. **Be Prepared.** Review your route before you even start your engine. It's important to make sure you know which interstates you are looking for and if any obstacles- such as tunnels, or tolls, or construction- may be on your route. physical addresses will now be provided with the private campground listings. This should make it easier to input you destination into your GPS and other mapping programs.
2. **Assign a copilot.** If possible, ask one of your passengers to sit up front and help the driver navigate. It's always helpful and safe to have a second set of eyes on road to keep a look out for the next turn.
3. **Avoid distractions.** Cell phones and iPods steal your attention when using them, so let your passengers handle the phone calls and music selection when you're driving.
4. **Always have a map or atlas by your side.** To quickly confirm that you are headed in the right direction or in case an unexpected detour pops up, it is nice to keep a map by your side for easy reference.
5. **Tell a friend.** In case of an emergency, tell a friend or family member where you are headed on your RV trip and leave them with a copy of your planned route.
6. **Travel during daylight hours.** You are more alert and have better visibility during the day, so important landmarks are less likely to be missed.
7. **Finally, take your time.** You are on a journey, so why rush? Enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way. A little extra time will help you prepare for upcoming exits and turns.

Hopefully, these easy tips will keep your RV trip stress-free and relaxed!

In Memoriam

The officers and members of Region 9 and WBCCI express our sympathy to the families and friends of these departed members.

John Henry #5050 Past President Oklahoma Unit #088

Harvey Knezek #13081 Texas Alamo Unit #168

Ralph Marr #26492 North Texas Unit #099

Ruth Woodard #6953 Unit # 143

Teresa TenBurge #265 P Intl. Rec Sec. & Membership Chairman California Unit #017

Lets all make ourselves proud.

The community service for Abilene is “Wounded Warriors” in addition to “Cents for Kids”

See Janie Haddaway (community service chairman) for information.

UNDER THE STARS IN BIG COUNTRY

March 28 — April 2

Work is still in progress on our Region 9 rally and we are trying to schedule more seminars and classes. We still need someone to be the chairperson for a crafts seminar. Plus, we always welcome members who are willing and have the knowledge to conduct a seminar. If anyone has an idea or suggestion please contact one of the officers and help make this rally an even better one.

We are going to do something a little different with the arts, hobby, and photo show. We will not have a judged event, partially due to the difficulty finding a chairperson and judges to do it. Also, I hope that this might encourage more people to bring their arts and hobbies for display. Some people are hesitant to enter a judged event. I know there are a lot of talented people in Region 9 and we would thoroughly enjoy seeing those talents displayed.

For those of you who have never attended a Region 9 rally, you don't know what you are missing . We have games, competitions, classes and seminars, entertainment ,good food, and lots of fellowship with other airstreamers. Come join us and make it an even better event.

Region 9 Activities 2011

Jan. 24- 28 Winter IBT Regional Fairgrounds	Robstown, Tx 78380
Feb. 24-Mar. 4 Region 9 Computer Rally NTAC	Hillsboro, Tx
Mar. 28- Apr. 2 Region 9 “Under the Stars in Big Country” Rally	Abilene, Tx
June 28-July 4 International Rally	DuQuoin, Illinois
July 1 st Region 9 Luncheon	DuQuoin, Illinois
Sept. thru Dec. 2011 Region 9 Unit Installation of Officers	

This synopsis will be presented at the Mid-winter IBT and is provided in this newsletter for any one not attending IBT. If you have any additional commits or ideas for this presentation let me know by Jan 10, 2011

Region 9 Round Table

Note: Taken at various times, of Units in Region 9, in no particular order.

Units should have a better assortment of Games, not just Joker and dominoes, such as balloon volleyball and bean bag baseball.

Every unit should have at least one caravan a year, Presidents caravan for example.

Have a "no host" rally in August.

Plan an "urban camping" like the new Cleveland unit did. (?)

Should have more region/international workshops on things related to Airstreams and Airstream products. Should have an actual Airstream mechanic do a seminar at region/international.

Better food at region rallies, fewer meals at region rallies, less expensive food at region rallies, spend less money on entertainment at region rallies, better entertainment at region rallies, less country music at region rallies.

Have more vendors; maybe charge them less to be a vendor.

Cut region officers term of office to one year at each level. Would make it easier to get new officers. Obligation is too long.

Allow more than just two buddy rallies a year.

Have a round table at every region rally.

Every unit should have a mentoring program. Take guest and new members with you to outside activities and sit with them at meals and meetings. Provide new people with "unwritten rules" and protocols (on all levels, **unit, region, and international**) better recognition of "First Timers" than just a ribbon.

Change the service year from January thru December to July thru June so all installation could be accomplished at International saving Travel expenses by region officers. (New officers not attending the International Rally could be installed at next Unit Rally)

More weekend rallies to accommodate working families.

International rally price is too high. At least region rallies include meals.

More intra club entertainment, Teen Queen Night and Region skits night rather than professional entertainment. "Professional entertainment only one night". Entertainment paid for separately to hold down cost of the international rally. Use the international band for two nights instead of just one for entertainment.

50/50 on longer versus shorter flag ceremony at international, some members want it even shorter than the shorter Gillette version. (No suggestions on how to do that)

Have all qualified candidates for office, have their resumes in the Blue Beret and /or sent to all unit presidents. **Units need time to review all candidates not just the ones picked by the nominating committee.** International leaders (the big five) have not proven to be good judges of leadership.

Find a way to shorten the International Rally. Our region is about one third the size of the International rally but only last 6 days and includes meals and door prizes. Big support in Region 9 to have Thor create a motor home that is identified as "Airstream" and allow those who purchase such a product be allowed to be a member of WBCCI.

Better cooperation between Airstream and Airstream dealers to provide parts for Airstreams.

Business meetings at International and the mid-winter IBT are too long.

Keep the International WBCCI directory shorter and simple. Do away with past history of caravans, and caravan numbers for one example.

**REGISTRATION COUPON
REGION 9**



*Abilene, Abilene,
prettiest town I've*

ever seen, is

Abilene, my Abilene

UNDER THE STARTS IN BIG COUNTRY
Taylor County Expo Center

**WEEKEND ONLY: If you work and can
only attend:**

Friday and/or Saturday :

Friday arrivals \$40.00 per adult \$30.00
Per Teen

Saturday only \$30.00 per adult \$20.00
per Teen

PLUS:

Parking \$20.00 per night

Rally Fee includes:

**3 Breakfast, 3 Dinners, Entertainment &
Activities.**

**6 nights of Electricity and Water. There is
a dump on site.**

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit _____ Region # _____

E-Mail _____

Handicap Parking Yes ___ No ___

Rally Fee (\$50.00 adult x _____) \$ _____

Rally Fee (\$30.00 teen x _____) \$ _____

Rally Parking (\$20.00 Per night x ___) \$ _____

TOTAL INCLOSED _____ \$ _____

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cancel after
March 1, 2011.
ONLY parking
fee will be re-
funded**