



The Region Niner

Region 9 Newsletter - To Be Shared With All Unit Members

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All Aboard the Airstream Express

Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA
Montgomery, Texas

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International Board of Trustees-Mid-Winter 2010 Meeting Report

The IBT Mid-Winter Meeting & Rally was held in Rayne, LA from January 19-23, 2010. The Rally was hosted by WBCCI Region 6, and was attended by 116 members-units. Region 9 was represented by Doug Wylie, President; C. C. Gartman, 1st V.P.; Ken Sands, 2nd V. P.; Joanne Miller-Parliamentarian. There was an extensive agenda with reports presented by the chairmen of 24 Standing and Special Committees and 29 motions presented for IBT consideration and action. The focus of the meeting was the tension between recent operating deficits, a proposal for an enhanced and redirected marketing program, and concerns about the merits of an increase in International Dues.

Presidents Comments

Region 9 will be celebrating its 41st Anniversary on April 12 –18, 2010 at the Lake Conroe/Houston North KOA in Montgomery, Texas. This is the “All Aboard the Airstream Express” Rally. We are having a Railroad themed rally which we are looking forward to seeing our old and new friends and membership. Region 9 members were given a great discount at the rally in Waco if you registered before it came to an end, instead of 7 we have 70 registered. And the new members who come to our Region 9 rally in 2010 will be given a discount. We would love having lots of first timers. You are to welcome to wear anything railroad, overalls, jeans, hats and come join in our fun.

Region Superior Merit Award was given to our Region for every time it has been given. Congratulations to US IN Region 9.

Jim Schwerdfeger (Raisin) from Texas Hill Country Unit in Region 9 has put his name in to be nominated for the position of 2nd Vice President for Region 9, for 2010. Good luck, Jim and Raisin!!

Doug & Sheryl, C. C. & Carla, Ken & Sandy, Lyle & Peggy, Joanne & Bill



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Region 9 Events

5th Annual Chili Cook-Off Rally hosted by Texas Coastal Plain Unit , Texas Alamo and Texas Unit being held Oct, 2010 Coughatta RV in Bellville, Texas. Open to all members and their buddies, send a team or two.

53rd International Rally
 Gillette, WY June 28-July 4, 2009

Region 9 Luncheon at Gillette, WY
 July 1, 2010 12:00 p m
 The Prime Rib Restaurant
 1205 S Douglas Hwy
 Gillette, WY 82716
 (307) 682-2944

Unit Installations September thru December

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEEDS AT 53RD INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Janet Kendig, Chairman of the WBCCI Community Service Committee requests WBCCI Member help in meeting needs for assistance in the Gillette, WY community. In 2010, we are asked to donate food and “gently-used” children’s books. Food donations of any kind or checks. Please see if you have children’s books in reasonable condition which may be passed along by your children or grandchildren to youngsters in Wyoming. Toiletries for the Abused Women’s Shelter would also be gratefully received.

If you are unable to attend the Rally, please ask a friend who is going to please bring your donations. Let’s show Region 9 cares.

Report of IBT**January, 2010**

There were 25 Motions listed in the advance agenda. Two more were added during the announcements. The first day, the twenty-five committee reports were heard and the first five motions were addressed.

Motion 1-The New Orleans Unit, a newly combined unit, had their name changed to The Greater New Orleans Louisiana Unit #133.

Motion 2-Approved the reduction of the International Rally Fund to \$139,220.11 as a result of the losses sustained at the Madison International Rally.

Motion 3-A motion regarding who pays for photocopying cost at Mid-Winter IBT was defeated. Discussion of funding changes for Mid-Winter IBT.

Motion 4-Following an International Rally, detailed financial reports shall be prepared and distributed no later than Dec 1st following the rally and presented to the second meeting of the IBT.

Motion 5-Requires the Treasurer to prepare and present to the incoming IBT at its first meeting each fiscal year, budgets for general fund and each future International Rally for a site which has been announced and required conditions.

Motion 6-Requires the International Treasurer to annually at the end of the fiscal year, direct annual Financial Statements be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and to be distributed to IBT and Region Vice Presidents no later than December 1st to be reviewed at Mid-Winter IBT meeting.

Motion 7-Unit Executive Board shall appoint a Delegate and one Alternate from Regular Members to attend the annual Delegates meeting of the parent organization (WBCCI). An Affiliate Member of the unit who is a regular member in the same Region may be appointed if no Regular Member is going to attend the Delegates meeting. Should a vacancy occur after such selection, the Unit President shall fill the vacancy by appointment. Such Delegate and Alternate should

be instructed on how to vote on the Unit's behalf.

Motions 8, 9, 10, & 11 Housekeeping motions.

Motion 12-A 25% overall reduction in budgeted disbursements for International Officers passed.

Motion 13-Region Officers travel expenses reduced by 10%.

Motion 14-International dues increased from \$55.00 to \$65.00 per year effective 7/5/10.

Motion 15-Percentage voting defeated.

Motion 16-To change the IBT meeting schedule was referred to the 20/20 Committee.

Motion 17-To include \$15,240.00 in Operating Budget 2009/2010 to fund Marketing Committee presented at Mid-Winter IBT meeting in Rayne, LA.

Motion 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25-combined as housekeeping updates and procedures regarding Grievances.

Motion 20- In reference to appeal when on probation-Defeated

Item 26-For information only regarding the reorganization of WBCCI in phases, restructuring of Regions, elimination of International 3rd VP, site selection for International Rally in conjunction with a Region Rally-requires revision of Blue Book accordingly.

Item 28 and 29-were withdrawn

Nominating Committee Report

The 2010-2011 Nominating Committee will propose the following slate for consideration by the Delegates.

- International President Norm Beu
- International 1st Vice President Barry Heckenswiler
- International 2nd Vice President Don Clark
- International 3rd Vice President **Nominee**
JOHN BOUTWELL
- International Recording Secretary **Nominee**
SANDY PERRYMAN
- International Treasurer **Nominee**
BOB MOSS
- Nominating Committee **Nominee**
DOUG WYLIE
- Nominating Committee **Nominee**
RICHARD HEYDE

Other candidates for these offices may run from the floor, according to WBCCI Constitution, Article XIII, Sec. 5.

Resumes for the above slate of officers are included in the April issue of Blue Beret.