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We Survived the AlCan Highway!

After ...

Four provinces, the Yukon Territory and Alaska,
7½ weeks, 53 nights,
34 camp set-ups
Herds of buffalo, Stone sheep, Woodland and Baranland Caribou
Brown, Black and Grizzly Bears & spawning Salmon
Golden & Bald Eagles,
Hawks & Falcons,
Magpies, Whiskey-jacks and Raven too numerous to count.,
Blue-green Alpine Lakes & meadows, Mount McKinley to Mount Robson and all the mountains in-between, Plunging waterfalls and death-defying canyons and raging rivers...
Amazing scenic drives and meeting people from all over the world...

One ferry ride before the Top-o-the World Hwy and another through a beautiful fjord...
2 new tires, a broken hot water tank a fallen full-length mirror...
stray screws and rivets...
one lost safety chain ..
one lost set of keys...
a run-away dog
on a mountaintop rest stop,
an escapee cat in an Edmonton campground...
and a few stray socks...
11,907 kms...7441 miles
We have..

Survived the Alcan Hwy !
and have returned to talk about our amazing summer on the road !

Terral & Don Rogers



The Rogers find an campsite with an amazing view along the Al-Can Highway.

Get Ready for Jamestown May 3-5

Don't look at the thermometer here in North Dakota, but technically, Spring is here and that means our Spring Rally and luncheon in Jamestown are just around the corner. President Don Thomson and First Lady Lillian have a relaxing weekend in store for everyone. Don said that whatever I wrote in this article about planned events he would make happen, so here goes!

Larsons got to see hot air balloons this winter, so that might be cool, seeing as we were had to stay at home. Don was talking about the gated community they spent a month at, so some upscale foods would be a nice touch. Coon- rods were "Gone to Texas" and got to enjoy the Marktplatz in Fredericksburg, so a German twist to things might be interesting. Bruce had his knee fixed, but none of that didn't sound like a lot of fun. The Towles were at home in

South Dakota for the winter and had lots of snow, I'm sure some nice warm weather would be most welcome. Well, how about it, Don?

For the Rally, make sure to call the **Frontier Fort Campground** for reservations, phone 701-252-7492. The campground is adjacent to the "Big Buffalo" at Frontier Village, on 17th Street SE.

If you need hotel accommodations, there is Gladstone Inn & Suites, 866-748-4466, Days Inn at 800-329-7466, Comfort Inn, PH. 800-4CHOICE.

The luncheon will be held at 11:00 AM at the Buffalo City Grille, 103 1st S Ave, downtown Jamestown. If you have any questions, give Don a call at 701-265-8662. Hope to see everyone there!
Cathy R

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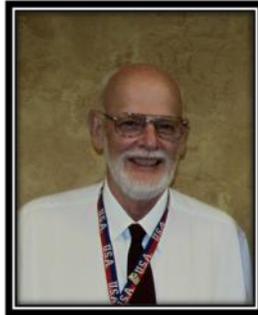
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President's Message



Greetings from the sunny but cold Arizona desert. We left Cavalier Jan 4th and traveled to Seattle via Williston oil patch and I 94/90. The oil patch is something else, but the weather was awesome all the way to the Snoqualmie pass. There was lots of snow on top – traction tires required. It rained every day in Seattle. Left Washington and got into two snow storms in Oregon – beautiful. Traveled down the CA coast – thru the Red Woods – awesome... Saw Regan library, crossed Golden Gate Bridge, stayed at the Navy ammo dump near the ocean in Seal Beach (south LA) for several days. New rv campground on base. Saw Nixon library and Knox Berry Farm again after 45 yrs. Left for the IBT at Blythe. Had a great time with all the NDPG people and the Region 7. We

...by Don Thomson

did a lot of things together. Had lots of fun.

The Hobo Rally was also great. About 90+ rigs with lots of free time to go out and EAT. Each evening there was entertainment and a meal most days at the Auditorium. We had several tours – irrigation systems, cotton, cotton gin, hay compression for export to far east. Some also toured a state prison. I'm just trying to stay away from those places. This was just an easy fun time.

The Hobo parade was followed by the crowning of the Hobo king and queen. They also picked the best stew can. You had to have a decorated #10 stew can or you just do not EAT. Some of the cans were very well done. I hope the pictures we sent will help you visualize what went on. Many of our members participated and Joan made the top five for hobo queen. Got eliminated by a piano player!

We have now had our experience in boon-docking/dry camping. Spent 5 days out in the desert on government land (BLM). Got really challenging at night when the temperatures dropped to under 40 degrees and solar struggled to keep furnace running. We learned to conserve by not using lights or plugging phone, etc., in after dark. I guess this rig would take care of itself if the temps were a little higher. Pilot has good showers!

Our next adventure will be when we go to the homeless shelter in Phoenix Feb.16. We will try to let you in on the great times we will have there. We understand they have an epidemic of bedbugs in Phoenix but, luckily, we won't be sharing beds with them.

Looking forward to the spring and summer events and seeing everyone.

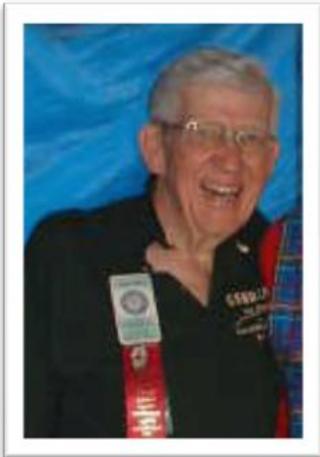
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2013 Calendar of Events

May 3-5, 2013	Spring Rally - Jamestown, ND
May 4, 2013	Spring Luncheon, 11:00AM, Buffalo City Grille, 103 1st S Ave, Jamestown, ND
May 15-29, 2013	Tulip Festival, Orange City, IA—hosted by Minnesota Unit.
June 6 - 9, 2013	Buddy Rally, Stump Lake, 15 mi S of Lakota
June 20, 2013	Unit Luncheon - Aberdeen, SD
June 21 - July 4, 2013	Caravan to Huron for Early Volunteers
June 27 - July 4, 2013	International Rally, Fairgrounds, Huron, SD
June 28, 2013	Region 7 Luncheon, 11:30 am, Huron Event Center, 100 4th Street SW, Huron
July 22 - 24, 2013	Caravan to Region 7 Rally - Meet at West Fargo, with stop Walker, MN then to Duluth
July 25 - 29, 2013	Region 7 Tall Ships Rally, Duluth, MN
Sept 12 - 15, 2013	Fall Installation Rally, Icelandic State Park, Cavalier, ND



A Final Farewell to Old Friends



Past Region 7 1st Mate **Dean Kyle** passed away in Sweet Home, Oregon on February 4, 2012 after a prolonged battle with cancer. Dean and Pearl Adams were an Air-streamer romance and married in 2006.

They enjoyed traveling and all the people they met during their adventures. Please keep Pearl and Dean's families in your thoughts and prayers.

Kemm Satterfield, long time Airstreamer and past president of the South Dakota Unit, passed away unexpectedly Oct. 21, 2012 at the Spreafish hospital. Kemm and her husband Sid joined the South Dakota Unit in 1977; Sid served as unit president in 1985 and Kemm was president in 1989. Sid passed away in 1992.



A true supporter of the South Dakota Unit, Kemm attended the Farewell Rally in 2009. She is survived by a daughter and son, and two brothers, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Project Update By Gail Harrower, Committee Chair



What great support we received from Region 12 at the IBT Meeting in Blythe, California, but especially during the Hobo Rally! The Hobo Rally had two special auctions with proceeds going towards the Hands of Peace Project:

1. Three brand new VAC shirts (donated by Art Idso & Kathleen Schultz) were auctioned off and then sold again - raising \$90.48.
2. Lucas Oil I-10 Speedway (located at the fair-grounds where the Hobo Rally is held) donated a certificate for \$200.00 of Lucas Oil Products - raising \$95.00.

A display was set up during the registration at the rallies and donations were collected. We received contributions from Region 5; the Long Beach California Unit and many private individuals who attended the rallies. A big THANK YOU for the contributions. The total collected was \$1,045.48 and has been sent to the International Peace Garden.

Another display will be set up during the International Rally in Huron, South Dakota and we will once again be accepting donations. Committee members in attendance in Blythe, CA were Vern Zink, Don Thomson, Linda Agre, Gail Harrower, Joan Lahr and our secretary, Lillian Thomson.

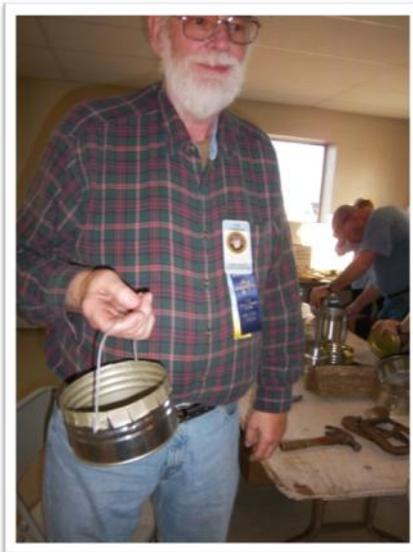


Fun Times on the Road



The North Dakota Peace Garden Unit had great representation at the Winter International Board of Trustees meeting in Blythe, California this year.

Stopping for a group shot at the luncheon were , Lillian and Don Thomson of Cavalier, Bev and Vern Zink, Bismarck, Gail and Bruce Harrower, Ste. Anne, MB, and Kathleen Schultz, Lidgerwood and Art Idso from Absaraka, North Dakota



On Tuesday, February 19th, Art Idso celebrated his birthday and started out his day going for breakfast. Joining him were Kathleen Schultz, Linda Agre, and Bruce and Gail Harrower. Kathleen took Art out for supper that evening and afterwards invited two couples from the park for cake and ice cream. Art was so surprised and thought he had a super evening of good conversation. Kathleen and Art were leaving Yuma, AZ on March 3rd for home. (Kathleen and Art above in the Hobo Rally Parade, Blythe, California.)



Above, Don Thomson diligently works on his lunch bucket for the Hobo Rally

Left, Joan Lahr competes in the Hobo Rally Queen competition, dressed to the nines! Rumor has it, she took second place—Way to go, Joan—keeping Region 7 on the map!

Right, Don and Terrol Rogers are headed home to Winnipeg, pausing for a grin in Jasper



Fun Times on the Road...Gone to Texas Caravan

By Bruce Coonrod

Usually a journal is published for the WBCCI caravans. For the Gone To Texas, we drew dates for the days we were to write something for the journal. The caravan lasted 34 days, so these two days in October are only a small part of it. Maybe several didn't write anything because we never got a journal.

Here are the two days we were responsible for. And after being at the Alamo and several other spots of Texas history, I told them about the story of how an old Mexican told me how the Lone Star State got its star. No one in Texas knows, and you can't find it on the internet either. But I believe the old guy.

Saturday, October 13

Today we say good-bye to the San Antonio KOA and its many squirrels and head northwest to the next stop, the German community of Fredericksburg.

We also say good-bye to Dale and Janis Edwards, who are heading home to Florida to conduct some business. This caravan was their honeymoon.

The plains of San Antonio soon change to the Hill Country, and we can see in which direction San Antonio is expanding.

The drive is breezy with a south wind and the sky overcast with light drizzle at times. We arrive at the Fredericksburg RV and park. We soon find our site has sandburs, so Bojo, watch out. We carry a digger and may improve this site a little as time allows.

There are lots of things to do, but our information packet contained a flyer on a wood festival in town this weekend. When we hit Main Street, I knew we had entered a tourist destination—lots of traffic and lots of tourists.

We've found the festival at *Marktplaf*, which means market square. (Our second language has now changed from Spanish to German.) We've found the 20th annual Texas Mesquite Association Art Festival. Now I need to find a parking spot.

The vendors are set up under large tents. If it can be made in mesquite, it's here: furniture, artwork, lamps, vases, gun stocks, large Cajun hooks that could turn half a beef. And here I'd been kicking myself for driving right by the mesquite furniture shop at Sabinal, twice.

I learn that mesquite is a hard wood, a very, very hard wood. Another name for it is ironwood. After wandering through all the vendors and picking out several pieces I'd like to have, we return to the pickup empty-handed. But from what I'd seen in West Texas, those guys will never run out of raw material.

Later in the evening we return to downtown Fredericksburg and wander by the shops on main street, reading the plaques on the front of the buildings. Most shops were closed, but some were still open, those with live music, wine tasting, and food. No one will go hungry, or thirsty, here.

We had bought tickets for the evening's performance at the RockBox Theater. So at 7:30 we find the building and en-



ter. I'm not sure what RockBox means or what we're going to see, but now I think it means it manufactures old rock 'n' roll songs.

A resurrected Barney Fife of fictional Mayberry R.F.D. counted down to the opening curtain, and a hand-clapping two hours of old time rock 'n' roll songs mixed with comedy.

What a treat. Talented musicians and singers with lots of energy entertained us, and some of us found ourselves singing and clapping along with songs we grew up with, like Chuck Barry's Johnny B. Goode. A Saturday night can't get any better than that.

Sunday, October 14, 2012

Early this morning a front passed, and it rained, accompanied by thunder.

Today could be called Johnson Day, because a tour of the LBJ Ranch and Johnson City are planned.

Our group assembles at 9 a.m. and caravans to the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park and Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site along the Pedernales River. We first stopped at the park visitor center to get our pass and a CD for the self-guided tour of the ranch grounds. We skip the living history demonstrations at the Sauer-Beckman Farmstead,

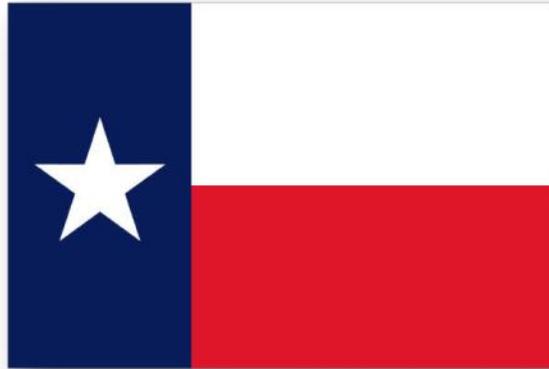
How the Lone Star State got its Star

In February 2007, Carolyn and I participated in an Escapes Club Chapter 8 (Mexican Connection) caravan to central Mexico, stopping at the old Spanish colonial mining towns of Saltillo, Zacatecas, and Guajuato.

Our first stop at Saltillo, the capital of the Mexican state of Coahuila, included a bus trip to the downtown where we toured a cathedral, a museum, a building that held the administrative offices of state government, a serape factory and a Spanish hacienda that began its life in the 16th century.

The hacienda had been restored, and Mexican guides explained the various functions of the rooms that surrounded an open courtyard. One guide, an older Mexican in his 60s, then told a story that I found quite interesting.

He explained that Saltillo was once the capital of two states, Coahuila and Texas. After the Mexican Revolution



By Bruce Coonrod

against Spanish rule in 1821, the new government adopted a constitution in 1824. The constitution established the state of Coahuila y Tejas (Coahuila and Texas).

The state flag adopted was three vertical colors—green on the left, red on the right, and white in the center. The center contained two gold stars because Saltillo was the capital of two states. That flag was flying over Texas when the Battle of the Alamo took place.

He said that once Santa Anna was defeated and Texas declared its independence from Mexico, Saltillo then was the capital of only one state, Coahuila, and removed one of the stars from its flag.

The other star? It went to the new Texas flag and still flies over Texas, the Lone Star State.

Gone to Texas Caravan....*Continued*

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and take the long winding road through the LBJ ranch that passes the house where LBJ was born, the Junction school where he went to school, and the Johnson family cemetery where he and Lady Bird are buried.

We want to see the Texas White House, and the additional rooms that have been restored and opened to visitors since the last time we were here. At that time, only LBJ's office was open to the public.

After a brief wait, our ranger guide led our small group, the Ketterlings and us, through the lower level of the Texas White House, which included the office, den, sitting room, kitchen and finally LBJ's and Lady Bird's separate bedrooms. He also spiced up the tour with stories of the President.

It's now nearly noon, so we skip the trip east to Johnson City and the home where LBJ grew up. We had toured there just a few years ago.

We head back to Fredericksburg, but stop at a cafe for lunch. It turns out to be a local crowd of mainly seniors having lunch after church services. We had the special, chicken-fried chicken, which is the same thing everyone else was having.

As part of the caravan, we were given tickets to the National Museum of the Pacific War. So that's this afternoon's activity. Well, one afternoon is not enough. After touring the Admiral Nimitz Museum, we passed through the Japanese Garden of Peace and Memorial Courtyard before entering the George H.W. Bush Gallery.

The tour begins with the many conflicts between China and Japan and the reasons for the conflicts. I began to have information overload. All the significant battles, from Pearl Harbor to the bombing of Japan, have displays and recaps of the battles. An excellent museum, but I couldn't absorb all that information.

I'll await another day for another tour. Besides, we need to get back to the campground. John Pennington has arranged another viewing of bats emerging for their evening flight.

At 5 we caravan to the Old Tunnel Wildlife Management Area, 11 miles south, along a narrow, winding road, called the Old San Antonio Road. The bats spend the day in an abandoned manmade railroad tunnel for a rail line that once ran from Fredericksburg to San Antonio.

On Saturday night the bats had flown at 7 p.m., so we get there in plenty of time. We pay our \$5 for the lower viewing area above and to the side where the Mexican free-tailed bats will exit. Then they fly off to the south, first to drink from the Guadalupe River and then to spend an evening forging for moths, their prime food.

A Texas Department of Fish and Wildlife bat biologist arrives to give us a talk about the bats, when the first bats begin emerging. It's 6:34. For the next 20 minutes, thousands, thousands and thousands of bats, maybe a million, funnel out and away, gaining altitude. It's an incredible sight, one of nature's marvelous shows. No hand-clapping here; we stare in wonder.

And Fun Times Back Home...



Allan Towles above enjoying a lovely South Dakota day Spot the Airstream shivering in the cold?. We have had a pretty quite winter ... Our daughter Adrienne and her six children from Springfield, MO. came for a two week visit so they could be here when we were lambing. The oldest, 9 year old Liberty, was tremendous help, as she loved to feed the bottle lamb and check for new baby lambs



A photo of the winter brood of pheasants we have had perch under our cotoneaster bushes all winter. There have been about 35 hens and roosters every day until evening. We have a crab apple tree that still has (had) the apples attached, and for about a week, the pheasants sat in the tree and ate what they could reach. One day a squirrel joined them and they didn't even flinch. — Allan and Roxanne



Ruebels' new house is almost done, a few setbacks and Mother Nature wanting to drag it out longer than expected. Too muddy yet to pull the Airstreams out, but pretty soon. When the ground thaws, they will be able to finish up the few outside items remaining, then it's moving time. And hopefully, the slugs that stole our new washer and dryer enjoy all the fancy features—wouldn't want to be in their muddy shoes when Karma catches up with them.

Region 7 News ...

By Linda Agre, President



Tall Ships Region 7 Rally Update:

Airstreamers, get your reservations in for the "Tall Ships" as soon as possible! Send your rally fee to Carolyn Grandstrand. She will hold your check if you are not sure you will be able to attend. I have had such a big response from outside Region 7 and I want everyone in Region 7 who wants to attend to be able to.

I will be working with the campground on reservations to make sure you get a spot if you are on Carolyn's list. Make sure to include your e-mail address and that I can read it

Campground Reservations – The original instructions said not to call the Buffalo Valley Campground for reservations before April 1. This has changed. Because of interest gen-

erated by the Tall Ships Festival, the campground has opened their reservation system early. Got your new **WBCCI Directory**? Please check your information to make sure it is correct.

Region 7 Luncheon at the WBCCI International Rally in Huron, South Dakota is scheduled for June 28, 2013, 11:30 A.M. Huron Event Center, 100 4th Street SW. Please put this date on your calendar. Look forward to seeing you in Huron! (If you are able to give a couple of hours staffing the Region 7 table during registration please let me or Gail Harrower know.)

Orange City, Iowa Tulip Festival - Region 7 has been asked to join the MN Unit for the Tulip Festival May 15-29, 2013 in Orange City, Iowa. This is one of the best rallies if you love tulips and music. Saturday, May 18th you will attend the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" which I can tell you from experience the talent in this small Iowa city is incredible. **Get your reservations in for this rally a.s.a.p.** as tickets for the musical need to be purchased soon. For more information call John Tetzlaff 612-839-4013 or see rally flyer at www.region7.wbcci.net website. This will be my 3rd time attending



if that tells you how good the Tulip Festival is.

Dean Kyle lost his battle with cancer in February. Prayers for Dean's family and beautiful wife Pearl Adams-Kyle. Dean will be sadly missed by all Region 7.

Your Unit Officers are planning a fun filled summer for you. Please offer to help with the rallies. Don't wait to be asked.

Linda

Can You Help at the International Rally in Huron?

By: Vern Schultz

I may need help on the Engineering Committee at the Huron Rally. I am not sure of the numbers yet, but if you are interested please let me know. One thing I know is that it requires early parking.

Contact:

Vernon Schultz Tel. 608-580-0025
E-mail vschultz0025@charter.net



By: Dale & Joan Lafrentz

It's that time of the year to start thinking of the International Rally being held in Huron, SD. I know some of you have helped at Registration last year and in previous years so I was wondering who would be interested in helping in 2013? I know some of you said you would, but I just wanted to touch base. I have no idea on parking yet. If you know your