

Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. President's Monthly News

September - October 2010

The following represents current information of general interest to the WBCCI membership.

1. The Constitution and Bylaws Revision Special Committee is taking shape. Approved during the International Convention/Rally at Gillette, WY on July 5, 2010, the Committee includes:

- Dona Garner, Committee Chairman and WBCCI Parliamentarian
- Kerry Mattila, President, Ontario Canada Unit
- Joe Perryman, 1 VP, Region 10
- Bob Novak, Member, Metro New York Unit
- Tom Smithson, 1VP, Northern California Unit

The Committee's initial report will be made during the January 24-28, 2011 Mid-Winter IBT Rally in Robstown, Texas. My general guidance to the Committee was to recommend revision to the Blue Book which would reduce the "bulk" and make it more user friendly, while at the same time retaining the essential character and traditions of the WBCCI, to include the Code of Ethics. The Committee is already hard at work, and I congratulate each member for stepping forward to contribute to this potentially significant effort.

2. The Fairgrounds at Robstown, Texas has a brand new campground, and it is the site of the 2011 Mid-Winter IBT Rally. The Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds is approximately 20 miles west of Corpus Christi. The main reason for this rally is to conduct one of three annual business meetings of the WBCCI, but the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting has developed into a fun rally over the years. Doug and Sheryl Wylie are doing a great job planning this rally, and will be assisted by members of Region 9. The reasonable rally fee includes a Reception, 2 Dinners, 1 Breakfast, and 3 nights of entertainment. Robstown claims to be the "Birthplace of Texas Hold 'Em" and is not far from the famous King Ranch. Corpus Christi has a long list of attractions, including the USS Lexington (the "Gray Ghost") and the Texas State Aquarium, which showcases the Gulf of Mexico. So, plan to attend the 2011 Mid-Winter IBT Rally, January 24-28. You'll be glad you did. Watch for the October, November and December issues of your Blue Beret for registration information. Y'all come!

3. I have accepted Daryl Ewles' resignation as Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws Committee with regret. He has served WBCCI in various leadership positions, including International President, with distinction for seventeen years. His resignation is effective September 30, 2010. Don Shafer has accepted the chairmanship position.

4. Region 4 is preparing to travel to the 54th International Convention/Rally in Du Quoin, Illinois next June. Norm Hewer is a Past International President and is currently the

Region 4 Caravan Chairman. He has developed a system of caravans to route each Unit in Region 4 from a central location of that unit for travel to Du Quoin. I would like to share some of his plans with you.

He plans to take all the units out of Region 4 starting with Youngstown Ohio to the north East, then Cleveland, then Akron, West Virginia, Units in Central Ohio and Cincinnati Ohio, and so on. Using the calculation of around 200 Miles a day, from each Unit start point, he located a camp ground and called it advising them what to expect and to obtain rates. He routed many Units down the same roads and stops. Last stop for most of the Units will be at Vandalia IL, where the campground owner will set rates with the Leader.

Region 4 officers doing an Installation are to discuss the caravan route with each Unit and encourage them to form a caravan to Du Quoin. They each have a letter from the Region President. Those wanting to caravan may send Norm Hewer an e mail giving him the route they want and how many miles they would like to drive per day and he will set up the campgrounds for them. He will also make a MapQuest route that gives the total miles to travel from their starting point and the mileage from point A to point B and etc. He has contacted Chuck Kiple, Caravan Chairman, who has assigned two dates when to arrive at the Rally.

Norm's suggestion to Region Presidents is that each Region Officer should take responsibility to talk to each Unit within their region regarding a caravan to Du Quoin, and that the Regions can assist them in planning caravans to the International Rally.

I think this is a very clever way to assist Units and to introduce some Members to caravanning. I ask that each Region develop a similar program.

5. Wool Berets are now available. For those of you who have requested a wool beret, they are now in stock at headquarters. Please contact Deb Sailor, dsailor@wbcci.org or 937-596-5211, if you would like to place an order. The wool beret is one size and priced AT \$21.50.

6. As of September 15, we have received 220 registrations for the 54th International Convention/Rally at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds in Du Quoin, Illinois. I need to add that Linda and I are currently at the Du Quoin Fairgrounds, attending the Region 5 Rally. Last week the Du Quoin State Fair brought 350,000+ visitors to these facilities. Flowers are in full bloom, fresh mulch surrounds trees and light poles - the 1300 acres never looked better. It's going to be a great place for our Rally next June.

Safe Travels!
Norm Beu,
President