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Wally Byam Caravan Club International
The Airstream RV Owners' Club



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Spring is here at last, or so the calendar indicates. For those of us who stayed here in North Dakota and braved record snowfalls and encroaching river water, it could have come a bit sooner.

One Sunday afternoon a few weeks ago, we spent hours cleaning up the Tradewind (aka "George"), our new project. It took a pot scrubber to get the black stuff and patches of green lichen off the roof. I'm sure we'll get the opportunity to do it again, as I missed enough "seed" to start off a new round of grime. The inside woodwork soaked up the furniture oil like a sponge. I was surprised how clean it actually was.

It was our first opportunity to really get up close and personal with George's condition. Yup, four com-

pound curved panels need to be replaced, although they show no sign of leakage. It certainly had the opportunity to leak, as five-hundred miles of the return journey from Wisconsin was in howling wind and steady rain. On bias tires. Surprised me really, as I thought I could see daylight around the seals on one of the roof vents.

It was weird looking in the side mirror and not having it filled with the wide-body Safari. George trailed very nicely, even in the wind. We left Wisconsin with all the minimum required lights, and maybe it was the rain, but we had nearly all of them working by the time we got to Bismarck. They all need a cleaning, someday soon, too. Wasn't sure how to get the lens off, and didn't want to break one trying,

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Unit President

Rose Larson #5606

1st Vice President

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2nd Vice President

Vern Zink #4114

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Arlene Bailey #235

Corresponding Secretary

Ron Larson #5606

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Darina Lindroth #268

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In an effort to protect our members from having their personal information being made available ONLINE when this newsletter is posted to our website, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are omitted here. Please consult your unit membership directory

President's Corner.....

by Rose Larson



Wow! spring at last! I'm sure those of you who didn't head for a warmer climate this winter are more than ready for spring. Now its time to clean the winters dust off and safety check the Airstreams and get ready for some fun and fellowship. Campground rates are up this year but managed to get a \$3.00 night discount in Dickinson and there is no charge for use of the building.

I have not heard from anyone who will be going to the International in Wisconsin and would be interested in being our delegate or entering the directory, so am assuming no one is going.

Region 7 President Don Rogers called and ask if I knew how many would be going to the Region Rally in Winnipeg so that's something I will be asking at the meeting. I am planning a rally in the north-east corner they caravanning to the regional. More details later.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Dickinson.

Take care,
Rose

See our Website - www.nodak.wbcc.net - for an interesting update provided by International's 2020 Committee, its progress at addressing the results of the 2008 Unit Membership Survey, and which topics are the hot buttons.

2009 Calendar of Events

May 21-25, 2009	SD Unit Spring Rally - Lake Park Campground, Rapid City
June 4-7, 2009	Spring Rally - North Park Campground - Dickinson, ND
June 28 - July 4, 2009	52nd International Rally - Madison, Wisconsin
June 29, 2009	Region 7 Luncheon - Madison, Wisconsin
July 2, 2009	Unit Luncheon - To be announced
August 1-3, 2009	Picnic Rally - To be announced
August 4-9, 2009	Region 7 Folklorama Rally - Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
August 6, 2009	Unit Luncheon - To be announced
Aug. 27-30. 2009	SD Unit Installation Rally - Ryken's 8th Street RV & Market Campground, Yankton, SD
Sept. 17-20, 2009	ND Installation Rally - Downstream Campground, Riverdale

George has a long road in repairs ahead

or find that a totally rotted seal would need to be replaced before I can put it back together.

George has copious amounts of rust to be dealt with. We are planning to take those parts that will readily come off with us to Wisconsin, as a relative has a sandblaster he said I could entertain myself with as long as I want. The step I am most interested in getting in better working order. I'm naïve, I'm sure it will be simple. Decided that we will eventually get a new stone guard for the front window, which for its whopping price you get new, not rusty hardware.

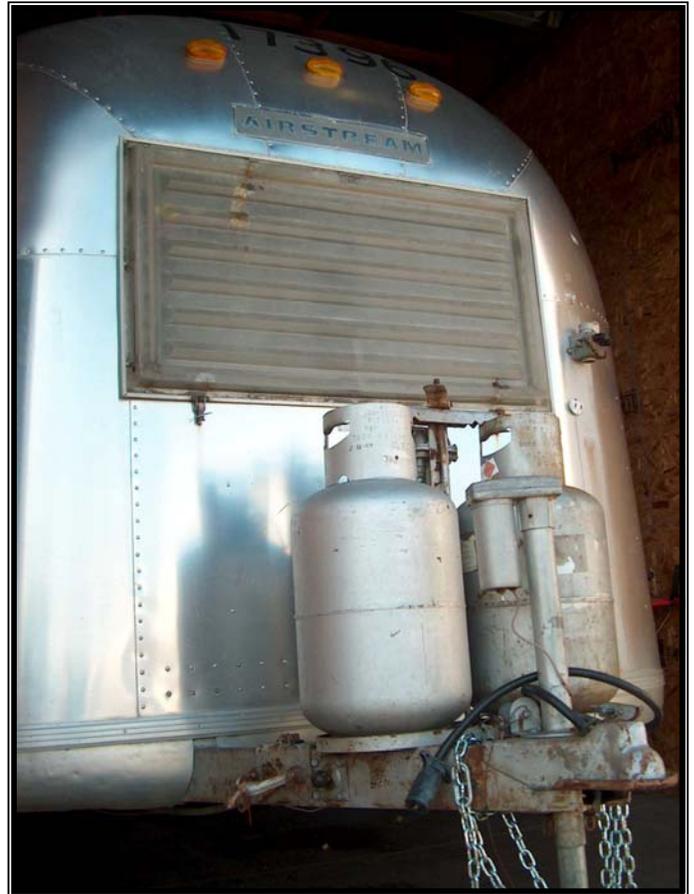
I was hoping that the prior owners had left the tiled floor intact when they started to lay their sheet vinyl, but no such luck. It was chipped out and ragged edges peek out from assorted cabinets and appliances. Serious contemplation required in this area. I think there is some wood rot they tried to deal with by the door, which leads to an even more fun job. Apparently they could



not isolate the leak in that area, so the solution must have been multiple tubes of silver silicone slobbered around every seam with in five feet forward of the door. Nope, the window is siliconed shut. A darn window seal replacement might have done the trick. Now I'll have to sharpen up the ol' fingernails and start pickin' (no grinnin' just an occasional cuss under my breath.)

One small surprise, albeit not worth much: the propane tanks had

been converted to OPD, but they are still rusty. The gas regulator and related hose are rotten, anyway. Call me overly paranoid, but gas components I prefer in new/perfect working order. We will need to replace that and a new water tank before we can start testing appliances. The furnace will go – the exhaust pattern on the outside vent indicated that it wasn't working very well whenever it was last used. I am hoping that the stove and oven will only need a servicing, as it is extremely "low



mileage" – the broiling pan looks brand new. I really want the refrigerator to work, as it has matching oak front panel which I am sure would not retro into a new fridge.

Stay tuned for the next George installment, when I run out of actually important news for the issue.



North Dakota, It's Time to Vote for Int'l Representatives

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Daryl A. Ewles, Chairman

Amendment No. 1

Having worked with the IBT to condense the original Vision and Mission Statements, I recommend adoption of this motion. The two concise statements (Vision & Mission) will not only provide direction for this organization, but will also help the 2020 Committee continue to develop a plan for the future.

Amendment No. 2

Three or four motions came forward at Mid-winter IBT regarding the issue of Proxy Voting. With the cost of traveling on the upswing and many of WBCCI Units shrinking in size, it has become obvious that some WBCCI Unites are not able to have Delegates present at the annual Delegates' Meeting. Robert's Rule goes on to say "Ordinarily it should neither be allowed nor required, because proxy voting is incompatible with the essential characteristics of a deliberative assembly...". Our Delegates Meeting is a Deliberative Assembly.

In an attempt to avoid having absentee voting at the Delegates Meeting, the IBT put forth this motion. This motion will

still require a representative of a Unit to be in attendance at the Delegates Meeting in order to have their vote cast. Note, if you use an Affiliate Member as your Delegate, that person must be an affiliate member of your Unit and a Regular Member of a Unit within the same Region as the Unit represented. The main concern of the IBT Members was to develop a motion that a member or group could not garner a number of votes and therefore determine the outcome. In essence, what this motion does is expand one step further who can be a voting delegate.

I recommend passage of this motion as written.

Amendment No. 1

Proposed by: International Board of Trustees

1. Change the title of the Constitution, Article III, Objectives to...Article III, Vision, Mission and Objectives

2. Add a new section 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1 Vision Statement. Wally Byam

Caravan Club International, Inc. maintains its unique position of strength and visibility among recreational vehicle organizations as the recreational vehicle club of choice for Airstream owners.

3. Add a new Section 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2 Mission Statement. Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. is a diverse community of Airstream owners with a commitment to Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.

4. Renumber current Section 1 of Article III as Sec. 3 Objectives.

Rationale:

A common theme during 2020 Committee conversations over the past year has been that WBCCI suffers from a lack of vision, a strategy to achieve the vision, and a way of providing continuity of management in implementing the strategy. The Committee's first priority has been to create Vision and Mission Statements for the organization that provides direction for the future.

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Ballot for the 2009 International Election

Candidate information can be found in the April Blue Beret pages

International President:

Tom Collier

write in - floor nominated candidate

International 1st Vice President:

Norm Beu

write in - floor nominated candidate

International 2nd Vice President:

Barry Heckenswiler

write in - floor nominated candidate

International 3rd Vice President:

Don Clark

write in - floor nominated candidate

International Recording Secretary:

Anne Worth

write in - floor nominated candidate

International Treasurer:

Myron Fischer

write in - floor nominated candidate

Nominating Committee: (vote for 2)

Roy Bernd

Leo Garvey

Don McKelvey

write in - floor nominated candidate

Amendment No. 1

Adding words that define our Club's "Mission Vision" and "Mission Statement". Circle your choice

Approve

Reject

Amendment No. 2

Expand the definition of an Alternate Delegate to include an Affiliate Unit Member in the same Region. Circle your choice

Approve

Reject

Please remember that you are allowed one vote per unit (paid unit membership) Your ballot must be returned by **no later than June 1, 2009** or bring your ballot to the General Meeting at the rally on June 6th

Mail your completed ballot to:

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