



President's Monthly News

To be shared with all WBCCI Members

Tom Collier, International President

This is my last newsletter to you. I have enjoyed this opportunity to share information with you and have attempted to keep you informed as to some of the "behind the scenes" happenings.

Due to some disharmony in WBCCI, it is most important that you share this newsletter with all unit members.

A few months ago, some non-members were using a facsimile of the WBCCI logo on their web sites, and one was advertising a rally using Wally Byams's name. WBCCI's lawyer sent Cease and Desist letters, and one non-member re-named the event and changed his logo. The second person has refused to change the logo he uses on his web site so that situation is still pending.

It saddens me that so many of our members choose to get information from web sites other than WBCCI.org, the official web site for our club. Much of the information on the other forums may be misleading, half truths, and rumor.

One of the latest postings is that WBCCI is being sued by the Metropolitan New York Unit, which has 32 members. To date, neither WBCCI Headquarters nor any International Officer has been officially notified of a lawsuit against the club. Should a lawsuit be filed, WBCCI will vigorously defend itself. However, even if a lawsuit is not filed, all the disharmony and talk of a suit has already caused the club to overspend the budget line for legal fees.

Some letters have been mailed to WBCCI members by members of the Metropolitan New York Unit requesting members to send money to help with the lawsuit. These letters are not condoned by WBCCI Headquarters, the International Officers, or the Region Presidents. These letters are very politely written and say that the money will go to save the club. If a few members sue and the club defends itself in court, lawyer fees could be exorbitant. The question is, "How will this save the club?" Anytime a lawsuit is filed, there is only one winner, the lawyers.

If you wish to not receive any more of these letters, then please let the authors of the letters and the MNYU know how you feel. Hearing from other members and units will have impact.

WBCCI has in place, through its Constitution and Bylaws, ways to change the organization. We encourage members and units to use these Constitutional provisions for change.

Some Changes Over the Past Thirty Years

History is interesting. At the International Rally in Gillette, Loretta Moss, club historian, will have WBCCI history books on display. Below are some interesting historical facts. Please join Loretta in reading about some additional bits of our history.

- In the mid 1970s, Airstream Corporation ceased to be the sole sponsor of WBCCI. Until then, WBCCI's offices were in an Airstream building, and anyone who purchased an Airstream, became a WBCCI member.
- After WBCCI moved out of Airstream facilities, our membership began its decline.
- At one time, all members, not just those on stage, wore tuxes and ball gowns to installation.
- Less than 20 years ago, none of the International Officers could leave their Airstreams until after the International President left his.
- In 1998, the usherettes wore white gloves each evening.
- Until the past decade, members were not openly encouraged to attend the Mid-Winter IBT.
- The rally in Lansing, Michigan was the first to offer 30 amp electricity using large generators.
- Until the rally in Perry, Georgia, female spouses of Region and International Officers wore white suits to the Opening Ceremonies.
- The 2007 International Rally in Perry, Georgia was the first to "stream" the IBT Seminar and IBT Meeting.
- In 2009, WBCCI sold one of the three cargo trailers used to carry supplies to International Rallies. Only one cargo trailer is needed in Gillette.

Other Items of Interest

- Frank Carson, #23343, has just recruited his 100th member! Congratulations, Frank. What an example to set for the rest of us.
- Registrations for Gillette are 720 as of May 26th, and there have been no cancellations this week.
- At the present time, we have about 54 seminars scheduled. Some of these are repeats, and the number includes vendor seminars.
- There are several new seminars that are of special interest to women.
- At the back of the Rally Program Book, seminars and brief description are listed by date and time.
- The Youth Schedule is incorporated in with the regular daily schedule.
- Any one who has decided to attend the International Rally may still do so. You pay your rally fee when you go through verification. This includes early workers as well.
- The Canada Day entertainment has been changed to the April Verch Band from Ontario.
- Cam-Plex has begun a recycling program. While we are there, we will be able to recycle!
- The Airstream that was used for the Post Office is being sold because of the expense of having it towed from one International Rally site to the next.

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53rd WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY**