



Prairie Rose



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That time of year again, when George the Tradewind makes its annual appearance



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Have you heard about the Proposed Constitution Revision....?

By Cathy Ruebel

Last summer at the International Rally, a special committee was put together to draft a total re-write of WBCCI's constitution. At the Winter IBT this past January, they said they had a revision ready to distribute to the members, to be voted on by the delegates at the International Rally in DuQuoin this summer.

My first thought when I heard it was done, was "Wow, already?"...to be followed by "It must be a really stripped down model to be done so fast." Several members have reviewed the proposed revision and forwarded their summaries. If you would like to read the proposed revision, go to www.WBCCI.org

Those members had some very interesting observations and urged US... yes, YOU, the members to read this document as it significantly affects this organization, should it be accepted.

There has been a fair amount of controversy the past few years within the Club. But like most members, there are a few subjects I have been keeping track of, and it didn't take too much reading to find my first concern. And I moved on, reading further; my brain was starting to glaze over when I found another. And so it went on.

I encourage you to read the full revision yourself and urge you to **make an informed decision**, because this

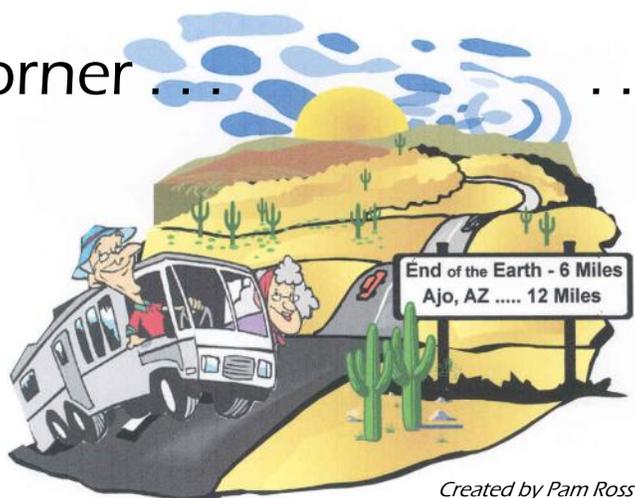
does affect us here in Region 7. The Constitution & Bylaws Standing Committee reviewed the proposed revision and recommends it "NOT BE ADOPTED". It said, "TOO MUCH, TOO BIG, NO INPUT (by the membership), NO TIME (really for a valid review)."

Your official ballot is attached to this newsletter; it will be use to instruct our Unit Delegate how to vote at the Delegate's Meeting in DuQuoin. **Please return this ballot to Unit President Vern Zink no later than June 1**, to the address shown on the ballot.

Thank you goes out to all the members who provided their insight on this most important issue. They turned a light on.

President's Corner by Vern Zink

We are back from 3 months in Ajo. We are ready to go Peace Gardening whenever winter decides to leave North Dakota. But first, let's all **Get Reacquainted Luncheon** at 12:30 PM May 14 at the Kelly Inn on US Hwy 83 about 1 mile south of 1-94.



We will have a private meeting room – lunch, order off the menu. If you plan to stay for the weekend as long as you come this far for the luncheon, call me for information about events, times, or reservations; I will try to help... i.e. if you wish to take in the live musical "Forever Plaid" at the Dakota Stage, we have the number for ticket reservations, production times and for tickets only or for the dinner theater.

Please make note of the following guidelines for our rallies this season:

➔ For all rallies and for all meals except meals scheduled to "eat out," i.e. scheduled for restaurant events, we will be furnishing, as part of the rally fee, the main entree, coffee, and juices as appropriate. You provide potluck, side dishes, salads, veggies, fruit, etc., plus your plates, bowls and utensils. This we believe will simplify your planning.

➔ For each rally **please call (701) 255-3169** (there is an answering machine on this line) or E-mail **vern.zk@hotmail.com** if you plan to attend the scheduled rally. This helps us with planning the meal, making parking arrangements, reservations, etc. If we all cooperate, our rallies should be less stressful and more enjoyable.

Contact us with your questions, items for the agenda, complaints, and suggestions or recommendations. These are welcomed as we don't have our degree in mind reading. Contacts and planning are on-going for the June rally in Fargo. We will give more details, times and schedules so that

you can plan. We should have this completed by about May 1st .

Currently, the chatter, the rhetoric and the paper are starting to pile up regarding the proposed revision of the WBCCI constitution. Each unit of the Peace Garden Unit is expected to vote on the issues. Please try to be informed to cast your vote. According to our by-laws and constitution we need to get the notice and ballots out to you early so that you have adequate time to make an educated decision.

In this newsletter you will find a brief summary of some of the changes proposed in this revision - there are a lot of others also writing on this topic.

There is also a ballot for you to cast your vote. Please mail them to me by June 1st. This will help us to make our June rally business meeting to be more productive, especially if it should be that you can not attend. At that time we must instruct our official delegate to the International.

Hope to see most of you May 14th. Please remember our Alums who cannot join us.

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Keeping Region 7 on the Map



Once upon a time in the Upper Midwest, there was talk of reorganizing WBCCI. And talk became more talk. Then a committee was formed to do just that – change. And there is a bulls-eye on our region. While Region 7 may have the smallest membership in WBCCI, there is quality in our numbers and perhaps we should not go down without at

least a subtle fight.

This year, the DuQuoin International Rally is within a reasonable driving distance and we, the members of Region 7 need to do whatever we can to make our presence known to those who would have us sectioned off to other regions for convenience's sake.

And there is something that every member in this region – YOU – can do to “Keep Region 7 on the Map”. And it's easy, costs little or nothing – maybe you've already done it and just don't know it!

In the April issue of the Blue Beret are the guidelines for the Photos Print Contest. If you have a camera, you can do it – this isn't hard. For the vast majority of us, we take hundreds of photos, but only a handful will tell a story, no written words necessary. Get out there and take photos of your Airstream activities; actually, it doesn't even have

to have an Airstream in it - there are several categories to choose from.

Check your albums and disks for the gems already waiting to be discovered. Nowadays with the quality of digital cameras, even a marginal photo can be made into a stunner with some simple cropping or lighting adjustments.

And this year, the Event Color is YELLOW and they have a category of “Yellow”. If the photo subject is yellow in color, there you have it!

There are size limitations, and no frames are allowed. Professional photographers are ineligible to enter. If you have just 4 x 6 inch snapshots, they will go into that category and will not be judged.

If you are going to the International Rally this year in DuQuoin, this is your opportunity to show the rest of the organization the great places, people, and events in Region 7.

2011 Calendar of Events

May 14, 2011	Get Reacquainted Luncheon - Bismarck, ND - Kelly Inn, North State Street (Hwy 83)
June 9 - 12, 2011	Spring Rally - Red River Valley Fairgrounds, West Fargo, ND
June 28 - July 4, 2011	WBCCI International Rally, DuQuoin, Illinois
July 14 - 17, 2011	International Peace Garden Rally, Dunseith, ND
July 24 - 29, 2011	Region 7 Rally, Apple Creek Campground, DePere, Wisconsin
Sept. 9 - 11, 2011	Fall Installation Rally - Carrington, ND

North Dakota Peace Garden Unit Official Ballot

Please return this page no later than June 1, 2011 to:

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ONE vote per unit membership - Sorry, Associate Members need to vote with their home unit.

1. Proposed Revision of the WBCCI Code of Ethics

Circle one: **ACCEPT** as proposed **REJECT** as proposed

2. Proposed Revision of the WBCCI Constitution:

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My WBCCI Membership Number is: _____