



# Trailhusker

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

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Many thanks to Sam Boman who is retiring as editor of the Trailhusker. Sam has been editor of the newsletter for most of the years since 2000. We all appreciate how he has kept all the members informed and entertained with his reports and articles, making the Trailhusker an important part of our membership communication.



As an elementary school teacher, my writing experience comes from a somewhat different point of view: report card narratives (*some of my best fiction*), and writing for my students. (*See Spot go! Go, Spot, go! No, Spot, No! Do not go on the rug!*) I truly would appreciate any leads or submissions you might have. *Betty Ann Sutton*

### October Luncheon

Those attending the luncheon at Old Country Buffet were:

- Joyce and Jim Shanks
- Lori and Don Lorenz
- Glenda Rickert and Ron Savicky
- Gene Munch
- Glen Sanders
- Bill Kallmer
- Dwight Olson

### September Rally

Fourteen units attended the Branched Oak Rally on September 17 – 20. We stayed at the Lincoln West Optimists Club, a great facility with a clubhouse and views of the lake. Highlights of the event included tours of the UNL Tractor Museum, the International Quilt Study Museum, and Speedway Motors.

### October Rally

To paraphrase an old saying: *Into each rally season, a little snow must fall.* About four inches. This didn't hamper

our enjoyment of the tours, meals and installation. Ten units attended the October 8 – 11 rally at Heartland Public Shooting Park in Grand Island.

Region 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Pat Shaw, assisted by husband Dave, conducted the installation of officers.



Dave Shaw, Pat Shaw, Unit President Selwyn Heese, First Lady Florene Heese



Sue Heist, LaDon Kallmer, Florene Heese, Glenda Rickert



Pat Shaw, Treasurer Dwight Olson



Plant tour of Pioneer Hybrid International

We also toured Hornady Manufacturing Company, where bullets are made.

## Global Positioning Systems

Many members have acquired GPS units for their tow vehicles. We've noticed that some of us have named our electronic gadgets, talk to them, and even blame them for getting us lost.

Dwight and Lana Olson have Maude. "It replaces our GPH, which has a very good track record too (Lana is the GPHuman). In our travels with others we have noticed that GPS does not know how steep the road may be, or what part of south Chicago you maybe should avoid."

Selwyn and Florene Heese refer to their GPS as Nurse Ratched from the book *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Like the book character, their GPS is a calm, but unyielding tyrant. Selwyn said, "I've had her try to take me down a cow trail and, when I refused to follow her directive, continue to calmly insist that I turn around for miles."

Hyacinth guides Bob and Fran Olson. They adopted the name from the character on the British comedy "Keeping Up Appearances." Like the TV character, their GPS is bossy and always telling them where to go.

Murt Letcher has avoided getting a GPS because she likes paper maps and finds so many interesting details and side trips by studying them.

Roscoe Shields calls his GPS, Leona. It has worked well for more than sixty years and he plans to keep on using the same system.

Bert and Donajean Sherwin have Kathy. Bert said, "She does a respectable job and also irritates me at times. One of her cute sayings is 'A better route is available' and then she won't tell me what that route is. I'm sure I am a hard driver to satisfy her all the time, as I often turn when she hasn't told me to or sometimes she says to turn but I won't

do it. We do have fun with her."

The Suttons have Celeste, short for Celestial Navigation. "Celeste once tried to take us for a swim in the Gulf of Mexico as we drove to St. George Island, Florida."



Murt Letcher has been dealing with some difficult health issues. She was diagnosed with metastatic carcinoma. In true Murt fashion, she continued to travel with her B-Van through the spring and summer, and maintain her positive attitude and beliefs. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers as she goes through treatments and this difficult part of her life. Her email and mailing addresses are listed in the directory, and I know she'd appreciate hearing from you.

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