



Trailhusker

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

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From The President's Desk By Lana Olson



Just plain fun was had at a fix-it rally held at Louisville State Park on May 31 to June 2. About 15 units attended, including Region 8 President Leonard Sullivan and his wife Betty. Jim and Mary Wherrett hosted the early arrivals with a wonderful hamburger cookout. A discussion was held concerning a variety of repair topics and ideas as to what to do. Some repairs were made. Dan Hoyt was the corn hole toss champion.

The 56th International Rally at Huron, SD, is now history. Those who attended from the Nebraska Unit had a wonderful time meeting new people, renewing old friendships, and attending seminars on a variety of topics from quilting and painting tennis shoes to maintaining the air conditioner on your RV to running your business while you travel.

Dwight and I arrived on June 13 so that Dwight could help park units as they arrived at the State Fairgrounds. I worked on verification (checking the registration of members as they arrived). Sue and Bob Heist led the Nebraska Unit's caravan, which arrived on June 24. Members on the caravan immediately started helping wherever there was a need. Glenda and Ron Savicky and Dwight worked at the club store; LaDon Kallmer worked at the post office; Ron also worked security; Sue worked at the sign up table for the pet show and the display table for the photo competition.

Sue also participated in the pet show and the fashion show. LaDon and I practiced every day with the choir, which sang for Sunday services. Roger Brandt entered his toothbrush rug in the craft competition and Glenda painted tennis shoes. Roger participated in western line dancing and dancing to the music of the WBCCI band.



Dwight and I also enjoyed dancing to the band in the evenings.

Roscoe Corell also attended, so you can see that the Nebraska Unit was well represented. A big "thank you" goes to all of them. One member alone cannot accomplish everything that was accomplished.

The amendment to the WBCCI Constitution, which would allow members who had been WBCCI members for a minimum of 10 years or a life member to buy a class A motorhome manufactured by Thor beginning with the 2007 model year, was defeated by a vote of 68.86% against, 31.14% for and 1.76% abstaining. If you wish to see how each unit voted, I will be happy to show you the tally sheet.

In 2014 the International Rally will be held at Gillette, Wyoming, at the Complex, which is a wonderful facility with sewer, water, and electric provided. Gillette also has a wonderful fitness center open to all seniors at no cost, as well as wonderful tours of the coal mines and a buffalo ranch. In 2015 the International Rally will be held at Farmington, New Mexico, and in 2016 it will be held at Lewisburg, West Virginia, which is part of the Greenbrier Valley.

John Stumpf was installed as International President for 2014. The other international officers installed were Joe Perryman, First Vice President; Jim Schwerdfeger, Second Vice President; Richard Girard, third Vice President; Louise Humble, Recording Secretary; Ron Gordy, Treasurer; and Jim Polk and Anne Werth, Nominating Committee. You may find minutes of the meetings held at the International Rally at WBCCI.org.

Nebraska Unit Awards

The Nebraska Unit was well represented at the 56th International Rally and took home the following awards:

Sue Heist and Grizzy won first place in costume and tricks, and best of show in the pet show. Lana Olson and Rylie won second place in tricks in the pet show.



The unit's history book that Lana Olson prepared won first place and best of show in the history book category.



Roger Brandt won second place at the craft show with his toothbrush rug.



Nebraska Unit members at Region 8 breakfast

WBCCI Wounded Warrior Project

Before she passed away, Murt Letcher donated her collection of fabrics and crafts to the unit with the understanding that all proceeds from the sales of the crafts would be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Sue Heist, LaDon Kallmer and Lana Olson sold 43 of Murt's Tuck 'n Tidy Bibs at the flea market during the International Rally. They collected \$215.00 for the Wounded Warrior Project. As a whole, WBCCI turned in almost \$50,000 to the Wounded Warrior Project.

The remaining Tuck 'n Tidy Bibs were given to Sharon Waters who will donate them to a home for the developmentally challenged in the St. Louis area where they will be greatly appreciated.

Pet Show Antics

Sue Heist and Grizzy, Lana Olson and Rylie, Dottie Stuerer and Frosty were familiar favorites for the International Rally Pet Show. Line-up for the program began calmly, with the usual wagging and sniffing, until the arrival of the two feline entrants.

There are times when nature trumps nurture, and this was a prime example. Grizzy took one look at what she interpreted as interlopers, and mayhem ensued. Grizzy led most of the other canine entrants in a protest against the cats. They barked; they howled; they ignored commands. Sue removed Grizzy from the auditorium to the lobby, where they had a short "discussion" about appropriate behavior when in the presence of cats.

Nebraska Unit First Dog, Rylie managed to maintain his composure. He stayed on Lana's lap during the ruckus and only got out a single bark, just enough to let the other dogs know he agreed with their opinion regarding cats in the pet show.

Despite Grizzy's participation in the short uprising, she won blue ribbons for Best Trick and Best Costume. She was outfitted as "The New Sheriff in Town." She also won Best at

Show. Rylie was awarded a red ribbon for best trick.



After the show, Rylie and Grizzy took their humans to Putters and Scoops ice cream shop, where the dogs were treated to free vanilla ice cream.

Member News

Scott Allen has a new email address: scottallen3534@gmail.com
Please add it to your unit directory.

Mary Salmen has a new address:
College View Assisted Living
Apartment 226
1100 N. 6th Ave.



Hastings, NE 68901
Roscoe and Leona Shields recently visited with Mary in her new apartment.

Janet Calvin is doing very well after back surgery. She'll soon be getting rid of the walker.

Lori Lorenz is still dealing with problems with her back. We know she would appreciate emails and cards to help keep her spirits up.

Leonard and Jo Godown celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on July 3. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Bob and Fran Olson have returned from their European river cruise on the Rhine and Danube. They did have some unexpected adventures because of the flooding. They had to leave the river boat and stay in a hotel until the water level receded enough so boats could pass under the low bridges. Being seasoned travelers, they did not let the flooding dampen their spirits. Fran said, "I really felt sorry for all the people along the river as they had twelve inches of water in their homes and shops."



Bob and Fran enjoying one of the local brews

Jim and Mary Wherrett have a new tow vehicle, a diesel Chevy Silverado 4X4. Jim said to please feel free to donate large sums of money to the "Jim and Mary Truck Fund." (Jim, are you registered as a tax-exempt charity?)

June Luncheon

Those members attending the June luncheon were: Sam Boman; Sue Heist; Dan Hoyt; LaDon and Bill Kallmer; Lori and Don Lorenz; Lana and Dwight Olson; Crystal Olson; Glen Sanders; Glenda and Ron Savicky; Donajean and Bert Sherwin; Leona and Roscoe Shields; Betty Ann and John Sutton.

July Luncheon

Bill Kallmer and Sue Heist shared photos and stories about their adventures at the International Rally in Huron, SD. Luncheon host Dan Hoyt entertained us with his stand-up comedy routine of senior citizen jokes. Those attending the luncheon were: Janet and John Calvin; Sue Heist; Dale Ann and Dan Hoyt; LaDon and Bill Kallmer; Don Lorenz; Glen Sanders; Joyce and Jim Shanks; Donajean and Bert Sherwin; Leona and Roscoe Shields; Betty Ann and John Sutton; Mary and Jim Wherrett.



John Sutton and Bert Sherwin modeling their "Bert Sherwin Tuxedos"

**Next Luncheon
Monday, August 12**

Same Time – Same Place

The coupon for the September 12 – 15 Rally in Neligh, NE will be mailed with the August issue of the Trailhusker.

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