



Trailhusker

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Unit, WBCCI

August 2013

From The President's Desk By Lana Olson



Fall is fast approaching and our Buddy Rally at Neligh, Nebraska, on September 12-15 will soon be here. I know that John and Betty Ann, Bert and Donajean, and

Roscoe and Leona have some wonderful events planned. There will also be a room in which to play joker so plan now on attending and inviting a buddy.

On September 27-28, some of our members (Kallmers, Olsons, and Sherwins) will be going to an auction of a car collection at Pierce, NE. To learn more about the car collection, just Google: *lambrecht chevrolet collection*. We plan on leaving for Pierce on September 26. If you are interested in joining us, just let Dwight or me know.

Bobbie and Ron Vanneman and Glenda and Ron Savicky have been working on the installation rally at Ord, NE, to be held on October 3-6. They have discovered that Ord has more to see than originally thought, so mark your calendar for that rally. There is also a room for playing joker. The Ord fairgrounds could be more level for parking so according to

Ron, be sure to bring leveling blocks and an extra electrical cord. Dwight and I can also dry camp if that works best. John Sutton has been working with Fred Steurer to install the officers via Skype.

Bill Kallmer has been working on the rally schedule for 2014 and the nominating committee has been working on the slate of officers for 2013-2014, which is enclosed.

I hope you have all been enjoying your summer. Dwight and I travelled to Bismarck and Minot, ND and Hart Ranch at Rapid City, SD after the Huron Rally. One memorable moment we witnessed on our way to Sylvan Lake was on the very narrow, two lane road with very tight switchbacks and signs that warned of a tunnel ahead that would accommodate vehicles no wider than 10 ft. 4 inches and no taller than 10 ft. 7 inches. There were many cars on the road and we had to wait in line when we reached the tunnel. There was no traffic coming through the tunnel going the opposite direction and we wondered why. As we went through the tunnel, we discovered two very large fifth wheels parked at the entrance to the tunnel holding up traffic. They were obviously much too tall to fit through the tunnel and there was no way to turn around with a drop off on one side and a mountain on the other side. This was definitely a "we should have obeyed the signs"

moment. We have since been wondering if they managed to back down the narrow road to the Sylvan Lodge parking lot that was about a mile away or found another way to solve the dilemma. This seems to be a good example of when not to follow your GPS. Since then we have learned that Good Sam offers a GPS designed for large RVs so as to keep them from such predicaments.

I look forward to seeing you at the August 12 luncheon and hearing about your summer travels or events.

2013-2014 Nebraska Unit Slate of Officers

The nominating committee, consisting of Sue Heist, Bill Kallmer, and Lana Olson, submits the following report in accordance with the Nebraska Unit of WBCCI By-Laws, Article IV, Sec.1.

<i>President</i>	<i>Bill Kallmer</i>
<i>1st Vice President</i>	<i>Dan Hoyt</i>
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	<i>Jim Wherrett</i>
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	<i>Sam & Mary Ann Boman</i>
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	<i>Lana Olson</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Bobbie Vanneman</i>
<i>Trustee (2 yr)</i>	<i>LaDon Kallmer</i>
<i>Trustee (1 yr)</i>	<i>Mary Wherrett</i>

Election of officers will be held at the general membership meeting during the September Rally in Neligh, NE.

Past Region 8 President and First Lady Fred and Dottie Steurer will install the new officers, via Skype, during the October Rally in Ord, NE.

Nebraska Rallies for 2014 By Bill Kallmer

At the next luncheon on August 12, I would like to revisit the rescheduling of the rally dates that occurred at our spring rally meeting. In that general meeting, we voted to have our Nebraska rallies to occur in the months of May, June and September. In my mind, that may

present a problem with some of us. On a 2014 calendar, I filled out the Airstream activities, both Nebraska and International, and it appeared that the entire month in June, or at least over 35 days, we will be involved in Airstream activities and away from home. An aside to all this, I heard a comment after our luncheon in July, and that comment is, "Looks like we'll only be able to attend one rally next year."

Dwight Olson is planning a caravan to the Sugar Creek, Ohio rally, which would depart directly from our September unit rally. The combination of these two events may affect an October unit rally.

Nothing is finalized on rally sites at this printing, but here's what I'm looking at:

Spring Rally at Fairgrounds in West Point, NE;
September Rally at Chautauqua City Park in Beatrice, NE; Fall Rally at George Clayton Park in Grand Island, NE.

Installation Rally – Ord, NE October 3 – 6

Bobbie Vanneman reports that plans are progressing nicely for the rally at the Valley County Fairgrounds. The committee has planned tours for Zangger Popcorn Company, Rocking Rooster Winery and Fort Hartsuff. The itinerary and coupon for this rally will be sent to members at the beginning of September.

Member News

LaDon and Bill Kallmer have a new email address: kallmer@centurylink.net

John Sutton is working on the 2014 Unit Directory. If you want to change your photo or any information for your listing, please send it to him via email or snail mail. Photos should be close-up head shots.

John is also looking for a new photo for the directory cover. Search through your hundreds of photos from this year's rallies and caravans to find that perfect Airstream shot.

Ruth (Billie) Demarest
April 14, 1916 – July 13, 2013

WBCCI Life member Billie Demarest passed away on July 13. Billie and her husband Paul were active members until his death in 2004. Billie served as International First Lady when Paul was International President in 1983-84. Billie and Paul travelled and hiked all through the United States, Mexico and Canada. Memorial donations in her memory can be made to the National Parks Foundation. A full obituary is listed on www.legacy.com.



Paul and Billie Demarest circa 1997 – photo by Roscoe Shields

Edwin Pelecky
Jan. 22, 1920 – Jan. 21, 2013

WBCCI life member Ed Pelecky died on January 22. Ed had served as Nebraska Unit President in 1977 and Region 8 President in 1989-90. Ed was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps in the Philippines. Memorial donations in Ed's memory can be made to the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home. A full obituary is listed on www.legacy.com.



Ed and Helen Pelecky circa 1997 – photo by Roscoe Shields

Helen Pelecky
Aug. 20, 1923 – June 8, 2013

Helen Pelecky has also passed away. She and Ed married shortly before he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and were married for more than 70 years. Helen and Ed spent many years traveling the US, Canada and Mexico with WBCCI. Memorial donations in Helen's name may be sent to the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home. Her full obituary is listed on www.legacy.com.



Dale Ann Hoyt and Sue Heist will edit and publish the Trailhusker beginning with the October issue.

Many thanks to all members who have contributed articles and photographs, and all who read the Trailhusker during our term as editors.

John and Betty Ann Sutton

Next Luncheon
Monday, August 12
12:00 noon
Old Country Buffet
144th & West Center Rd.
Omaha, NE

The coupon for the October 3 – 6 Rally will be mailed in September.

If you have any news for the September-October issue, please email:

Dale Ann Hoyt at Hoyt120@gmail.com
or
Sue Heist at sue.heist@gmail.com

Nebraska Unit Election & Buddy Rally – September 12 – 15, 2013 Riverside Park, Neligh, Nebraska

Driving Directions:

Arriving on Rt 275 from the Southeast, turn left into Riverside Park where 275 (L Street) turns North. Continue to South side of park, arriving at campground.



Thursday, Sept. 12

Arrive at Riverside Park by 3:00. Campsites have water and electric, dump station is located at park exit. Camping fee is \$12/night, payable upon arrival.

4:00 – Social Hour at trailers

5:30 – Supper at Neligh Country Club. Dutch treat, order from the menu.

Entertainment by Neligh-Oakdale High School music students following supper

Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person, to benefit high school music program

Friday, Sept. 13

Breakfast in trailers

9:00 – Carpool and depart for Ashfall Fossil State Park. **Vehicles need Nebraska State Park Sticker.**

10:15 – Guided Tour – Ashfall Fossil Beds. \$10.00 per person. The tour will take us through the new facility that covers the fossil beds and is easily accessible for all.

12:00 – Lunch at Green Gables Restaurant. Dutch treat, order from the menu.

1:30 or so – Self-guided tour of Grove Trout Rearing Station, allow 45-60 min. Bring quarters for the fish food dispensers.

Supper on your own. Suggestions: Subway, El Vallarta Mexican Restaurant, Country Club

Saturday, Sept. 14

8:30 – Pancake breakfast at the campground

10:00 – Unit General Membership Meeting and Elections. Neligh Senior Center.

11:00 – UNL vs. UCLA football on ABC-TV

12:00 – Lunch at Senior Center, \$5.00 per person

We have the use of the Senior Center for the remainder of the afternoon for Joker and TV.

5:00 - Supper at El Vallarta Mexican Restaurant. Dutch Treat, order from the menu.

We have the option to stay in the restaurant's banquet room to play cards and Joker.

Sunday, September 15

Breakfast in trailers

10:30 – Worship Service, Church of Christ, Corner of 8th and Main

Bring food bank donations to be left at the church.

After church – Brunch at Daddy's Country Café, 312 M Street. Dutch Treat, order from the menu

Depart campground

**Bring snacks for social hour and Joker time.
Please be generous with donations for Neligh food bank.**

Coupon
September Buddy & Election Rally
Riverside Park, Neligh, NE

Name: _____ WBCCI # _____

Campground: (\$12/night)	No. of nights _____	Pay on arrival
9/12 Supper, Neligh Country Club:	No. of people _____	Dutch Treat
9/12 Donation for music program: (\$5/person suggested)	No. of people _____	\$ _____
9/13 Tour of Ashfall Fossil State Park:	No. of People _____ x \$10	\$ _____
9/13 Lunch at Green Gables:	No. of People _____	Dutch Treat
9/14 Pancake Breakfast:	No. of People _____	No Charge
9/14 Lunch at Senior Center:	No. of People _____ x \$5	\$ _____
9/14 Supper at Mexican Restaurant:	No. of People _____	Dutch Treat
9/15 Brunch at Daddy's Country Café:	No. of People _____	Dutch Treat
Rally Fee: max. \$16	No. of People _____ x \$8	\$ _____
(Coupon Total for 2 people, all events would be \$56)		Total \$ _____

Make check payable to WBCCI Nebraska Unit

Send Coupon and Rally Fee (due by August 12) to:

Dwight Olson
9007 South 225th St.
Gretna, NE 68028