



Trailhusker

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From The President's Desk By Bill Kallmer From the Hood of a Chevy Truck

I'm looking for a buyer, one who appreciates really old Chevy trucks. It sounds like I'm talking about myself, and in fact I am. If you're attending an auction, don't raise your hand to point to an airplane flying by, don't raise your camera to take a picture, and for Pete's sake don't raise your hand with a red ball-cap in order to notify a friend of your location in the crowd. You see, the Sherwin's, Olson's, and the Kallmer's went to the Lambrecht Chevrolet Company Auction on September 28th in Pierce, NE to witness a "once in a lifetime" event, much like Woodstock in 1969.



Yes, you guessed right, I was the one with the red ball-cap. I had no idea what I was bidding on, but I believe it was a rusted out 1958, C10, Chevy truck, and my first bid was 7,000 hard earned dollars. I had my back to the auctioneer when the man next to me informed me that I had the high bid. At that point a smart person would have taken off their bright blue, Airstream coat and red hat and disappear into the crowd of 17,000 people. But no, not me! I stood there in disbelief, holding onto my wallet, shaking a bit, when the auctioneer ended the sale by announcing a sale price of \$7,500. Can you believe it? Someone had the gall

to bid higher than me. Oh, thank you Lord!! I've told a few people, "If I had bought that truck, it probably would have been the only vehicle that I've ever made money on".

Now for the rest of the story, or at least the rest of our travels. Before leaving Pierce on Sunday the 29th, we visited the Gilman Park Arboretum, which has a fantastic collection of unusual trees and shrubs.



The three Airstream Amigos had a few days to kill before our planned arrival in Ord, NE on October 3rd for the Nebraska Unit's Installation Rally. So we stopped one night in Albion and another night in Burwell. Not much going on in either place, except in Burwell, we went to a bar and grill for supper. If the ladies want to see hot cowboys with their spurs fully attached, that's the place to go. It's their spurs clicking on the wood floor and their constant trips to the cowboy's room that makes one appreciate Burwell. Earlier in the day, at another business in town, we enjoyed some good ice cream thanks to the generosity of Bert and Donajean.

Well, we made it to Ord by following our caravan leaders, Dwight and Lana. I kept wondering why we needed to leave Burwell by 9:00 am to drive 17 miles to Ord, just so we could get there in time for



Also on Friday, we had a self-guided tour of one of Nebraska's state fish hatcheries, Grove Trout Rearing Station, where some, if not most, of the group fed the fish.



John Sutton and Dwight Olson prepared their traditional pancake breakfast on Saturday so everyone was ready to watch the Nebraska-UCLA game.



A young Ponca girl, White Buffalo Girl, died near Neligh on May 23, 1877 as the tribe was being forced to move to Indian Territory. The citizens buried her and erected a monument. The group visited her monument and paid their respects.



As usual, we collected food for the local food bank. Lana presented it to Bev Alderson, who along with her husband Bill, are in charge of the Antelope Valley Food Bank. She has volunteered there for 22 years and is a past recipient of the Aksarben Humanitarian Award.

As usual, there was lots of eating and fellowship and games. LaDon tried to crank up an old Tractor at Green Gables Restaurant. Worked up an appetite but not much else. Bert and Donajean taught the Sisk's how to play Joker. John Sutton held an informal computer workshop.



Another great rally was added to the books!



Installation Rally – Ord, NE October 3 – 6 By Bill Kallmer

After we arrived at the Valley County Fairgrounds, we discovered that the only thing we could have parked in the original RV spots would have been Billy goats. It took awhile to find an alternate place to park. We finally settled in around power poles in nice, grassy, level areas.



Those attending the rally included the Olson's, Sherwin's, Shields', Vanneman's, Sutton's, Roger Brandt, Hoyt's, and the Kallmer's. I believe everyone was glad to see that I showed up for the installation. Maybe pulling a Chevy truck to Omaha at this time would not have been a bad idea. The rally committee, Ron/Bobbie and Ron/Glenda did a great job organizing the rally with a good meeting room, meals, and five informative tours. On Friday, we toured the Zangger Popcorn Hybrid facility in Ord, NE. This company develops and sells the highest yield and highest quality popcorn hybrids in the industry and they assist or lead in the promotion of popcorn as the number one snack in the world. They are one of seven popcorn seed producers worldwide. For lunch, we traveled to Rockin Rooster Winery for some eats and wine tasting.



Most everyone tried three, 2 oz glasses of fruit wine followed by great pizza, all made to order.

On Saturday, we toured the Normal Roasting Co. and Valley Fire, a pottery studio, gallery, and espresso coffee business. The owners of Valley Fire have access to hundreds of different varieties of coffee beans from all over the world and they will special order whatever a client desires. The owners explained their unique business to us and roasted beans while we watched. Later in the morning, we toured the Happy Jack Peak and Chalk Mine. We did this on our own as the Chalk Mine was closed for the season. Most of us climbed hundreds of steps, as least it seemed to be that many, and a steep dirt trail to the Happy Jack Peak overlook. We had wonderful views of the North Loup River valley.



In the afternoon, we traveled to Fort Hartsuff Historical Park, located near Elyria, NE. The Fort is a typical plains infantry outpost and it stood as a buffer between settlers and Indians in the North Loup River valley from 1874 to 1881. Its nine major buildings were built of concrete, which helped them withstand the passage of time. The Fort has been restored as it was when soldiers patrolled the Loup and Cedar river valleys and prospectors pioneered a new trail to the Black Hills gold fields in the 1870s.

THE INSTALLATION

The installation meeting started off with a great catered meal of fried chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot buns, a Jello dish, and a green salad with the caterer's special dressing. For the installation ceremony, John Sutton, our internet technology person, set up a TV with a computer to do the installation via Skype.



for your hard work. You made it a fun year.



Member News

Glenda Savicky had back surgery in October and is recovering at home.

Jim Shanks was in the hospital recently but is now home recuperating.

Rosalie Macumber is currently undergoing rehabilitation therapy at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha.



Nebraska Luncheon August 12

We had 23 at the August luncheon Dan & Dale Ann Hoyt, Bert & Donajean Sherwin, John & Janet Calvin with their son Frank, Glenda & Ron Savicky, Roscoe and Leona Shields, Dan & Marijane Bamberry, Lana & Dwight Olson, Glen Sanders, Bill & LaDon Kallmer, Sam & Mary Ann Boman, John & Betty Ann Sutton and Sue Heist. Roscoe Corell stuck his head in for a minute.

At a predetermined time, our past Region 8 President, Fred Steurer, called and he conducted the installation. The following officers were installed for 2014: President, Bill Kallmer; 1st Vice President, Dan Hoyt; 2nd Vice President, Jim Wherrett; Recording Secretary, Lana Olson; Treasurer, Bobbie Vanneman; and 2 yr Trustee, LaDon Kallmer. Mary Ann Boman and Mary Wherrett will be installed as Corresponding Secretary and 1 yr Trustee, respectively, at a convenient monthly luncheon.



The Ladies' Table

Other members have offered to help with Special Assignments and as Committee Chairpersons. Their help will be greatly appreciated. To all Nebraska Unit members of 2013, thank you for your participation, attendance at luncheons, and overall interest in the Airstream life. I'm expecting a good year in 2014 with great rallies due to great fellowship.

To our past president, Lana Olson, thank you for keeping your hand on the rudder and steering the silver ship in the right direction. We all had a great time at the rallies in Auburn, Louisville, Neligh, and Ord. 2013 was a great year under your leadership. To our 2013 rally committee members, thank you



The Men's Table



**Nebraska Luncheon
September 9**

There was a good crowd at the September luncheon; Mike & Cheryl Sisk, Bert & Donajean Sherwin, Bob & Fran Olson, John & J.P. Calvin, Jim & Joyce Shanks, Dwight & Lana Olson, Don & Lori Lorenz, and Roscoe & Leona Shields



**Nebraska Luncheon
October 14**

Bert & Donajean Sherwin, Roscoe & Leona Shields, Jim & Joyce Shanks, Sam & Mary Ann Boman, John & Betty Ann Sutton, Dan & Dale Ann Hoyt, Dwight & Chrystal Olson, Glen Sanders, and LaDon Kallmer were at the October luncheon. It's beginning to look like there are assigned seats?



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

*Newsletter Editors: Dale Ann Hoyt and
Sue Heist*

*Next Nebraska Luncheon
Monday, November 11
12:00 noon
Old Country Buffet
144th & West Center Rd.
Omaha, NE*

*Next Arizona Luncheon
Thursday, November 7
12:00 noon
Golden Corral
1868 North Power Rd.
Mesa, AZ*

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