

OKLAHOMA AIRSTREAM

Oklahoma's WBCCI Unit 88 Newsletter

WBCCI Region 9

Oklahoma Unit 88

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Rallies and Events

Christmas Luncheon,
Cattfish Roundup,
Seminole OK
5 Dec 2015

2016 Region 9 Rally,
Shawnee OK,
March 14-19 2016

Your Journey Awaits



2015 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

Photo by Chris Lohne

Time to Pay 2016 International WBCCI Dues

Annual WBCCI dues are required by the end of the calendar year. Renewing before the end of the month will ensure you are included in the Blue Beret membership book. Please, don't let your membership expire. **Don't wait! Renew today!** Renew on-line at: www.WBCCI.org

WBCCI International Dues Payments

Did you know WBCCI International dues can now be paid on-line at www.WBCCI.org ? When you pay on-line, you can also pay unit dues at the same time. WBCCI collects the unit dues then sends them to the Units. If you renew before 1 January 2016, no unit dues will be required of you for 2016. If you renew after 1 January, a \$10 unit fee will be collected. I would encourage everyone to pay your dues on-line. This will ensure timely payment to WBCCI and reduce workload on our unit treasurer. Remember, unit officer positions are voluntary positions so anytime we can reduce workload on those positions we should gladly take advantage of it. If you prefer to mail your international and unit payment you can download the registration form from WBCCI and mail to: WBCCI Headquarters, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center OH, 45334 or, mail to Oklahoma WBCCI Unit: Attn: Roberta Meyer, 6443 S. 347th West Ave., Mannford, OK 74044.

New Oklahoma Unit 88 Website

Last month we introduced you to the new Unit 88 Newsletter. This month, I'm happy to announce we have now launched an Oklahoma Unit 88 website! With the assistance of the national WBCCI and Region 9 staff, our new website is now up and running! Please take a moment and check it out at www.oklahoma.wbcci.net

2015 Fall Rally, Checotah OK

The Unit 88 Fall Rally was held at Checotah KOA West RV Park, 19-24 Oct 2015. Four Airstreams attended. Although a small group, we had a great time and enjoyed the camaraderie.



Photo by Wes Anderson

The KOA at Checotah is a nice campground with extremely pleasant staff and well maintained facilities. For group gatherings they have indoor facilities with kitchens. There are walking trails with the lake shore about 50 yards from the campgrounds, a miniature barnyard with ducks, chickens and a turkey. They also have a catch and release pond for the kids and two African Watusi cows as pets! All in all, a nice place for a fall rally.

2015 Fall Business Meeting

In addition to the opportunity to reconnect with friends and enjoy the fall scenery, the Unit's fall rally also serves as the Unit's annual Business Meeting and Officer Elections. The business/officer election meeting was held Tuesday, 20 October 2015.

OFFICER ELECTIONS: As mentioned in the October newsletter, Roberta Meyer and Johnye Duff announced they would be stepping down from their officer positions after serving several years. I am honored and happy to report that I was nominated and selected to serve as Unit President this coming year. I welcome the challenge and am looking forward to working with the membership to promote and schedule events that all of you will like to participate in. In addition to the President position, my lovely wife, Jackie Anderson was nominated and appointed as Secretary/Treasurer along with Barney Ratslaff and Johnye Duff as 1st and 2nd Directors respectively.

UNIT DUES: Another piece of business taken up during the 2015 business meeting was unit dues. In 2015, unit dues were not collected in order to draw down the unit's account balance. After open discussion, it was decided to charge \$10 unit dues for new and renewing members starting January 2016. Renewing your membership before 31 December 2015 will prevent you from paying the 2016 unit dues. Don't delay – renew today!

December Luncheon, 5 Dec 2015

Our annual December luncheon will be held at Catfish Roundup restaurant, 5 Dec 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Catfish Roundup is located at I-40 (exit 200) and Hwy 377. We want to extend a special invitation to our new members to come meet your fellow Airstreamers. The December luncheon also provides the opportunity to introduce the new officers to the members as they prepare to take office. So come join us for good food and fellowship and take the opportunity to thank Roberta for her past service to the Unit as she prepares to pass the torch to the new officers!

Thanks Roberta and Leroy!



Roberta and Leroy Meyers

Photo by Wes Anderson

Roberta Meyer is the current Unit 88 President and has served in that capacity for the last three years. Prior to serving the past three years, Roberta, as well as Leroy, served as President for our Unit. They currently live in Mannford OK and have been WBCCI members for 21 years. Leroy, a Korean veteran, retired from the US Postal Service in 1993. One of their past enjoyments over the years has been volunteering their time traveling to different cities and states to help build Churches; 8 in all. Their furthest Church building trek was to Anchorage Alaska. Through the years they have enjoyed attending WBCCI rallies and even went on a two month WBCCI 50 Year Anniversary caravan into Canada. Although not attending many long distance rallies these days, they still enjoy attending state rallies in their 34 ft Classic.

2016 Region 9 Rally, 14-19 March

Mark your calendars! Next year's Regional Rally will be held in Shawnee OK at the Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center. Although our Unit doesn't have any direct involvement in the preparations, how great would it be if we had a large Unit turn-out for the event! Let's show our Oklahoma Airstream pride by attending and representing our great State of Oklahoma!

A Message from our Region 9 President, Andy Selking

Unit Presidents,

Please remind all of your members to sign up for "Airstream PowWow", the Region 9 rally in Shawnee, OK on March 14-19, 2016. Information and the registration form can be found on the Region 9 website. (www.region9.wbcci.net then click on the header "ABOUT REGION 9 RALLY")

Also remind everyone that there is a table decoration contest again this year. The theme is totem poles! Use your imaginations!

Andy Selking,

Region 9 President

Oklahoma 2016 Spring Rally

Since our week long spring rally is normally held during the same time frame as the regional rally, I propose we move our unit spring rally to April and focus on our participation in the regional rally in March. If you've never attended a regional rally, I encourage you to do so. There will be many activities including seminars, games, and group entertainment. We probably won't see another regional rally in Oklahoma for several years so let's take advantage of it being in our own backyard and support it with our attendance!

We will plan our Unit 88 Spring Rally for sometime in April so keep watching for updates as to the dates and location in a future e-mail newsletter.

Wichita National Wildlife Refuge

If you're looking for a close get-a-way, try the Doris Campgrounds in the Wichita Mountains. Jackie and I have been visiting potential locations for Unit campouts. One of our new members suggested this location. After visiting, I agree that it would be a great location. Drive up to the top of Mt. Scott, the second highest elevation in OK. Enjoy a burger in Meers, a small unincorporated community that was established in 1901 as a gold mining town. Visit the cobblestone town of Medicine Park or hike the many trails around the refuge. Watch deer and turkey walk through the campgrounds. There are plenty of things to do as well as just relaxing in a very peaceful setting.



Camp Doris, Wichita Mts, OK

Photo by Jackie Anderson



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If you know of a good location for a unit campout that will accommodate 10 to 12 trailers, please let us know.

Opting Out

I'm hoping we won't have anyone but if for some reason you are not interested in receiving this electronic unit newsletter, send me an e-mail to that effect and I will remove you from the distribution list.

Final Thought

If you haven't renewed your membership with WBCCI for 2016 do so today so you don't miss any of our unit newsletters!

Thanks,

-Wes-