

Idaho Unit of WBCCI

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

... and this month's word is "change"! As the old cliché goes; if there is one constant, it is change. Depending on the circumstances, change can be a great thing or the worst thing to experience. As the weather warms and the spring rains subside most of us are ready for a change. For those still working, tired of sitting in the office looking out the window, the weekends come with the desire to go somewhere, do something, get out of this town. But for Mr. Snowman, the change of season and sunshine are not his friends. Oh, Mr. Snowman is still with us, only he has changed, snow has become water, flowed down the stream, fed the plant and now we have a beautiful flower in his place. He might have changed, but he is still with us.

We are reminded of members we have lost these past few years, they will be missed, can never be replaced; thankfully they are still with us in our memories of times well spent and adventures experienced. Technology is changing everything, how our Newsletter is delivered, the Blue Beret on-line, cell phones replacing CBs on Rallies and Caravans, sharing photos on Facebook or iPads. When was the last time you put a photo album together or mailed someone a letter?

But change is nothing new; our longer term members can tell stories of changes within WBCCI. Membership levels have fallen and are now rising again, no one now would think of excluding an Argosy from our club, and we are a little less formal than in the past. You may have the oldest trailer in the Unit, or the newest model off the assembly line. Doesn't matter if you tow it or drive it, live for weeks without plugging into shore power, or can't make it overnight without 50amp service. Fortunately this continues to be an evolution, not a revolution. We all share the common bond of the Airstream brand, the love of travel and exploration...and Wally's dream is just as true today as it was on August 3rd, 1955. Thank you Wally, Helen and the 37 other founding members of WBCCI.



SOME OF US ARE READY
FOR SUMMER!

See you down the road...*Michael Archer*

Idaho Unit Officers

President - Michael Archer

1st Vice President - Fonny Davidson

2nd Vice President - Peter Goedeking

Secretary - Kathleen Archer

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Past President - Bill Lawrence

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UPCOMING EVENTS

monthly unit breakfast

***Reminder--there will be no breakfast this month due to the Anniversary Picnic--hope to see you there!**

may "anniversary" picnic

May 14--55th Anniversary Picnic (with Overnight Parking), Eagle Island, Eagle, ID. Host: Lori Barnes-Girdner, Co-Hosts: Charlie & Betty Burke. Information on Page 6.

june rally

June 24-27--Indian Springs Resort, American Falls, ID. Hosts: Pete & Cara Goedeking, Co-Hosts: Pete & Fay Petersen. Info on Page 9.

Coupons have already been submitted, but there still may be room for you...if you're interested, call Cara at (208) 887-5388.

IDAHO UNIT COMMITTEE LEADS

- Budget**--Earl Brace
- Calling Coordinator**--Peggy Campbell
- Caravan**--Darrell Ostyn
- Directory**--Ann Lindley
- Hospitality/Sunshine**--Ann Lindley
- Legislative**--Charlie Burke
- Newsletter**--Cara Goedeking
- Rally Coordinator**--OPEN
- Membership**--Mim Davidson
- Web Site**--Benji Mellish
- Historical**--Betty Burke
- Constitution and Bylaws**--Charlie Burke
- Safety**--Fonny Davidson
- Community Service**--Judy Canada



SPRING IS NATURE'S
WAY OF SAYING

LET'S
party!
-Robin Williams

idaho unit **SUNSHINE** news

May Birthdays

- 01--Bill Lawrence
- 01--Pete Petersen
- 04--Marilyn Collins
- 09--Wendy Taylor
- 10--John Merell
- 14--Phyllis Pullman
- 25--Sheri Anderson
- 27--Floyd Tschacher

May Anniversaries

- 06, 1954--Lester & Mine Schmidt
- 23, 1987--Mark & Sheri Anderson
- 28, 1955--Jerry & Phyllis Voigt
- 31, 1986--Earl & Marlene Peck

Congratulations Schanzes and Settles for 35 years together!!

June Birthdays

- 02--Margaret Gorrissen
- 03--Gretchen Falk
- 05--Audrey Falk
- 15--Jerry Collins/Marlene Peck
- 16--Cara Goedeking
- 19--Kellyann Mooney
- 22--Lorri Karpinski
- 23--John Mooney

June Anniversaries

- 07, 1973--Bob & Faith Simms
- 09, 2000--Jeff & Gretchen Pettey
- 10, 1967--Richard & Vivian Schultz
- 15, 1968--David & Rebecca Jauquet
- 20, 1981--Michael & Kim Schanze
- 20, 1981--Jerry & Linda Settle

welcome
new
members!

Tom & Marilyn Usselman
from Boise, ID



NEW MEMBER NEWS

Membership Chair Mim Davidson asked new members **Tom & Marilyn Usselman** to share a little about themselves...

Thank you everyone for the warm welcome we received at the recent breakfast and on the phone! We recently purchased our 2nd Airstream a month ago, a 2007 Safari FB 27 ft. trailer. We had our first Airstream, a 1971, in the 1990s. We started camping in tents when our sons were small then eventually purchased 7 RVs through the years, the last being a 5th wheel. We have mostly camped in the Pacific NW. We especially enjoyed camping on the N. Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River in the years since retirement.

We married in 1971 and as we write this, it is our 45th wedding anniversary. Our roots are in ND and N. Idaho. We raised 2 fine sons and have 2 tall, handsome grandsons. Tom's interests are fishing, biking, walking and reading. Marilyn enjoys researching the family tree, cooking, reading and gardening. We both love historical novels and museums. We hope to expand our horizons and put on more miles by joining the club.



SAVE THE DATES!!

august 18-21, 2017

SOLAR ECLIPSE RALLY

Plan to attend the Solar Eclipse Rally--it will be awesome! We reserved 24 campsites at the Smiley Creek Lodge. No Airstream? Contact the Lodge (208) 774-3547 to reserve a room, cabin or tepee. We'll combine our annual business meeting and officer installation with sky-watching, hiking, and other activities. Plan to stay for totality between 10:30 and noon on Monday, August 21. Fonny & Mim Davidson and Benji & Kristin Mellish will host this rally.



POSED SOME QUESTIONS TO THE OSTYNS...AND HERE IS THEIR RESPONSE:

Charlie Burke invited us to join the WBCCI Idaho Unit fourteen years ago. He was selling us “a part at a time” and helping us restore our 25 foot 1978 International trailer. Along with all the professional advice he was giving us, we were convinced he must be right about joining the club, so at the Three Island Park Rally we became Airstreamers.

We soon realized the best part of “airstreaming” is the people! A Northern Idaho Caravan led by the Campbells and the Nelsons introduced us to a variety of activities--- riding bikes on the Hiawatha Bike Trail, touring the Cataldo mission, group birthday parties, and the joy of celebrating with our new-found friends. We were hooked!

Now we have a 32 foot 1989 Excella and have unforgettable memories of the many Rallies and Caravans we’ve participated in over the years. To pick a favorite would begin a discussion lasting for hours! Calvin Huit and Phil Nelson’s ingenious attempt to get into a locked trailer by fishing for the keys left on the cabinet through the outside storage compartment, Dutch Oven cookouts by the ocean, rides through Monument Valley with the Navaho Indians, eating burgers by Mt. Rushmore and on and on, there is just no way to choose!

Having read much about the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, we would like to see our Idaho Unit sponsor a caravan over to Escanaba, in time for the 2017 International Rally. This would offer us all a chance to see that unusually beautiful country together. Until then we’ll see you on the “KalisPELL Caravan”.

DARRELL AND MAUREEN OSTYN #5478

2016 RALLY SCHEDULE

MAY 14 55th Anniversary Picnic (with Overnight Parking), Eagle Island, Eagle, ID. Host: Girdner 208-890-0582, Co-Hosts: Burkes

JUNE 24-27 Indian Springs Rally, Indian Springs Resort, American Falls, ID. Hosts: Goedekings 208-887-5388, Co-Hosts: Petersens

JUNE 26-JULY 5 International Rally, Lewisburg, WV. Hosts: WBCCI

JULY 21-24 Make Your Own Reservations Un-Rally, Canyon Pines RV, Pollock, ID, Hosts: Merells 760-954-1057, Co-Hosts: Pullmans

JULY 24-27 Caravan to Region 10 Rally, travel to Region 10 Rally in Kalispell with stops in Grangeville, ID and Missoula, MT. Hosts: Davidsons 208-336-8325, Co-Hosts: Falks

JULY 27-AUGUST 1 Region 10 Rally, Kalispell, MT. Hosts: Region 10

AUGUST 19-22 Installation Rally, Arrowhead RV Park, Cascade, ID. Hosts: Lawrences 541-212-9400

SEPTEMBER 16-19 Wobbly Rally, Peterson Farm, Carey, ID. Hosts: Burkes 208-344-8745, Co-Hosts: Petersons

OCTOBER 20-23 Region 10 Music & Jazz Festival (Dry-Camp), Ketchum, ID.



There's so much
fun to be had!!!
 PLEASE COME JOIN US!



MAY 55TH ANNIVERSARY
PICNIC

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

Lori Barnes-Girdner (and the Burkes as Co-Hosts) would like to invite unit members to spend time at her place on Eagle Island (2165 Artesian Rd, Eagle, ID). The Idaho Unit picnic will be May 14th at 12 noon, gates open at 10:00. Those wishing to stay over and dry camp that evening are welcome (there are no planned activities that evening). Lori has a fishing pond stocked with large bass and blue gills or trout. No license required! Lots of room to wander and explore.



Once again the Idaho unit has stepped up to the plate to help fulfill Region 10's commitment to rally-host cities. At the April Rally in Sweet, ID, a "Pie Day" for A Ray of Hope shelter home in Kalispell, Montana netted over \$400.

Unit Community Service Chairman, Judy Canada, master at planning, proposed dedicating the whole day to this fundraising event. She dubbed it "PIE DAY" and got the approval of hosts, Michael and Kathleen Archer, and co-hosts, Andy and Stephanie Falk, to carry the theme throughout Saturday's events with quiche pie for breakfast, pizza pie for dinner, and an assortment of pie delicacies throughout the day.

Homemade and specialty pies were cut and packaged in clear, individual boxes---complete with forks and napkins---and were sold by the piece for \$3. They were brought to the rally courtesy of January, February, and March's birthday and anniversary club members (and a few welcomed guests who came for the Saturday business meeting).

An additional 50 cents garnered an ice cream cup for a quick pie ala mode. The pies were on sale through the weekend and were available at all meals in the park. Cara Goedeking auctioned off the remaining pie packages that were not sold at the end of the event.

Altogether Judy collected over \$300 from the pie sales and our club approved an additional \$100 at the business meeting. Earl Brace, our unit treasurer, will give the final figure at our next meeting.

A special thank you to:

- **Judy;** You always come up with fantastic ideas to make our rallies interesting. This one, in particular, was fun and easy with little or no clean-up.
- **The Archers and the Falks;** All of you were so willing to help in this event and you built enthusiasm for it.
- **All who donated pies;** There was such a delicious variety of pies---fruit, cream, pecan, and one called Bob and Andy. Few could settle for just one piece.
- **Our Board members and general membership;** You sweetened our amount with the \$100 donation.
- **All who bought the pies;** Your support is greatly appreciated.

Maureen Ostyn, Community Service Chairman, Region 10

APRIL RALLY RE-CAP BY CARA GOEDEKING

Our first rally of the year was just a short trek away for most to Roystone Hot Springs in Sweet, ID (about 20 miles NE of Emmett). There were 15 rigs (cozily crammed into 8 spaces with help from professional "park dude" Charlie Burke). Those attending were: Archers, Braces, Burkes, Canadas, Falks, GoedeKings, Klings, Lawrences, Merells, Ostyns, Petersons, Pullmans, Settles and Warrens--as well as Ron Jessick and Sandy Maack, Airstreamers who were traveling from their winter home in Lake Havasu to their summer home in Coeur d'Alene and spent Friday night at the park with us. Thanks to Michael and Kathleen Archer for hosting this event, and to the Falks for their co-hosting efforts, as well as Judy Canada & Maureen Ostyn for all their work in making Saturday's "Pie Day" a huge success.

Roystone is still in the process of making additions and modifications to its park (and Michael wanted to be sure to thank everyone for their patience with a park that wasn't quite prepared to host a larger group like us). But nevertheless, I can tell you most agreed that it will be an amazing park when it is completed, and it was still pretty "sweet"! ;)

Friday evening's BBQ of brisket and chicken was delicious (thanks for cooking Michael)! And a small group enjoyed the after-dinner treat of a dip in the hot spring swimming pool. Saturday morning was the kick-off of "Pie Day" where we enjoyed quiche pie and fruit for breakfast before we headed to "The Triangle" restaurant for our annual spring General meeting where we were joined by the Collins, the Davidsons, the Nelsons and the Schmidts. After the meeting everyone enjoyed lunch at the restaurant. In the afternoon, many of us drove to the little town of Ola where we were met by Ola resident & teacher's aide Judie, who gave us a tour of their 100+ year old one-room schoolhouse (which currently schools 18 K-6th students), as well as a tour of their beautifully renovated little church building.

Saturday evening brought the culmination of "Pie Day" as we all enjoyed delicious pizza pie from Triangle's and most indulged in a "dessert" pie of their choice, with all proceeds going to the Region 10 Rally's recipient of choice, Ray of Hope shelter in Kalispell. After dinner, Linda Settle entertained us with some "pie trivia" (a learning experience for all--thanks Linda). Following that quite a few of us enjoyed the relaxing hot tub, and then later many visited around the fire.

Sunday morning, after a nice little breakfast of muffins, fruit and yogurt, the majority of us packed up and headed home. All-in-all, it was a wonderful first rally of the season. We were thrilled to have such a nice turn-out---thanks to all who attended!



THAT'S RIGHT...15 AIRSTREAMS AT ROYSTONE HOT SPRINGS!



AUDREY FALK, GRETCHEN FALK AND ELLIE GOEDEKING ENJOYING SOME HOT TUB TIME!



MISSING PIE YOU SAY? YOU MIGHT CONSIDER CHECKING THE FALK'S TRAILER!

(more) **APRIL RALLY PHOTOS**



GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AT THE TRIANGLE RESTAURANT



THANKS TO MAUREEN AND JUDY FOR THEIR "PIE DAY" PROWESS!
YOU LADIES ROCK!



THE OLA CHURCH



GENE PULLMAN AND THE MAN-OF-MANY-HATS, JOHN MERELL, SPORTING HIS OWN KIND OF PIZZA!



OLA TEACHER'S AIDE, JUDIE, TELLING THE GROUP ALL ABOUT THE OLA SCHOOL.



CHARLIE BURKE AND CARA GOEDECK ENJOYING SOME MIKE'S...AND UMMM, ONE BETTY BURKE, AKA THE CRAZY PHOTO-BOMBER LADY!



Come Join Us for the June Rally

June 24-27, 2016

Indian Springs Resort, American Falls, ID

Hosts: Pete & Cara Goedeking, Co-hosts: Pete & Fay Petersen

(NOTE: We have already collected coupons and called the Owner with a head-count--12 rigs so far with 6 rigs staying through Monday. We will be financially responsible for camp fees for all no-shows, so we are looking for firm commitments. If you're still interested in joining us, please call Cara at (208) 887-5388 to see if there might be room.)

Come join us for a weekend full of fun! Indian Springs and surrounding area offer so many great options--go for a swim in the Olympic-sized natural hot springs pool (pool fees are separate), enjoy a round of golf on the 9-hole American Falls Golf Course, or head to the nearby Salmon River for some fishing time. We will also enjoy some group games together on Friday evening.

Camping fees are \$35-37 (30 amp/50 amp) a night including tax. The park does offer a 5% Good Sam discount. You will be responsible for paying all your own fees at the office when you enter the park.

Friday, June 24

*Please bring your own drinks/cups, plates and utensils to all meals at the park.

Check in begins at 3pm

5pm Happy Hour (bring snacks to share and your own drinks)

6pm Dinner: Pulled Pork Sliders and homemade White Mac n Cheese, Coleslaw, Chips provided. **April/May/June birthdays and anniversaries please bring a dessert or ice cream to share.**

7:30pm Group Games

Saturday, June 25

9am Potluck Breakfast (Sign Up for an item to bring at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B4BA5AC2EA4FE3-june)

Lunch on your own Afternoon free to do whatever you wish...

6pm Meet for dinner at Tres Hermanos Mexican Restaurant in American Falls

8pm Marshmallow Roast at Firepit (bring whatever you want for marshmallows, s'mores, etc.)

Sunday, June 26

9am Breakfast Provided-Muffins, fruit and yogurt

11am Check out for those leaving today

Lunch and afternoon on your own

6pm TBD-We can do dinner on our own or a dinner out in American Falls or Pocatello as a group

Monday, June 27

9am Breakfast meet-up at Willow Bay Cafe and Marina in American Falls

11am Check out



Are you planning to attend the **Region 10 Rally** July 27 – August 1? **JOIN OUR CARAVAN!** Travelers make their own reservations; meals will be potluck or on your own. Your registration helps us plan and lets us provide details as they develop.

COUPON for CARAVAN TO KALISPELL, July 24 – 27, 2016

Hosts: Fonny & Mim Davidson; Co-hosts: Andy & Stephanie Falk

Name(s): _____ WBCCI #: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Number in Party: _____
Trailer Length: _____ MH Length: _____

There is no registration fee for this caravan. Travelers are responsible for their own costs.

Please send or email this coupon to:

Fonny & Mim Davidson 208.336.8325
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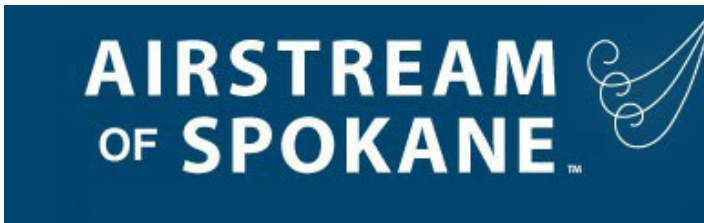


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