

ARIZONA ROUNDUP

AZ UNIT WBCCI MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017

From the President's Desk:

CASA GRANDE RALLY

The weather was cold and rainy, but the atmosphere was warm and friendly at our club rally held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter WBCCI International Board of Trustees meeting at the fairgrounds in Casa Grande. Our own Barbara Vaughn, Region 11 President, organized and hosted the affair in which more than 70 rigs and over 150 people came to conduct the international club's business.

We kicked-off the event on Monday evening with a "Margaritas and Mariachis"



happy hour. The next morning, after a sumptuous cooked breakfast prepared by Roger Pruter and his team of volunteers, the Executive Committee and region officers got down to business. See accompanying article for IBT results.

But it wasn't all work and no play. A highlight of the week was a tour and lunch at the Queen Creek Olive Mill. Our



own Denny Kuller got toes-a-tap

in with his good old fashion country-western music and songs. "Celtic Indian" Arvel Bird



wove a powerful tapestry of music and stories--a reflection of his mixed-blood American Indian and Celtic heritages--with his violin, native flutes and Irish whistles. Internationally renowned family dance company "Yellow Bird Productions" demonstrated traditional dance and stories that celebrated the unique spirit

of the American Indian. This was



followed by 93-year-old Navajo Code Talker Samuel Holiday, who reminisced about his life on the reservation and his experiences with the Marine



Corps fighting in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

By Friday, the IBT had finished all of its work. Former Region 11 President and Colorado Unit member Roger Pruter prepared one last feast for dinner. After the evening's entertainment International President Richard

Girard, who lives in Dewey-



Roger Pruter is a known cut-up

Humboldt, gave a great big thank you to all of the Arizona Club members who worked so hard to help Barbara make this event a huge success and welcome our fellow



Airstreamers from all over the United States and Canada to Arizona.

MID-WINTER IBT RESULTS

The WBCCI International Board of Trustees (IBT) assembled in Casa Grande, Arizona from January 17th to the 20th to meet and discuss the International Club's business ahead of the



IBT Table Decoration up close.

International rally in July. Committee reports were given, budget items and club organization were discussed, and over 35 amendments to the constitution and by-laws were presented and voted upon.

Many of the amendments dealt with CBL wording changes presented by Tom Smithson, President of Region 12. Almost all of them passed, but some were carried over to

“International.” I won’t bore you with the minutia, but there were several issues worth noting:

A motion was passed allowing all Units to design their own badges



IBT Table Decorations. Boots were filled with flowers and butterflies. A bandana, rope and horse shoe completed the center piece. Good job Mary Lou Doster

unique to their Units; however, the standard-issue WBCCI badge will be the “official” badge for all International and Regional rallies as well as caravans because it serves as the members’ passport to events.

A motion to delete “Article V, Disciplinary Procedures” from the Blue Book and replace it with a completely revised “Article V, Member Grievance Procedures”

was deferred to International following wording changes and a review by the Club’s attorney. Speaking of attorneys, there was one major disappointment effecting the Arizona club’s own CBL changes:

All 15 motions changing Units’ names or flags to include the word “Airstream” were deferred until International. This was done at the recommendation of Thor Industries Inc., Airstream’s parent company, to give their lawyers time to review the trademark implications of using the name “Airstream,” which is now being violated by some overseas entities. This means that our CBL changes may not be approved until July.

Lawyer joke: A lawyer e-mailed a client: “Dear Jennifer: Thought I saw you on the street the other day. Crossed over to say hello, but it wasn’t you, so I went back. One tenth of an hour: \$50.” 😊

AJO RALLY TOUR

Please see below regarding **REQUIRED INFO** for the Ajo Rally

tour. If you haven't signed-up for the rally yet, there's still space. Contact Shadow Ridge RV Resort, 520-387-5055.

Contact Mike McBurney with questions at mikegail@tabletoptelephone.com or at 520-387-5852.

Anyone attending the rally in Ajo in February and would like to participate in the Border Patrol and Lukeville Port of Entry tours-presentations please send me the following: Full name and date of birth. Feds are required to do a check on all visitors to the facilities. Send to mikegail@tabletoptelephone.com. You may want to bring your passports so you can go to the Duty Free store.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Thanks Mike & Gail

**AZ UNIT RALLY CIVIL WAR
REENACTMENT AT PICACHO
PEAK STATE PARK**

The rally site is confirmed for March 16-19, 2017, and we are ready to take reservations. We will dry camp at the West Jackrabbit group site in Picacho Peak State Park. The rate is \$15 per night (paid at the entrance) plus a small group fee that will be included in the rally fee. Take Interstate 10 to exit 219 and follow the signs for the Park. A map of the park will be provided as you enter. Camping is in a large parking lot with parallel sites. No hook-ups are available. A maximum of 14 units can be accommodated for the rally so get your reservation in early. The campground has a large group fire-ring with group grill, a large group Ramada and portable toilets. Access to campground's restroom/shower buildings in another area is included. Water and sewer are available at the dump station, with potable water also available. Bathrooms are clean and modern with hot showers. Lots of hiking and the sunsets and sunrises should be stunning. Wildflowers may be in bloom as a result of our recent rains.

Picacho Peak's most noted historic event occurred on April 15, 1862, when Confederate and Union scouting parties met in the Battle of Picacho Pass during the Civil War. This was the largest Civil War clash to take place in Arizona. Hundreds of spectators descend on Picacho Peak State Park to watch re-enactments of an Arizona Civil War skirmish. More than 200 re-enactors come from many states and will camp at the park with their authentic Civil War camping gear. Food and beverage concessions will be available. Access to the re-enactment is provided via a desert trail from our campsite or via car to an offsite parking area. There is no extra charge to attend the re-enactment if you walk, however a vehicle fee will be charged if you drive. The trail will be closed during the actual events. Be prepared for a good size crowd. Nearby is the Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Ranch if you need additional entertainment. Fuel and snacks are available at nearby businesses on the north side of

the Interstate. There are no other nearby facilities.

If you plan to attend drop us an email as soon as possible at KDCHARLES@Q.COM. Space is limited and we will reserve space on a first come-first served basis. Details of the rally meals and any other activities will be in the next newsletter.

UPDATE FROM PAST PRESIDENT JIM MOSER AND SHELLEY RANDALL

To the members, Arizona
Airstream Club:

Thank you, thank you! Shelley and I will enjoy using the coupon to Amazon that you gave us at the end of our term. We are both avid readers, so we will look forward to new books this year. Also, during our service to the unit, we deeply appreciated encouragement by so many and the cheerful help provided by those who made each rally a success.

We look forward to future rallies and other events in our Arizona

Airstream Club, but for now Shelley and I must take a short hiatus. Our trailer was totally destroyed by the accident in Tennessee. Therefore, it has been hauled to a salvage yard, and we anticipate obtaining another one in May. We look forward to seeing you down the road. Be safe!

Correction for Constitution Document

Please correct the email for Nancy Braffet on page 4 of the Arizona Officers, Rallies, Unit Constitution and Other Basic Information document recently sent out to:

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AZ UNIT 2016 NEW MEMBER ADDRESS UPDATES

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Our Membership Directory for 2017 should be out by the end of January.

Retirement

Captain William Doster, son of Bob and Marylou Doster recently retired after 25 years of service in the US Navy.



2017 Arizona Airstream Club Rallies

Jan 16 to 21	Mid-Winter IBT/ AZ Unit Rally	Casa Grande, AZ	Pinal County Fairgrounds 520-723-7881 Water, Power, Sewer	Jack Frost, Unit Liaison WBCCI Hostess: Barbara Vaughn	928-345- 3185 602-448- 6454	frostja@earthlink.net airstreamer2151@gmail.com
Feb 23 to 26	AZ Unit Rally	Ajo, AZ	Shadow Ridge RV Resort 520- 387-5055 Full Hook-ups	Mike & Gail McBurney Pat & Babs Cahalan	520-387- 5852 480-221- 8447	mikegail@tabletoptelephone.com pcahalan55@hotmail.com
Mar 16 to 19	AZ Unit Rally Civil War Reenactment	Eloy, AZ	Picacho Peak State Park 520-446-3183 Jackrabbit Group Site Dry Camping	Kent & Dorothy Charles Natalie Price	303-589- 9146 303-420- 2815 623-251- 6350	kdcharles@q.com dacharles@q.com natalieaprice@gmail.com
Apr 20 to 23	AZ Unit Rally	St. Johns, AZ	Lyman Lake State Park 928-337-4441 Group Site/Dry Camping	HOSTS NEEDED		
May 18 to 21	AZ Unit Rally Jerome Home Tour	Cottonwood, AZ	Verde Valley Fairgrounds 928-634-3290 Water, Power, Dump Station	Jim Moser Shelley Randall	570-594- 8585 570-594- 3944	pjamesmoser@gmail.com shelleycrandall@gmail.com
Jul 22 to 29	WBCCI International Rally	Escanaba, MI	Upper Peninsula State Fairgrounds wbcci.org			
Oct 7 to 15	Balloon Fiesta	Albuquerque, NM	Balloon Fiesta Park			
Oct TBD	Region 11 Rally	TBD				

Oct 20 to 23	AZ Unit Rally & Business Meeting	Apache Junction, AZ	Lost Dutchman State Park 480-982-4485 Main Group Site Dry Camping	HOSTS NEEDED		
Nov 16 to 19	AZ Unit Rally	Bisbee, AZ	TBD	John & Jenice Benton	620-430-7480	johnbenton@me.com
Dec 2, 2017	Luncheon	Phoenix, AZ	TBD	Jack Frost	928-345-3185	frostja@earthlink.net