

The President's Month in Review

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ON COMMUNICATIONS...

Encourage all our Members to use the normal WBCCI organizational structure to address their communications directly to an individual, group, or Committee Chairman at the Unit, Region, or International level who can best answer, or relay, their request. We each need to keep the members of the International Executive Committee and International Board of Trustees informed of key items.

MEMBER IDEAS to EVALUATE...

Members have wondered, if their suggestions and recommendations are being heard. Help me to assure them that when inputs are received, they are evaluated and then acted upon. The actions may include making a change, or not, collecting the data with no action at this time, or evaluating if this has been done in the past. The key is to listen and refer valid recommendations to the appropriate level of leadership.

ACTIONS COMPLETED...

President's Correspondence

<u>Month</u>	<u>E - Mails</u>		<u>NewsLtrs</u>		<u>Phone Calls</u>
	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	
Aug	349	205	40	5	59
Sept	303	118	45	4	29
Oct	299	98	34	5	86
3-Months	951	421	119	14	174

Mid-Winter IBT Int'l Rally...

Yes this is an International Event. In past years, Members thought this was only for the International Board of Trustees (IBT) not the general membership. This is, like all WBCCI events are open to all WBCCI Members. Many attending this Rally for the first time have commented; "It is encouraging to see and understand how professionally the Club operates and to have opportunities to discuss items of interest with any and all of our leaders. This is a rally that all Members should attend." Please encourage your Members to join and come on down to experience a warm and hearty "Texas Welcome" just 45 miles Northwest of Houston in Montgomery.

The 2009 Rally Site...

The Alliant Energy Center is an award-winning, full-service, multi-building 164-acre (about ¼ mile square) complex.

Most daily events (seminars, meetings, meals, friendship center, Wifi, offices, etc.) will be in the air-conditioned 250,000 square-foot Exhibition Hall which has been recognized as the Best Conference Center' in Wisconsin. Some events will take place in "The TENT" which is a covered building with rollup garage type doors on all 4 sides.

Our nightly entertainment will be in the air-conditioned, newly renovated 10,000 seat Veterans Memorial Coliseum arranged especially for our group of 3,000 to 4,000 All the seats are very comfortable with heavily padded seats with backs.

The Willow Island 29-acre grassy area, with several large willow trees, has a 6-acre island, with three accesses, and surrounded by two catch/release fishing ponds. This entire area is a beautiful natural setting for outdoor activities, especially picnics.

All of this is just two miles from Madison's downtown and beautiful state capitol. Madison and the Alliant Energy Center may be visited on the internet by going to Google Maps and selecting Street Views, using any Madison area address.

Need 6 Chairmen:

<u>#</u>	<u>Committee</u>
14	Bean Bag Baseball
120	Grounds After Rally
292	Transportation, Shuttle
New	Bicycle Excursions
New	Canoe/Kayak Excursions
New	Pre-Rally Promotion Drawing

Statistics To-Date:

- Registrations - 425
- Airstreams - 405
- 30 Amp Power - 319 (75%)
- 3 Amp Power - 86
- Staying Off-Site - 20

Registrations for the 2009 Madison Convention/Rally...

We started with fewer than expected registrations at the Bozeman Rally. Registrations have continued on the normal past years' growth curve. However, the current numbers which you can see in the Statistics on the previous page, are still low. During rally visits these past 4 months, it is obvious that our Members are very concerned about the cost of fuel and the economy. The key difference with this economic down-turn is that it is affecting each of us. I heard the distinction between a 'major miracle' and a 'minor miracle' is that a major one happens to me and a minor one happens to you or someone else. Well this economic down turn has been a 'major' one, as it is affecting each one of us.

How is this going to affect us? One encouraging sign is the declining fuel prices. We can only hope that now the economy will turn around and our Members' confidence in their personal financial situation will improve.

With Madison's central location, the driving distances will be closer for many. With our planned activities in such a beautiful area, why not relax and enjoy all Madison has to offer. With the possibility of winning free Rally Fees and even a new 2009 Classic Airstream with a new 2009 tow vehicle (or \$110,000 cash) you can't afford to miss this Rally.

GOOD NEWS for Membership Renewals for OCTOBER 2009...

Headquarters tracks Membership Renewals each year and the numbers are up 5.5% over last years renewal rate. Well done to each of your Region Membership renewal emphasis and especially to each of your Units and their Membership Chairman and Treasurer. Keep up the great work in "Being the Best You Can Be."

RALLY COLORS: CORAL, BLACK & WHITE

RALLY THEME: "BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"