

The President's Month in Review

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HAPPY NEW YEAR...

Let's "**Be the Best We Can Be**" for 2009.

New Year Challenge & Plans...

Based upon past history, the current 678 Registrations projects us to have between 680 and 720 Registrations at the 2009 Madison Rally. This is about 900 to 1,300 Registrations below early projections made over 2 years ago and before the current state of the national economy.

Each Member currently registered for Madison is encouraged to sign up at least one other couple to come with them. Sign them up NOW to ensure adequate preparations are made for their arrival. In addition the promotional items on page 8 of the Madison Pre-Rally Booklet need to be emphasized. They are included as the last page in this Review.

A Challenge to each of us is to reach the original goal of 1,515 registrations for the Madison Rally. (*It is then, each Rally attendee can expect a partial Rally Fee refund. So why not try?*)

Those desiring to have 30-Amp electrical service, need to sign up before April 1, 2009. Our contract with the suppliers for our 30-Amp Electrical service need the number of Airstreams that will be connected in order to set aside the proper quantities of equipment needed. This 30-Amp Electrical service will permit you to run your air-conditioner, micro-wave, hair dryer, coffee pot, refrigerator, and various other electrical appliances. The 3-Amp Electrical service provided at no additional cost provides only enough power to keep your batteries charged and possibly run a small fan or TV. It will not support a coffee pot, refrigerator, or other appliances.

RALLY COLORS: CORAL, BLACK & WHITE

RALLY THEME: "BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE"

ACTIONS COMPLETED...

President's Correspondence

Month	E - Mails		News Letters	
	In	Out	In	Out
Nov	281	97	46	6
Dec	267	96	48	5
Jan	315	106	50	3
3-Months	863	199	144	14

2009 Madison Chairmen Needs...

#	Committee
116	Games, Indoor
239	Region Officers' Spouse Workshop
New	Bicycle Excursions
New	Jam Sessions

Statistics To-Date:

- Registrations - 683
- Airstreams - 659
- 30 Amp Power - 470 (69%)
- 3 Amp Power - 189
- Staying Off-Site - 24

Official 2009 Rally Hotel...

Is the Clarion Suites Hotel at 2110 Rimrock Rd, Madison, WI 53713. It is connected by a climate controlled enclosed walkway to AEC's Exhibition Hall Lobby.

Call the Clarion at (608) 284-1234 for our special discounted hotel rally rates, reservations must be made by May 25, 2009 for the Best Rate (1-4 Nights), or by May 20, 2009 for an Even Better Rate (5 or more Nights). Confirm our special rates with the key phrase "WBCCI Airstream".

Included with your room are a complimentary breakfast and social hour (Mon-Fri), Complimentary shuttle to/from the airport, indoor pool and whirlpool, on-site fitness room and laundry, free high speed internet, microwave, refrigerator, hair dryer, coffee maker, iron and ironing board, Nintendo 64 and video player.

2009 INTERNATIONAL OFFICER NOMINEES & OTHERS...

During these past months, Members have stated and requested the following:

- A need and desire to avoid confusion as to who has been interviewed and selected by the Nominating Committee and who has not been interviewed for what ever reason.
- Resumes in Blue Beret - Who Pays? With a full and complete slate of officers and the current Club's Budget deficit there'll be no resumes paid for by the Club when the individual has not been interviewed and selected by the Nominating Committee. There'll be no special treatment for individuals not interviewed by the Nominating Committee.
- Nominees nominated by the Nominating Committee (Who are the Member's representatives) screen and evaluate the qualifications of each potential candidate who followed the approved Member's procedures in the WBCCI Constitution. Individuals who do not follow these Member procedures have the option of running from the floor and placing their resume in the Blue Beret at their own expense. As a Member courtesy the Blue Beret commercial ad rates, discounted by 30% will apply. An individual planning to run from the floor on June 30 does not insure to the Membership they are qualified, intend to fulfill the duties of the office they seek, or are capable to perform the duties of that office. A case in point is a previous nominee from the floor who stated that he "Would NOT have performed the duties if he were elected, because he was still working and would not travel for the Club."

ARTICLE XIII - NOMINATING COMMITTEE of the **WBCCI CONSTITUTION** (Page 7) is copied here for your convenience and reference.

Sec. 1 The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members, the Chairman of which shall be elected by the Board of Trustees at their first meeting. The other two members shall be elected by the Delegates at the annual Delegate's meeting.

Sec. 2 The Nominating Committee shall consider the qualifications of all candidates whose names are proposed by the Club Membership, by the International Board of Trustees and by any member of the Nominating Committee. The names of candidates submitted for consideration shall be accompanied by a statement of such candidate qualifications and of their willingness to serve in the office and such statement shall be received by the Nominating Committee by November 15 in the year preceding the election year. The Nominating Committee shall meet at least once thereafter. (7/1/86)

Sec. 3 The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of officers which shall be presented to the delegates at their annual meeting.

Sec. 4 The names, along with the qualifications, of the nominees shall be submitted to Headquarters not later than March 1 of each year for publication in the April issue of the BLUE BERET.

Sec. 5 Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor provided written consent to serve has been given.

The Officially Elected Nominating Committee, IAW **Sec. 1**, has accomplished the follow items, some of which have been established as normal custom:

1 – Met at the Mid-Winter IBT Rally, IAW the last sentence of **Sec. 2**.

2 - Interviewed each interested candidate who had submitted their resume by the November 15, 2008 deadline as required by **Sec. 2** who were present at the announced interview time, date, and place

3 - Selected a full and complete slate of officers, IAW **Sec. 3**, and presented a Courtesy Report to the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting at Montgomery, TX.

Members do not want the confusion of who was interviewed by the Nominating Committee and who was not, or who was selected and who was not.

For 2009 there may be two (2) groups of individuals intending to run for an International Office. Those Nominated Candidates nominated by the International Nominating Committee and those individuals who intend to Run from the Floor, if nominated by a Delegate at the June 30, 2009 Delegates Meeting, IAW **Sec.5**.

Therefore, only appropriate resumes, IAW **Sec.4**, will be printed in the Blue Beret. No position papers will be printed at the Club's expense. All candidates will be provided the same opportunity with no special treatment for late submittals over those who went through the proper process by the required dates.

a. If interviewed and selected by the Nominating Committee an individual's resume will be printed in the Blue Beret, IAW **Sec. 4**, at the Club's expense.

b. If interviewed and NOT selected by the Nominating Committee a resume will NOT be printed, IAW **Sec. 4**, in the Blue Beret at the Club's expense. Information to the membership will be at the respective individual's expense.

c. If a person intends to run from the floor, a resume will NOT be printed, IAW **Sec. 4**, in the Blue Beret at the Club's expense. Information to the membership will be at the respective individual's expense.

d. All campaigning expenses will be at the respective individual's expense regardless if they have been nominated by the Nominating Committee or not.

2009 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION/RALLY ATTENDANCE PROMOTIONS

1 – Free Opportunity (1/593,775) to WIN a NEW 2009 AIRSTREAM Classic 27’ FB Trailer Hitched to a 3/4 Ton Ford or Dodge Tow Vehicle – (Must be a WBCCI Member, Registered & Attend the 2009 International Convention/Rally)

Provided by EWALD’S AIRSTREAM and Vehicle DEALERSHIP

After each Member has Registered for the Rally and after the Registration Tables there will be a Table to pick up your Free Opportunity Card. The Card will have 30 dots on it covering various symbols. Six (6) of the symbols will be a key (representing the key to the Airstream and Tow Vehicle). Every card has these 6 keys. Each Membership will be asked to scratch off only 6 spots and no more. If you expose the 6 keys you are a winner. Because our contract states that we can have only one winner, should multiple Members expose the 6 keys, each of them will be asked if they all desire to be winners and if so they will share equally in the \$110,000 Cash Prize. If one Member states it is winner take all, then all the winners will have their names placed in a hat and only one winner will be drawn for the prizes or the \$110,000 cash value.

3 - New Rally Site Centrally Located in North America (Shorter Driving Distance for All)

5 - MODIFIED/SEPERATED Rally Fees

Rally Fee/Person

Airstream Parking Fee

Airstream 30 Amp Electric Fee

6 - Early Pre-Rally Booklet, was mailed to each Member in June 2008. When you sign up for the Rally with an International Officer you will receive a second Pre-Rally Booklet. You are encouraged to provide your extra Pre-Rally Booklet to an Airstream Owner who is NOT a Member of the WBCCI and invite them to the 2009 Madison Rally with you. They do not have to attend the 2009 Madison Rally. When you arrive in Madison place this Airstream Owner’s name, address and phone number with yours on the back in the appropriate location during the Registration process. During the rally one card will be drawn from a hat for a free 2009 Madison Rally Fee. This is a \$115.00 to \$250.00 Value. Also a Pre-Rally Booklet is posted on the Club’s Web Site under the International Rally Tab. (Please note that events are subject to change in this Booklet due to its early printing.)

7 - Madison Visitor’s Discount Card for dining, shopping and attractions

8 - Hot Air Balloon (Special Fee) Country Side Flights

9 - Canoe/Kayak Lake & River Adventures

10 - Bicycle Tours/Adventures (Madison has over 100 miles of paved paths)

11 – WBCCI Caravan Presentations

12 - Rhythm and Booms Fireworks Extravaganza (Saturday night, June 27)(Optional Bus Tickets Available)

13 - Rally Starts Sunday Evening and ends Saturday Night, Enabling you to travel on week ends

14 - Large New Community Swim Center next to Rally Parking Area