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Hi to all and welcome SPRING 2013.

Here is wishing all who went South for the Winter, a big welcome home, and for those who stayed for the Winter, it is time to get ready for some travelling as soon as your RV is set up and ready to go. We, as a MT. Unit and WBCCI, do welcome new members, Michael and Nancy Downing to our Unit. We hope you can join us soon so we can all meet you. Their address is 2454 Teton Ave., Billings, MT. 59102.. 406 652 5474. Those of you in the Billings area please contact them. We are excited for our first outing this Spring at GREY BEAR fishing access west of BIG TIMBER on the frontage road, ON APRIL 19-21. It is not a Rally, but just a gathering of members and friends that you can bring. Any RV is welcome so please come and have some fun. Don't forget to bring food for sharing and join our Happy Hours for telling stories of travelling and fun times. Anyone planning on going to the International Rally in Huron, S. Dakota 27th of June- July 4th please let me know ASAP so arrangements can be made by our Region 10 President, Adolph Knopp, for any functions that have to be set up. WE hope many of you can attend. Our Spring Rally is still being worked on but weather has been a slight factor for checking our route as this is a traveling rally from DIVIDE, MT TO WISDOM and sites to see between these two towns. We hope many can join us. We will have more information in the MAY Newsletter. If any of you have any questions pertaining to any of the above info or anything else you may want to know about our club or upcoming events please contact us. We are still getting inquiries about the Special Event, "WILD WEST FEST" in East Helena and sad to announce it is being cancelled after a lot of paper work, effort by all and do not know when or where it will be relocated if it is. Apparently new folks may have an interest in getting it going again. We will keep in contact and let you know. Club Members from as far away as Georgia and Washington and other states and Canada have had a lot of interest with this event. Hopefully it will be held again soon. We still have the Old Time Fiddlers get together in Livingston so check out that date for a fun time. Info will be in the newsletter.

Thanks to all and travel safely and be prepared for whatever can happen on these busy highways.

Prez. x4 --Ron and 1st Lady Tobe

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News

BLUE MOON CARAVANS

Those Montana Unit members who remember the "Mintage" Airstream restorer in East Missoula may have heard rumors of them going out of business. Not true! They have new owners and a new attitude doing restorations, customization and repair work. Kent Kraemer and Joe Aeillo were employees of Mintage and when the restorer known for taking older Airstreams and vintage trailers and completely refurbishing them began to be challenged by the present economy, they stepped up to save their own jobs by buying the business. In good old Montana tradition, such discussions took place over a few adult beverages, and thus "Blue Moon Caravans" was born. Blue Moon Caravans is still located in East Missoula, only a block away from their previous location, but just off the old highway at 525 Michigan Avenue. They have a larger shop, with mobile crane capability and they are busy with a backlog of work. But most importantly, they have a positive attitude, experience and a love for restoring vintage travel trailers. In the shop when I visited were a 1952 Fleetwood "canned ham" along with a 1964 Airstream Globetrotter, on which they were just finishing sub-floor repair, new flooring, and new cabinets. Two more Shastas were waiting their turn and a slew of older Airstreams are parked around the building, including a 1952 Streamline Clipper, which – just to see – is worth the two minute detour off the East Missoula exit on I-90!

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New Members

The Montana Unit would like to welcome Michael and Nancy Downing of Billings to our unit. We are looking forward to meeting you in the upcoming New Year!

2012-2013 Rallies & Caravans

Spring Get Together at Grey Bear Fishing Access

April 19th-21st. (The access is just west of Big Timber and all are invited. This is not a rally, so any friends with any type of trailer can come).

Alumapalooza, Airstream Factory Jackson Center, Ohio

May 28th-June 2nd, 2013 (for info see: [Alumapalooza 4](#))

Spring Rally, Caravan to Wisdom

June 6th-10th, 2013

The Spring Rally will caravan from Divide to Wisdom, MT. (more info to follow).

International Rally, June 25th-July 4th, 2013

Huron, South Dakota

(check Blue Beret for details)

Montana Old Fiddlers Picnic, Aug. 2nd-4th, 2013

Livingston, MT.

(The 39th annual Old Time Fiddlers Picnic will be held Aug 2-4, 2013 one mile South of Livingston, Montana (I-90) on US 89. Look for the signs. See fiddlerspicnic.blogspot.com/ for more details on the picnic. It is a good deal more than a picnic and welcomes any players of roots music. Lots of jamming around the campground which is on the Old Mercier Ranch. While there are spectators, there are a good deal more musicians. Montana unit WBCCI members are invited to gather in conjunction with the Picnic. It is dry camping with no electric, but there are porta potties provided, a free breakfast on Sun and a potluck with meat supplied Sat afternoon. Camping is free but we are expected to contribute for an event button to the tune of \$25 each. We'll camp together on the site. Wonderful to go to sleep under the Montana sky being serenaded by bluegrass, old timey, mountain, Celtic, gospel, cowboy singers and the like. Since there is a heavy

emphasis on musicians we are hoping that several of us will also bring and play our instruments. Dogs are welcome but keep them under control. Too dry this time of year for campfires on this ranch but propane campfires are OK. There will be a Tin Can Tourist gathering at the same time which will have a dash plaque and a few trophies if you are a member or join on site. But mainly this is just a great camp out. US 89 is the Northern Gateway to the Yellowstone National Park and at the head of Paradise Valley which pretty much says it all. If you flyfish, hike, mountain bike or whatever, this is the event for you.)

**Montana Wild West Fest, Aug. 8th-12th, 2013
Kleffner Ranch in East Helena, MT.**

(This is an approved WBCCI Special Event and will be in an upcoming Blue Beret)

This Event has been Cancelled!

**Hands Across the Border, Aug.29th-Sept.2nd, 2013
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada**

(more info to follow)

That's all for now. See you next month!