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To all our Unit Members:

With the year 2013 already upon us and January nearly out of the way, maybe, just maybe better happenings will be on the horizon. We finally got our trailer back from Spokane from damages that happened last year. We had to wait for a decent weather weekend to make the trip so we had that chance the 20th and back home 21st of Jan. Stayed at a Motel in downtown Spokane and had gone out earlier to eat. Back at the Motel and about 8 pm a party had started with over a hundred youngsters (idiots) and, after a few hours of drinking, fighting, yelling, breaking glass bottles in driveway, and a call to the office and 911 the party ended about 4:30 am. We awoke to a quiet environment, complained at front office when checking out and got a small rebate on our room costs. YAY !!!!!

While at Airstream and hooking up the trailer with the "help" of an employee, the jack on the trailer got bent. With a replacement (used) and \$208.00 later we were on our way and only a bit over 400 miles from home. Prior to this and at a car wash in Bozeman, the tow vehicle quit, towed to Ford garage and \$2800.00 later we were set to go to Spokane after replacing the microwave in the house that suddenly decided to quit. So January, 2013 was a great start for us. We sincerely hope that all of you had a much better start for the New Year. Enough whining on my part...

As all of you now know it was decided not to send a January newsletter out and wait until February. We are having our monthly luncheon on 16 February in Livingston, MT. Time and place to be announced by Giao's in this letter. PLEASE bring something for the Food Bank if you are attending.

In December while on our way to Whitefish, MT. we met with members from Missoula and Hamilton. These were Jerry and Amy Mulhauser, new members: Dave and Jeri Mihalic and also Donna Gordon from Hamilton. A luncheon was had at the Cracker Barrel. It is always good seeing members when we can. Thanks for attending. Michael and Teri will announce newer members in this newsletter also.

Members, Ray and Eglina Schmitt, who are wintering in Texas, have been keeping us informed about Eglina's surgery and hospitalization this winter. Eglina is doing much better and our prayers/thoughts go out to both of them.

We will have an update in a later newsletter concerning our SPRING TRAVELING RALLY from Divide, MT to Wisdom, MT. and places in between. We are hoping for an interesting and fun time with a good gathering of members that can attend. Tobe and I will do a scouting trip as soon as weather breaks. We used to have this Rally, Memorial weekend but with so many having family graduations it was decided to have it this year on June 6th, ending on June 10th. I hope this is satisfactory for all who can attend.

Avis and Toby Stapleton returned home from a trip to find their house had been broken into and numerous family heirlooms and other treasures had been taken. So upsetting and sad to hear of this type of a violated situation to anyone. We hope some of the items can be located and the culprits pay dearly for this crime.

With all the major storms throughout the country we sincerely hope that some relief will soon be in store for all. Please be aware while traveling and arrive at your destination safely. If any members are planning on the trip to Huron, S. Dakota for the International Rally and want to travel with us, please let us know. So far it will be Stapletons, Schmitts and us. We are hoping for a fun time and site seeing along the way.

I think I have rambled enough so will end by saying, all be safe while travelling and the best to all of you.

Prez. x4 --Ron and 1st Lady Tobe

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JFK used an Airstream as a temporary office for meeting with LBJ



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News

The Montana Unit would like to extend condolences to Adolf and Hazel Knopp for the loss of their daughter to a tragic accident. We wish you the best!

New Members

The Montana Unit would like to welcome Rick and Michelle Donaldson of Big Sky to our unit. We are looking forward to meeting you in the upcoming New Year!

Luncheon Meetings

**Feb. 16th, 2013 Livingston, MT. 11:30am
at the Rib and Chop House on Park St.**

2012-2013 Rallies & Caravans

**Alumafiesta, Tucson, Arizona
Feb. 5th-10th, 2013** (for info see: [Alumafiesta](#))

**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)

**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!