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New Second VP Installed

C.C. Gartman installed Andy Selking as Region 9's 2nd VP at the NTU Labor Day Rally in Lampasas.



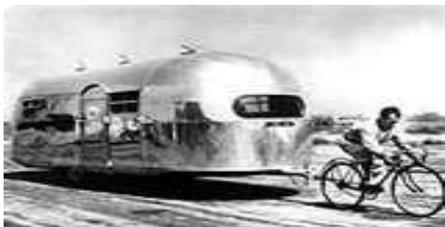
Andy & Barb started Airstreaming in 2002 with a 1959 Airstream that had belonged to Andy's grandparents. In fact, Andy often went with his grandparents in that Airstream when he was a kid. A picture of their 1959 Airstream was featured on the cover of the June 2007 "Blue Beret" with an article inside that Andy wrote. The beret that Andy wears was his grandfather's beret.

They joined WBCCI in 2004 as part of the North Texas Unit. Andy is past president of North Texas Unit and has also served as NTU membership chairman and caravan leader. Barb is currently a director with NTU. Andy was on the board at North Texas Airstream Community where he served as Vice President of Maintenance from 2007-2010.

Andy works at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary as Associate Physical Plant Director. He's been working in various positions at Southwestern since 1986. Barb just retired in May after teaching middle school math for 34 years at St. Paul Lutheran School in Fort Worth.

They have one son Mark, who is a CPA and lives in Fort Worth with his wife, Lauren.

Andy will be a great addition to our Region 9 slate of officer's.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey All,



I want to wish a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a very Blessed New Year to everyone!!

Can you believe that 2012 is almost at an end?? How time flies when you are having fun!! A LOT has happened this past year....we (your Region officers) have been busy installing new Unit Officers and they are busy planning their unit rallies for 2013!!

A big thanks to our retiring officers and congratulations to the newbies!! I know they will appreciate all the help they can get from each of you.

I am thrilled with the hard work being done raising funds for our Wounded Warrior Projects! One unit has already raised over \$1300.00 dollars!!! What a blessing the monies raised will be to these families!!

If your unit has not developed a program/event for your Unit some ideas that are having good results are: quilt raffle, silent auctions, multi-item raffles, collection of items to be sent to the Wounded Warriors, special events planned and funds collected or donated. Just a few ideas to consider.

The next event will be the Mid-Winter IBT in Blythe, CA, Jan 23rd through 28th. There are two caravans heading west, one led by Bill Kindle, airstream4126@gmail.com departing January 14th and another by Doug

Wylie, dew50@sbcglobal.net departing the 17th of January. Please feel free to contact either of them to join in the fun!!

The IBT seminars will be streamed live beginning at 8:30 am on January 25th and 26th and will continue on January 27th if needed. Please try and listen to the streaming, as it will provide information and insight on the business of our club. A full report of all actions taken at the meeting will be reported in the February Region Niner.

We're "Steppin' Out" to Robstown, TX, March 4th through 9th, 2013. We will be enjoying 6 nights parking with water and electricity, tram service, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 3 nights "great" entertainment, games, crafts, tours, seminars and more fun, fellowship and adventure!!

I have already heard of caravans being planned for the trip south. Joint pre-rallies and caravans would be a good time to meet new members and catch up with old friends!

I hope each of you have been reading the articles that your 1st VP, Joan Ermis, has been writing for the Blue Beret. She is doing an excellent job!!!

Once again, I hope each of you have a very blessed Christmas and Happy Holiday season with family and friends.

Blessings and see you down the road!!

Linda Wadle Knezek

REPORT FROM REGION 9 FIRST VP – JOAN ERMIS

The saying “time flies when you are having fun” is definitely true. It is difficult to believe that 9 months ago I considered becoming 2nd VP of Region 9 and six months ago I became your 1st VP. Since then the words of encouragement and support from our members has been overwhelming. It is truly a pleasure to work with you all. Congratulations to the new unit Presidents and their Boards.

As of November 30, 2012 Region 9 has 479 members (48 new members and 431 renewals). The grand total for the WBCCI is 4,629. Doug Wylie is doing a superb job of contacting our units about potential new members. Please make a conscious effort to have membership packets in your vehicle for those occasions when you spot an Airstream without numbers.

During the upcoming months I am looking forward to attending unit rallies. In September I attended the open house at NTAC. It was a fantastic experience. The villas were gorgeous and the hosts did an outstanding job. The food was superb. Thank you all.

October found me traveling to Rusk for the joint rally with the Texas Hill Country Unit and the Texas Highland Lakes Units. It was a great rally where I was able to visit with friends and meet new friends. Once again the food and fellowship was wonderful. This was my first joint rally and I encourage our units to have more of them.

November found Linda Karen and me on the road to Robstown to work out details for the upcoming Region Rally in March. We worked on formulating the agenda for

the rally trying desperately not to have conflicts. We finalized menus for the rally and the meals will be great.

December found me traveling to Montgomery for the Texas Coastal Plains Unit's Installation Rally. I had the honor of installing the officers for the upcoming year. Again I was able to visit with friends and meet new friends in the Airstream family.



Our units are so special and I regret that I cannot mention everyone by name because it would take volumes to do so. Thank you all for the fantastic rallies.

Letters, emails, and contracts have been sent out to potential vendors for the “Steppin’ Out” Rally. There should be a diversified group attending.

We mourn the loss of Evan Evans this year. He was the Region 9 President in 2007 & 2008 and was a past President of the North Texas Unit. He loved being an Airstreamer and owned numerous Airstreams. We remember him as a fun loving man who always had a smile on his face. His loving wife, Mary Ellen Evans plans on staying in our Airstream family.

See you all in Robstown in March.

Joane Ermis
Region 9, 1st VP

REPORT FROM REGION 9 SECOND VP – ANDREW SELKING



I am very excited to serve in Region 9, the best region in the WBCCI! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity of being your 2nd Vice President.

Barb and I were able to attend two installations since taking office - the Oklahoma Unit in October and the Texas Plains Unit in December. We met some wonderful people at both installations, but what else would you expect! That's the part of being a member of the WBCCI that we relish the most. It's just like being a part of a great big family. We plan to visit all of the units in Region 9 throughout the next few years and look forward to making many new friends.

Marvin Essary, newly elected Texas Plains Unit President, set a goal for his unit that I'd like all of us to work towards. Marvin challenged his unit to sign up ten new members during this coming year. He asked TPU

members to talk to Airstreamers they meet without numbers and encourage them to become involved with the club. What a great goal for all of us!

I hope all of you have made plans to come to Robstown in March for the Region 9 Rally. Linda has a great rally lined up and you don't want to miss it. I will do a little soliciting here. I am looking for door prizes for the rally and would love for you to let me know if you have something to contribute. Any door prize, big or small, is welcomed! Just e-mail (abcstream@aol.com) or call (817-879-5866) me and let me know what you have.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Andy Selking

Region 9 2nd VP



REPORT FROM REGION 9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN – DOUG WYLIE

My new job as Region 9 Membership Chair really has made me aware of all the opportunities to seek out new members and provide them with the things they need to easily join our club. So . . . being out of membership packages means that we need to replenish our stock – which all of us can do by a quick call or email to Deb Mann at WBCCI's Jackson Centre office.

Until they are received, don't stop your quest for new members – use a business card, with the WBCCI web address scrawled – in your best handwriting - will do.

I hope all of you have a supply of packages to give out with your card or written contact info so that we don't miss one opportunity to introduce an Airstream owner to our great club!

You should also be aware and tell prospective new members that they can submit their application online at the WBCCI Website. I suggest you go there (www.wbccci.org) and click on the box labeled "Read more: Membership Information" – which takes you to the page where they will see "Join Online Today" - where they can fill in the form, submit it and pay their membership. After you know where it is, you can tell (or show) the prospective member how easy it is!

While I am thinking about new members, I just want to take a minute to ask all of you to join me and think about your new members at this special time of the year. It is a particularly opportune time to make them very welcome in the WBCCI Family. A special invitation to an event, luncheon or just getting together for a coffee will go a long way to welcome new members at this time of the year.

After the holidays are over I will be heading up a caravan to the Mid-Winter IBT and the Hobo Rally in Blythe, CA.

Sheryl and I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Doug Wylie
Region 9 Membership Chairman

