



# President's Monthly News

To be shared with WBCCI Members

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## New WBCCI Forum

Hopefully you have found the new WBCCI forum linked to [wbcci.org](http://wbcci.org). The forum has a world of information including many topics, help, blogs and a place to ask questions and find answers. This new forum was developed by a couple of dozen computer heads that understand how to create things like this. You will find a WBCCI member only section where you will be able to see, read, and post to blogs with other members. As of the last of August, we have 325 registered, with the numbers growing daily. It may take a while to get comfortable using the new forum (I am still learning), but there is much information available for members or anyone else interested in the Wally Byam Caravan Club International or Airstreams. Go to [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org) and click "forum."

## New Members:

Be sure and check the current *Blue Beret* for the listing of the new members who have joined WBCCI during the past month. If you see a name of someone in your unit or in your area, be sure and try to contact them with a warm, positive welcome. In August, there were eighty 80 new members listed. Twenty-two (22) of these new members joined as members-at-large (MAL). These new MALs have not joined a unit for one reason or another. It is important that unit members and membership chairmen contact each of these new MALs and invite them to join your unit members in the Fun, Fellowship, and Adventure of a unit activity. Sometime all it takes is a contact.

We are all responsible for increasing our membership. Give these new members a call; you may be surprised at what you can accomplish for WBCCI.

## Cyber Etiquette

Keeping good manners alive in this digital age is not easy, but it is as important as ever. Things have certainly changed since blackberries grew only on bushes! Good manners have always been important when interfacing with others, and they will never go out of style.

Hiding behind a computer does not provide an excuse for forgetting ones manners. Think before you press "send" and be thoughtful about what you send.

If you are angry or feel a need to rant about something, read your comments over several times. Ask yourself three questions before sending anything out over the vast internet space.

1. Would I say this to a person's face?
2. Would I want this information printed in The local paper where I live?
3. What would my grandmothers and mother think about this?

If you answered "yes" to all three of the above questions, then press the "send" key. Remember the nursery rhyme, "*Sticks and stones may break my bones*"? In the real world, words can kill a persons spirit.

## Gillette International Information

The Settle Inn (across the street from our rally site) has been selected as the Official Host Hotel. This hotel is brand new and ready to take your reservation. Details will be published in the October *Blue Beret*.

### Chairmen needed:

Games, Outdoor  
Geocaching  
Judges Acquisition  
Parade  
Sound  
Talent on Parade  
RV Flyers AMA

### Registration Numbers

As of 8-31	376
Off site	8
Break even #	750

