

**WALLY BYAM
CARAVAN CLUB
INTERNATIONAL, INC.**



Nebraska Unit

IT ALL BEGAN THIS WAY - -

The organizational meeting of the Nebraska Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International, Inc. was held at the Fremont Recreational Area, Fremont, Nebraska, on 13 May 1961, at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Hall called the meeting to order and introduced Peggy Pebbles, National Field Representative, who gave a talk on the club, its purpose and structure.

Adrian Sivinski was elected President by unanimous vote, and conducted the balance of the meeting.

Henry Geisert, Vern Resh, and Annie Sundsboe were elected as Board of Directors.

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CHARTER MEMBERS

- * Beeman, Cecil & Maxine, Lincoln
- * Beeman, Lynn & Emily, Lincoln
- Berger, William & Ann, Gothenburg
- Currens, W. Mac & Veta, Goodland, Kansas
- Geisert, Henry & Marge, Ogallala
- Giffen, Charles & Ruth, Cairo
- Graham, Julian & Pearle, Lincoln
- Gravatt, Virgil & Olive, Whittier, Calif.
- * Hagan, Paul & Bertha, Omaha
- * Hall, Paul & Margaret, Wahoo
- * Jorgensen, Alfred & Dorris, Omaha
- Ketly, James & Mary, Omaha
- Kroger, E. G. & Norma, Grand Island
- Moore, Ralph & Dorothy, Omaha
- Morgan, Don & Helen, McCook
- Ohme, Kenneth & Helen, Mitchell
- Pechous, Les & Lila, Lincoln
- Qualsett, Harold & Ellen Ann, Clarkson
- Reed, Claude & Dorothy, Omaha
- * Resh, Vern & Mabel, Shelton
- Ripp, Leo & Regina, Omaha
- Shelley, Max & Blanche, Fairbury
- * Sivinski, Adrian & Ava, Omaha
- * Sundsboe, Arnold & Lillian, Omaha
- Thompson, Lynn & Jane, Omaha
- Wood, Earl & Luella, Bennett

* Attended the first meeting originally formed in the Jorgenson trailer.

1961-62

President Adrian Sivinski
 1st Vice President Paul Hall
 Treasurer Al Jorgensen
 Secretary Dorris Jorgensen
 Corresponding Secretary . . Val Cleveland

Teen Queen Rae Beeman

Dues for the Nebraska Unit were \$2.00 per
 Year Per Trailer.

1963

President Henry Geisert
 1st Vice President LeRoy McCann
 2nd Vice President James Monahan
 3rd Vice President Robert Puelz
 Treasurer Billie Demarest
 Secretary Paul Demarest
 Corresponding Secretary . . Val Cleveland

Teen Queen The Dank Twins

Seven-State Rally Held in Ogallala May 30-June 2
 Monthly Newsletter officially named "The Trail
 Husker" By Jo Godown.
 WBCCI Rally, Bemidji, Minnesota

1964

President LeRoy McCann
 1st Vice President Robert Puelz
 2nd Vice President Clare Buskirk
 3rd Vice President Harry Huston
 Treasurer Billie Demarest
 Secretary Paul Demarest
 Publicity Director Val Cleveland

Teen Queen Mary Jo Godown

LeRoy & Berrice McCann instigated wearing Blue and Yellow Nebraska Jackets.

Paul & Billie Demarest promoted Flying State Flag

Mary Jo won Third Prize in International Rally

Teen Queen Competition, Princeton, New Jersey.

1965

President Robert Puelz
 1st Vice President Clare Buskirk
 2nd Vice President Harry Huston
 3rd Vice President Glen Cleveland
 Treasurer Leonard Godown
 Secretary Jo Godown
 Publicity Director Paul Demarest

Teen Queen Marion Joan Zimmer

First Membership Roster Booklet edited by Billie Demarest & Jo Godown.

First Midwest Eight-State Regional Rally held at Lincoln State Fair Grounds in May.

WBCCI Rally, Laramie, Wyoming.

1966

President Clare Buskirk
 1st Vice President Harry Huston
 2nd Vice President Glen Cleveland
 3rd Vice President Leonard Godown
 Treasurer William Ross
 Secretary Mary Ross
 Publicity Director Evelyn Gibbs

Teen Queen Debra Warddrip

Debbie was Chosen "Miss Congeniality" in Teen Queen Competition; Bob Puelz is International Chess Champion; Nebraska Unit won 3rd place in Parade Contest with the Conestoga Wagon pulled by two oxen, NEB & Raska, at the WBCCI Rally, Cadillac, Michigan.

Midwest Region name changed to Central Region.

1967

President Harry Huston
 1st Vice President Glen Cleveland
 2nd Vice President Paul Demarest
 3rd Vice President Byron Pattison
 Treasurer William Ross
 Secretary Mary Ross
 Publicity Director Evelyn Gibbs

Teen Queen Debra Warddrip

Named Regions changed to Numbered Regions.

Region 8 consists of the States of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri & Nebraska.

Clare Buskirk elected to serve as President of the 8th Region.

Debbie placed 5th in the WBCCI Teen Queen Contest at Santa Rosa, California.

1968

President Glen Cleveland
 1st Vice President Paul Demarest
 2nd Vice President Byron Pattison
 3rd Vice President William Ross
 Treasurer Rex White
 Secretary Viola White
 Publicity Director Russell Brauer

Teen Queen Debra Warddrip

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 And once again, Bob Puelz is the Number
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 Nebraska Float awarded Trophy for Honorable
 Mention in the Theme Division.

1969

President Paul Demarest
 1st Vice President Byron Pattison
 2nd Vice President William Ross
 3rd Vice President Harold Toner
 Treasurer Donlin Lockmon
 Secretary Luella Lockmon
 Publicity Director Fran Joynt

Teen Queen Elizabeth Hinze

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 Nebraska Float awarded Third Place Trophy in
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 Region 8 Rally - Fairgrounds - Lincoln, Ne.

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1st Vice President William Ross
2nd Vice President Harold Toner
3rd Vice President Roy Randolph
Treasurer Dorlin Lockmon
Secretary Luella Lockmon
Publicity Director Fran Joynt

Teen Queen Mary Putnam

Largest Circle-Up Nebraska Unit Rally of the
Season held at the Bert Kreitman Ranch in
Bassett, Nebraska.

WBCCI Rally, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

1971

President William Ross
1st Vice President Harold Toner
2nd Vice President Roy Randolph
3rd Vice President Dorlin Lockmon
Treasurer Robert Livesey
Secretary Naomi Livesey
Publicity Director Bernice McCann

Nebraska Unit Celebrates 10th Anniversary at
Grand Island, Nebraska.

Rex White, Wagonmaster for Caravan to Inter-
national Rally - Salem, Oregon

1972

President Harold P. Toner
 1st Vice President Roy F. Randolph
 2nd Vice President Dorlin Lockmon
 3rd Vice President Merle Lawrence
 Treasurer Wendell TeSelle
 Secretary Velma TeSelle
 Publicity Director Donald Claasen

Barbeque - Kreitman Ranch - Bassett, Nebraska
 International Rally - Louisville, Kentucky
 Grand Island chosen as permanent Nebraska
 October Rally Site

1973

President Roy F. Randolph
 1st Vice President Dorlin Lockmon
 2nd Vice President Bernice McCann
 3rd Vice President Robert Jacobs
 Treasurer Doris M. Weiseth
 Secretary Werner H. Weiseth
 Publicity Director Donald Claasen

Teen Queen - Debra Desmond

Trailhusker wins "Award of Merit" for Second
 Year, Donald Claasen, Publicity Director.
 June Rally at Monahan Ranch - Hyannis, Nebraska
 Nebraska Hosts to Region 8 Rally, Lincoln, Ne.
 International Rally - Bozeman, Montana

1974

President Bernice McCann
 1st Vice President Donald Claasen
 2nd Vice President William Sprague
 3rd Vice President Ed Pelecky
 Treasurer Doris Weiseth
 Secretary Werner H. Weiseth
 Publicity Director Mildred Schafer

NEBRASKA UNIT FIRSTS

First Husband and Wife as Unit Presidents

LeRoy McCann - 1964

Bernice McCann - 1974

First Lady President - Bernice McCann

First Tree Planting idea is born.

First Unit Cookbook Issued.

International Rally - Notre Dame

1975

President Donald Claasen
 1st Vice President William Sprague
 2nd Vice President Ed Pelecky
 3rd Vice President Wendell TeSelle
 Treasurer Joe Christensen
 Secretary Marian Christensen
 Publicity Director Mildred Schafer

"Trailhusker" wins 3rd Place Award for Second Time, Mildred Schafer, Publicity Director.

Paul Demarest - 8th Region, President.

International Rally - Brandon, Manitoba

(45 Trailers from Nebraska attend)

1976

President William Sprague
 1st Vice President Ed Pelecky
 2nd Vice President Werner Weiseth
 3rd Vice President Ed Tracy
 Treasurer Joe Christensen
 Secretary Marian Christensen
 Publicity Director Lucille Wallace

First time for Nebraska Unit to camp at Yankton,
 So. Dakota.

Permanent Rally Site at Columbus picked.

Paul Demarest - 8th Region President

International Rally - Louisville, Kentucky

1977

President Ed Pelecky
 1st Vice President Werner Weiseth
 2nd Vice President Ed Tracy
 3rd Vice President Paul Green
 Treasurer Joe Christensen
 Secretary Marian Christensen
 Publicity Director Lucille Wallace

Teen Queen - Kay Claasen

Nebraska Unit Host to Region 8 Rally - Beatrice,
 Nebraska.

International Rally - Bozeman, Montana

1978

President Werner Weiseth
 1st Vice President Ed Tracy
 2nd Vice President Joe Christensen
 3rd Vice President Rudy Fredstrom
 Treasurer Elmo Gardiner
 Secretary Lena Gardiner
 Publicity Director Wilma Alexander

Teen Queen - Kay Claasen

International Rally - Ames, Iowa

1979

President Ed Tracy
 1st Vice President Joe Christensen
 2nd Vice President Rudy Fredstrom
 3rd Vice President Merle Lawrence
 Treasurer Elmo Gardiner
 Secretary Lena Gardiner
 Publicity Director Wilma Alexander

Paul Demarest - International Treasurer

International Rally - Las Cruces, New Mexico

1980

President Joe Christensen
 1st Vice President Rudy Fredstrom
 2nd Vice President Merle Lawrence
 3rd Vice President Don Fraser
 Treasurer Charlotte Person
 Secretary Richard Person
 Publicity Director Susian Hadley

George and Marge Robertson won First and Second Place in Bridge at International Rally - Notre Dame. Paul Demarest's election to International Third Vice President celebrated. Carl Lochner - Former Nebraska Member our 1980 International President.

1981

President Rudy Fredstrom
 1st Vice President Merle Lawrence
 2nd Vice President Don Fraser
 3rd Vice President Paul Green
 Treasurer Harold Alexander
 Secretary Wilma Alexander
 Publicity Director Susian Hadley

Nebraska Hosts 8th Region Rally at Lincoln, Ne. Paul Demarest serves as International Third Vice President at International Rally - Ames, Ia.

1982

President Merle Lawrence
 1st Vice President Don Fraser
 2nd Vice President Paul Green
 3rd Vice President Bus Severson
 Treasurer Floyd J. Nelson
 Secretary Hazel Nelson
 Publicity Director Lucille Wallace

Paul and Virginia Green lead caravan to International Rally - Bozeman, Montana.

Paul Demarest - International Second Vice President

1983

President Don Fraser
 1st Vice President Paul Green
 2nd Vice President Bus Severson
 3rd Vice President Wayne Ablott
 Treasurer Floyd Nelson
 Secretary Hazel Nelson
 Publicity Director Lucille Wallace

Nebraskans caravan to Duluth International Rally led by Bus Severson.

Remember??? - Auction at Grand Island Rally for Float.

Paul Demarest - International First Vice-President.

1984

President Paul Green
 1st Vice President Bus Severson
 2nd Vice President Wayne Ablott
 3rd Vice President Ernest Seyler
 Treasurer Frank Kuska
 Recording Secretary Madelyn Kuska
 Corresponding Secretary Lucille Wallace

International President - Paul Demarest
 International Treasurer - William H. Ross
 Region 8 President - Werner Weiseth
 Chaplain - International Rally - John Craig
 Nebraska's Green and White Float wins Third
 Place at International Rally - Notre Dame.

1985

President Bus Severson
 1st Vice President Wayne Ablott
 2nd Vice President Ernest Seyler
 3rd Vice President Ray Janssen
 Treasurer Frank Kuska
 Recording Secretary Madelyn Kuska
 Corresponding Secretary Lucille Wallace

Nebraska Unit Hosts Region 8 Rally - Fremont, Ne.
 Region 8 President - Werner Weiseth
 International Rally - Lake Placid, New York.

1986

President Wayne Ablott
1st Vice President Ernest Seyler
2nd Vice President Ray Janssen
3rd Vice President Frank Kuska
Treasurer Robert Olson
Recording Secretary Frances Olson
Corresponding Secretary Madelyn Kuska

25TH BIRTHDAY - Nebraska Unit

International Rally - Boise, Idaho