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BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA



California Unit having fun at Hobo Rally

## ANTELOPE HUNT-BARBECUE RALLY ADDED TO WBCC's NATIONAL LIST

BY BOB HECHT

Sponsored by the Wyoming Unit of the WBCC, another great American event has been added to the list of National rally schedule.

The Antelope Hunt-Barbecue Rally, which was inaugurated in the fall of 1964, met with such enthusiasm and participation by Caravanners from the various states that it was decided by the

ence of parking in the open, rolling hills of "Big Wyoming" during the Antelope Rally where the going and coming of the hunters creates excitement and fellowship throughout the day. Hot-cakes, ham, sausage, eggs and coffee starting at 4:00 a.m. are served to all hunters before leaving camp.

Then a shot is heard, two more shots to the right of camp and the

## Alaskan Caravan To Offer More Travel Adventure

By CHARLES KIEFER

Following the International Rally at Laramie, a group of happy, adventuresome Caravanners will head for one of the great thrills of their caravanning lives, a Wally Byam Caravan to Alaska.

Vic Raney and I have been working closely together formulating a caravan that will be another step into the world of adventure started years ago by Wally Byam's dreams. Vic Raney's experience with the highways and byways and Alaska itself should provide a caravan of exceptional interest and pleasure.

The trip over the Alaskan Highway has been laid out to make maximum use of the best parts of the highway and yet to allow for leisurely coverage of the rougher, dusty sections. Opportunities to fish, swim or take pictures will be on every hand and whenever possible the camping site will be in areas where such things are easily attainable.

You are going to have the time of your life at the 8th International Rally of the WBCC. All roads leading to Laramie will be shining examples of the enthusiasm over this big conclave. Shining Airstreams from all parts of the United States and Canada will be descending on this prairie city for the greatest travel trailer show in history.

This will be the 8th time many of the members have criss-crossed our great country to take part in the club's annual International. Many members will be attending for the first time. All will be filled with awe when the last Airstream is in and the great picture is complete.

The rally of all WBCC members has grown from less than 300 Airstreams to an anticipated Laramie attendance of 2500 Airstreams, representing, conservatively, 7000 individuals. The gala has been in the making since July of last year. Almost before the I do's were said, following the oath of office, the International president was calling a meeting to lay plans for the 1965 events. After Princeton (site of the 1964 Rally), when most members were looking for a spot where they could quietly collapse, Vic and his vice presidents

great vacation area. Glacial streams feed over a hundred lakes in Medicine Bow National Forest. There is Devil's Gate, Fort Laramie, National Monument, Hell's Half Acre and many other historical places of interest within easy driving distance of Laramie.

Not too far away other national attractions are Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons, the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, the Bad Lands. Also, from Laramie, it is only a short hop to the rendezvous sites of the Wally Byam Canadian and Alaskan Caravans.

Laramie, sitting high on the prairie, has an enviable summer climate, lovely sunny days and cool evenings. A sweater or light coat is usually needed after the sun goes down, and an extra blanket in your trailer might come in pretty handy.

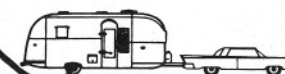
The WBCC is fortunate in having the use of some of the University of Wyoming buildings. One, the Memorial Fieldhouse, built as a memorial to all Wyoming veterans, seats up to 10,000 people. Here, the evening programs will be held, the Teen Queen Contest, the professional entertainment, the Shrine Circus and others.

This will also be the setting for

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## LARAMIE BRACES FOR WBCC RALLY



Vernon, B.C., 1962. The Caravanners will return this year.

### 2500-3000 Airstreamer Families To Meet at Wyoming Site June 29

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Attendance estimates as high as 3000 Airstream travel trailers are being made freely here these days as the Wally Byam Caravan Club International prepares for its 8th International Rally at Laramie, Wy. June 29 to July 5.

It is considered virtually certain that at least 2500 families, 8000 individual WBCC members, will bring their travel trailers to the Wyoming site during the event.

The massive invasion by the silvery skinned trailers will actually begin June 22, the first day the rally grounds are officially open. Long before that, however, a vanguard of WBCC committeemen, led by the club's International president, Vic Raney of Orange, Calif. will be present to prepare the way.

### Wyoming Governor Will Attend Rally

The honorable Clifford P. Hansen, governor of Wyoming, will attend the opening ceremonies of the Wally Byam Caravan Club's 8th International Rally June 29.

In a letter to Caravan Club headquarters, the governor wrote that "we look forward to being with you in Laramie on that day."

Many other dignitaries from Wyoming state and local gov-

BY HELEN BYAM  
SCHWAMBORN

Picture about 150 acres of land high on a plateau complemented by the beautiful campus of the University of Wyoming. This is the site of the 8th International Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club.

The pleasant lethargy of summer has set in and all is quiet and serene in this Scenicland, U.S.A., when suddenly the first spirited vanguard of the WBCC ralliers arrives. The push forward is on!

Everything will be ready by the time the grounds are open for the members on June 22. From then on there will be a constant line of Airstreamers arriving daily and this prairie site will be turned into a gay silver city. The rush to get

500 NORTHBOUND AIRSTREAMS!



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## HISTORY'S GREATEST RALLY IS READY!

### *3000 Airstream Families Expected To Attend WBCC Rally in Laramie*

#### BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The White House has announced that Lynda Bird Johnson, the president's 21-year-old daughter, will visit the site of the 8th International Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club at Laramie, Wyo. July 4.

Miss Johnson will be traveling in a trailer on a personal expedition beginning at Ft. Apache, near Globe, Ariz. June 24 and ending July 26 at the dedication of a visitor information center in the area of Ely, Minn.

LARAMIE — As this goes to press, the site of the 8th International Rally will open to members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., in just two weeks.

WBCC President Vic Raney has been on the rally grounds since the end of May. During the intervening period officers and committee chairmen have been arriving almost daily. To prepare

for 3000 trailers is a herculean job indeed!

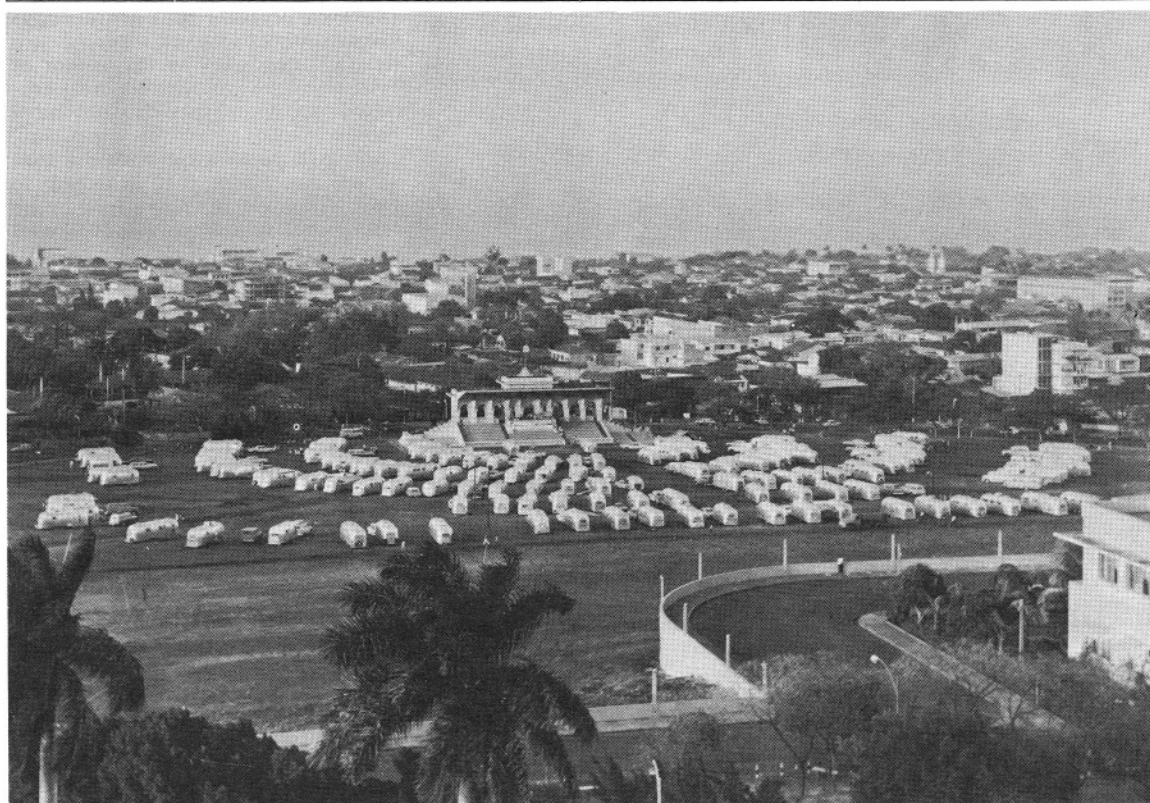
To begin with, the parking had to be laid out. Ten members of the parking committee arrived early, and as of this date have all the stakes driven. Vic master planned the project and he and Oscar Payne, a resident of Laramie, drove the first stakes. It was quite a memorable occasion—it was something like driving the first stakes for the Union Pacific railroad!

The Airstreams will be parked in neat rows facing the University of Wyoming and the imposing fieldhouse with Snowy range as a backdrop.

Thousands of feet of water pipe are distributed around grounds ready for the lines to be laid tomorrow. The power pole and the loud-speaker pole are up—the

### 3 MEXICO TOURS SET FOR WINTER

Wally Byam Caravanners will be traveling in Mexico from November 1965 until May 1966, but not all on one caravan. Mexico is so popular with Airstream owners that the company has sched-



Pan American Caravan Parks on Palace Grounds, Managua, Nicaragua (See story on Page 3)

### *Following Laramie, 800 Airstream Families To Join Caravans to W. Canada and Alaska*

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## NEXT: AIRSTREAM VICTORVILLE RALLY

### *600 Families Expected To Attend 'South of Border' Rally Oct. 22-4*

Airstream Inc. will honor and entertain its customers Oct. 22 to 24 when it plays host to a colorful activity-filled "South of the Border" rally near Victorville, Calif. More than 600 Airstream families, some 1800 individuals, are expected to attend.

When the Airstreamers arrive they will find a specially prepared rally site. Before crossing the mythical border, Caravanners will be stopped by the "border officials" and will be issued "tourist permits."

They will be extended a cordial welcome, given an envelope with information on Operation Amigos, waved on with a cheerful, "Adios, hasta luego" and take their place with fellow Airstreamers.

The in-camp entertainment planned for them challenges imagination in carrying out the theme and securing the proper props. Every effort is put forth to procure the necessary items. In the past the company has found full-grown live elephants, stage coaches, a live pig, merry-go-round, "Conquistadors" and even a barge if the occasion demands—as it did at the Florida rally prior

to the departure of the Wally Byam Around the World Caravan.

The program at Victorville will include the usual favorite rally events: square dancing, skits, community breakfasts, dinners, coffee klatches and sidewalk cafe.

As a special treat at Victorville there will be professional entertainment provided by the company. Just what it will be is a guarded secret until stage time, but it will be tailored to the liking of the Caravanners and will be a featured part of the rally.

The festivities will start Friday and never let up until the rally is over on Sunday evening. It will end in a blaze of glory with the imported entertainers, the company dinner and the awarding of prizes.

A variety of contests have been planned: the photo contest offers prizes for several categories: native life, nature scenes, points of interest, and the best South of the Border slide showing an Air-



Lynda Bird Johnson Loads Airstream on White House Lawn (See story on Page 2)

## 3 Separate Wally Byam Caravans To Seek Adventure Romance in Mexico This Winter

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