

**John (Joe)  
Perryman  
International  
President  
Nominee**



**Personal:**

Married to Sandy for 51 Years, 3 Children, 9 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren.

**WBCCI Experience:**

WBCCI Life Member, Joined WA Unit June, 2001  
International 1st Vice President, July 2013 - present  
International 2nd Vice President, July 2012- July 2013  
Interim International 3rd VP, April 2012- July, 2012  
Region 10 1st Vice President, Feb. 2010-April, 2012  
Region 10 2nd Vice President, July 2009-Feb. 2010  
Washington Unit President, September 2006-2007  
Washington Unit VP, September 2003-2006  
Chaired Committee to reorganize Washington Land Yacht Harbor, 2007-2008  
Chaired the Intl. Rally Cashier Committee, 2005-2009  
Region 10 Treasurer, July 2007 to July 2009  
Member of Constitution Revision Committee, International, July 2010 to July 2011  
Member 2020 Planning Committee, International, January 2008 to July 2010  
Hosted several Washington Unit rallies, including National Potlatch & Salmon Rally, Autumn Leaf Rally and Crab Feed Rally

**Education:**

Wilder High School, Wilder, ID  
Green River Community College, Highline Community College, Boise State University, and management training courses through HP

**Profession:**

Boeing Aircraft, Seattle, WA, 1966 - 1975  
Tool & Die Maker-6 years, Instructor-3 years  
Hewlett Packard, Boise, ID, 1977 - 1994  
Engineering Services Manager  
Special Assignments:  
Instructor - Engineering Training Courses including new hires and Technical Courses  
Project Manager for Several Projects including Engineering  
Prototype Scheduling System used company wide

**Other:**

Toastmasters 1985-1994  
Past Member of American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Escapes, North Ranch Board, January 2003-2006, Chairman 2005-2006  
Escapes Club Rally Representative 2002-2009  
Member of Elks Lodge 2160, Wickenburg, AZ  
Hosted Boise Division of HP Annual Picnic, July, 1988, 2000 plus attendees  
Hosted numerous Escapee rallies including 2005 LaFiesta Rally, 450 plus attendees  
Hobbies - Fishing, Drawing, Watercolor Painting

**James (Jim)  
Schwerdfeger  
International  
1st Vice President  
Nominee**



**Personal:**

Born November 20, 1934, in Waldo, Kansas  
Married to Joyce (Raisin) for 58 years  
Two children - Kathy (deceased-2003) and Rick  
4 grandchildren

**WBCCI Experience:**

International 2nd & 3rd Vice President  
President Elect, First Vice President, Second Vice President of Region 9  
Raisin and I have been co-chairpersons of the Intl. Welcome Committee for several years  
Over the years, Raisin and I have been active members in WBCCI. We have participated in many International, IBT, Region, Unit, Special Event and National Rallies. We were part of the Special Event Rally, Fiesta San Antonio, for ten years and are now a part of the reborn Fiesta San Antonio Rally.

**Education:**

Western and Wayne State, USAFI, C.O.M.

**Profession:**

Raisin's Ranch (cow/calf operation) Caldwell, Texas  
Owned and operated the following businesses in Texas City, TX:  
Raisin's Club, Raisin's Restaurant, Ma's Café, Raisin's Sandwich Shoppe, Raisin's Gift Shoppe  
Relief Night Plant Superintendent, AMOCO Chemical AMOCO Chemical Company - retired 1989  
Thumb Broadcasting Co., Bad Axe, Michigan  
Chief Radio Engineer and on air news with DJ duties  
United States Coast Guard - 8 years  
Aviation Electronics Technician, Air Search and Rescue  
Budd Wheel and Fisher Body, Detroit, Michigan  
Apprentice tool and die maker

**Community Service:**

Member of Elizabeth Lutheran Church ELCA, Caldwell  
Past President and many years on the Church Council  
Past President Burleson County, Texas Historical Soc.  
Past President Beaver Creek Land Owners Assoc.  
Past VP of Beaver Creek Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Past participating member of K & F Club, Texas A & M Univ.  
Burleson County Fair Board Scholarship Fund Raiser  
We are enjoying our family, church, home, toys, friends, volunteer work, WBCCI, traveling, camping, pets and our "good life." I believe strongly in team effort and, if elected, will work together with you to uphold the principles that make WBCCI great.

## Richard Girard

### International 2nd Vice President Nominee

**Personal:**

Age 64, married 30 years to my best friend Jan. Currently reside in Phoenix, AZ with our two dogs, Gracie and Smokie

**WBCCI Experience:**

International 3rd Vice President, July 2013-Present  
Lifetime Membership Chairman, July 2013-Present  
Region 11 President, July 2012-July 2013  
Region 11 1st Vice President, July 2010-July 2012  
Four Corners Unit President, 2009 & 2010  
Member 2020 Planning Committee, International, July 2010-July 2013  
Member of the Vintage Airstream Club since 2007

**Education:**

Calhoun High School, Merrick, NY  
Attended SUNY at Oswego & Nassau Community College  
Professional Technical Certifications from IBM, Microsoft and Symantec Corp.

**Profession:**

1968-1972 United States Air Force (Honorable Discharge)  
1973-1997 – IBM Corp. – Various hardware and software development and support positions  
1998-2011 - Central Arizona Project – Information Technologies Specialist  
2011 Retired

**Interests:**

Traveling, camping, fly fishing and spending time exploring this great country  
Member of the Arizona Flycasters Club since 1985 and former Board Member

I am proud to be a member of the WBCCI. If I am elected to this position, I will continue to work for the members to move the club forward with new ideas, but never forgetting the history of this great organization.

## Jim Cocke

### International 3rd Vice President Nominee

**Personal:**

Married to Debbie. Joined WBCCI in 2004, Life members since 2005. Fulltiming six years in our Airstream.

**WBCCI Experience:**

Region 3, 2008-2013, Seminar Presenter. Debbie and I developed and presented seventeen seminars for WBCCI membership at three Region rallies and five International rallies. Topics included Full-Timing, Organizing Your RV, and Introduction to Amateur Radio. Webmaster. Implemented the Region3.wbcci.net website. Support Unit web masters throughout the Region. Carolinas Unit NC, 2009-2013, Webmaster. Implemented the CarolinasNC.wbcci.net website. Manage Unit email distributions to members. - 2008-Unit President. Implemented electronic distribution of Unit newsletter and messages. Led Carolinas Unit of NC to approval of its Unit flag and its first Superior Merit Award.

WBCCI Amateur Radio Club 2011-2013, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Improved electronic communication and documentation for intraclub with 300 members. Strengthened financial condition through sound fiscal controls. Implemented online registration and payment of dues on Intra-Club website page. 2010-2013, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. Increased number of contributing writers. Added online electronic format for the 20-page newsletter with member-only access. Maintain WBCCI ARC website. Implemented online membership application and dues payment. - 2011-2012, President

Other Attended all International Rallies 2007-2013 except Sedalia (AK Caravan). Debbie served as International Rally Awards Chair (2008-2011), Unit Secretary-Treasurer, and Intra-Club Recording Secretary. Enjoyed four national caravans so far, and planning to participate in the 2015 Viking Trail.

**Education:**

Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, NC, MBA  
University of NC, Chapel Hill, NC, BA

**Professional:**

4 Hospital Systems in NC, 2001-2007, Safety Director for Carolinas Medical Center. Complex issues resolution, frequent public speaking experience, and presenting of seminars provided excellent experience. 1982-2001, Facilities Management at three hospitals. Learned importance of delegating and working through others, plus negotiation and detailed attention to contracts.

**Vickie  
Courtney  
International  
Rec. Secretary  
Nominee**



**Adolf  
Knopp  
International  
Treasurer  
Nominee**



**Personal:**

Hometown Butler, KY  
Married to Jim, 13 years  
Reside in North Texas Airstream Community, Hillsboro, TX

**WBCCI Experience:**

Member 2006  
Baja California Adventure Caravan 2007  
Viking Trail Caravan 2007  
Alyeska, The Great Land Caravan 2008  
Springtime in KY Caravan 2008  
Gone to Texas Caravan 2008  
The Northern Experience Caravan 2009  
Louisiana Cajun Heritage Caravan 2011  
Northern Experience 2011  
Led caravan to IBT/Blythe 2013

**International Rallies:**

2007 Perry, worked registration  
2008 Bozeman, worked registration  
2009 Madison, worked registration – Team Captain  
2011 DuQuoin, worked registration - Team Captain  
2012 Sedalia, worked Rally Rec. Receptionist  
2013 Huron, worked Rally Recording Secretary Receptionist

**National Rallies:**

Spirit of Cleveland  
Swiss Festival  
Hobo Rally (two)  
Region 9 Rallies (four)  
IBT meetings (four)

**Special Events Rallies:**

Rose Parade (two)  
Mardi Gras

**Profession:**

Administrative Manager  
Human Resources Manager  
Small Business Owner

**Community Service:**

Extensive volunteer involvement at North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC)  
WBCCI International Caravan Leader  
Early worker during every WBCCI International Rally attended  
Member of the Board of Directors for the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky for 10 years  
President of the Board of Directors for the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky for 2 years  
Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors for North Texas Airstream Community 2013

**Personal:**

Born January 27, 1937 in Poland  
Emigrated to Leduc, Alberta, Canada with my mother, March 1948  
Married, my wife Hazel and I have five children, eleven grandchildren and two great granddaughters between us

**WBCCI Experience:**

Purchased the first Airstream product in 1978, an Argosy that we owned for 22 years  
Purchased an Airstream trailer in 1999  
Joined WBCCI Alberta Saskatchewan Unit 10-120, September, 2000  
Unit 1st Vice President 2001-2003  
Unit President 2003-2005  
2nd Vice President, Region 10 - 2007-2009  
1st Vice President Region 10 - 2009 - February 2010  
President Region 10 - February 2010 to July 2013  
Missed only one WBCCI International Rally since joining the club in 2000  
Attended all Region 10 Rallies since joining along with numerous Unit rallies, Special Events Rallies, and IBT Meetings over the last four years

**Education:**

Certified Management Accountant, CMA  
Certificate in Management Development - University of Alberta  
Additional Managerial Courses - University of Western Ontario  
Certificate in Corporate managerial Courses - Hudson's Bay Company

**Profession:**

Hudson's Bay Company, 25 years in Accounting department, Management and Controller of the Alberta Region  
Developmental Disability Resource Centre, Director of Finance and Administration  
Sport Check Calgary Limited and Focus Building Services, Controller

**Professional Affiliations:**

Society of Management Accountants of Alberta

# Karin Kurkowski International Nominating Committee



**Personal:**

Married to Larry for 43 years  
6 children, 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren

**WBCCI Experience:**

President Region 4 – 2011-13  
President Michigan Unit 2004  
President Metro-Detroit Unit 1991  
Member of WBCCI since 1979

**International:**

Current Chairman of Ethics & Grievance Committee  
2013  
Hosted Michigan National Tulip Rally for 3 years  
Worked on Swiss Festival National Rally for 8 years  
Worked on Statute of Liberty Rally for 6 years  
Attended Rose Parade, Mardi Gras National Event  
Rally  
Attended IBT for a number of years

**Profession:**

Letter Carrier  
Postal Clerk  
Supervisor for Post Office  
Bank Clerk

# Tom Smithson International Nominating Committee



**Personal:**

Age 73; Wife, Hedda; Daughter, Rebecca

**WBCCI Experience:**

Member of WBCCI since 2003  
Trustee Northern California Unit (NorCal) of WBCCI  
as well as 1st VP, President, and Membership Chair  
Member of International Committee to revise Constitu-  
tion and Bylaws of WBCCI  
Region 12 1st VP and CBL Chair  
Co-Moderator of Region Officers Forum  
International Rallies: Participant in International Rally  
Host to Host, presenter of computer seminars, and  
member of Transportation committee

**Education:**

BA Sacramento State University, Sacramento CA  
Major: Biology & Chemistry  
Ph C & Ph D University of California, Davis  
Major: Medical Entomology & Cytogenetics

**Professional:**

USAF: Electronics tech & NCO of censorship unit  
University of Maryland Medical School: Tropical med-  
icine research in Salvador, Brazil  
California State University, Sacramento: Lecturer in  
Biology and Environmental Science  
San Juan Unified School District: Teacher of Chemis-  
try, Biology, & Physics  
Mentor Teacher: San Juan Unified School District  
California State University: Director of University pro-  
fessional development programs in math and science  
for K-18 educators and Director for University faculty  
professional development program in Science  
University of California, Davis and California State  
University, Sacramento: Director of the Northern Cali-  
fornia Science Project

**Community Service:**

Board Member: Sacramento County Science and His-  
torical Commission and Sacramento Science Museum  
Director: California State Science Teachers Association  
Director: Northern California Natl. Science Olympiad  
Technical Support Consultant: Computer Users Group  
Having been actively involved in many aspects of the  
club as a leader at the Unit and Region level, serving on  
the WBCCI constitution and bylaws revision committee  
and acting as a consultant to the Electronics Communica-  
tion Committee I believe I have some understanding of the  
clubs needs in leadership. It would be my goal as a member  
of the Nominating Committee to seek individuals who have  
a vision to accomplish these needs.



# Jay Thompson International Nominating Committee



#### Personal:

Married to Elna for 55 years. We have three children and eight grandchildren.

Member of Big Bend Florida Unit 153

#### WBCCI Experience:

My wife and I bought our first Airstream in 2001. Immediately joined WBCCI and began working actively with the Big Bend Unit. We have attended eight International Rallies and participated in fourteen national caravans. We were Co-Leaders of the SW Adventure Caravan 2010 through 2013

2004: Big Bend Florida Vice President

2005: Big Bend Florida Unit President

2011-12 Region 3 1st Vice-President

2012: First Mate of Unit President (Elna)

2012-14 Region 3 President

#### Education:

BBC, Cum Laude, University of Florida 1958

MSCE, University of Florida 1961

#### Profession: Engineer

1999-Present: Retired - occasionally work for my son in his company

1987-1999: Watkins Engineers and Constructors, Vice President Alliance Division, President of Inland Industrial Construction (subsidiary of Watkins) and Manager of Manila Office, Asian Projects

1985-1987: GPA Technical Consultants, Vice President of Engineering

1961-1985: Procter and Gamble, Plant Engineer and various positions, primarily project management and international construction in Germany, Saudi Arabia and Asia.

#### Other:

While living in Pennsylvania, I was a member and President of a local volunteer ambulance association and a certified Emergency Medical Technician for 13 years. I served twice as a Borough Councilman, was an Eagle Scout then Scout Master and Explorer Scout Leader. I coached Little League Baseball for my children's teams. I am an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and work actively. I design and help construct access ramps for Ability 1st in seven county area.

I will encourage and support change that will lead to growth in membership and to fiscal responsibility.