



Region 5 Report

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State Park unique setting for Rally

Region 5 members will have an opportunity for a unique experience September 11-15 when the Region 5 Rally will be held at General Butler State Park, just west of Carrollton, KY.

Carrollton is located on U.S. 42 along the Ohio River some 50 miles southwest of Cincinnati and 50 miles northeast of Louisville..

**REMEMBER
Registration
deadline Aug. 8**

A rally at a state park offers a number of amenities that aren't usually

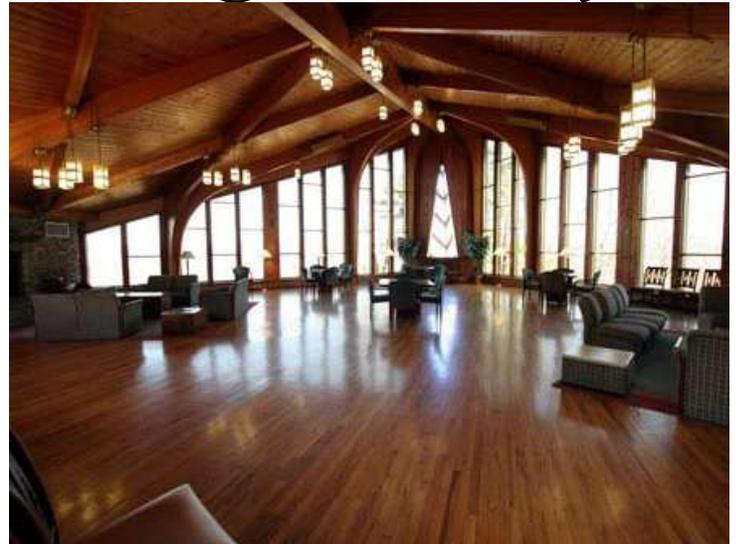
associated with a region rally.

Foremost of these is the excellent, shady campsites with water and electricity. Access roads are paved. The campsite has two service buildings with showers, rest rooms and laundry facilities.

The campground has 111 sites and the Airstreams will be parked together in one area. To be guaranteed one of the sites reserved for Airstreams it will be necessary to make a reservation through Region 5 Treasurer Ron Gordy by Aug. 8. A registration form can be found on page 4 of this Region 5 Report.

Reservations can be made between Aug. 8 and Sept. 11, but a site with the Airstreams won't be guaranteed.

Other park amenities include the Butler Lodge, located on a hilltop in the center of the park. The lodge features the Two



The lobby at the lodge at General Butler State Park in Carrollton, KY provides an outstanding view of the Kentucky River Valley.

Rivers Restaurant, with a fishing camp décor that reflects the proximity of the park to the confluence of the Ohio and Kentucky
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*Message From
President Bell*

Hello everyone from Region 5.

We are presently on our way to Huron, South Dakota to attend our International Rally. I hope to see many of you there.

We will be having our Region 5 luncheon on Sunday, June 29, 2013, at Noon at the Huron Event Center. Tickets will be sold during registration.

Past International President and a former member of Region 5, Jim Haddaway, will be installing Monte Barksdale as Region 5 First Vice President.

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Region 5 Computer Rally also at General Butler; starts Sunday

The Region 5 computer rally will precede the Region Rally at Gen. Butler State Park, running from Sunday evening, Sept. 8 until Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 10.

The Rally has been renamed Computer and Mobile Technology Rally to better reflect a change of focus with greater emphasis on hand held devices.

The state park location for this year's rally has necessitated a couple of changes. A buffet dinner in the Butler Lodge will be substituted for the Sunday evening pizza party.

The absence of the availability of a public kitchen forced a one year abandonment of the Bob Green breakfasts. The replacement will be a breakfast in the Butler Lodge at 8 a.m. Monday and Tuesday mornings.

The seminars will be conducted Monday and Tuesday in a meeting room in the Butler Lodge.

An earlier plan was to have the seminars and meals in a cabin near the campground. But it was discovered that the cabin would not have Wi-Fi capability as had been promised.. The lodge has Wi-Fi.

There is plenty of free parking in the area around the lodge.

The agenda for the seminars at the computer rally will include smart phones, tablet devices and GPS in addition to sessions on computers.

The first session of the rally Monday morning will be an introduction to the various hand held devices to be followed by a session on sharing and showing apps

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What's happening in Region 5

Helpful to know what's going on in the Region

EDITOR'S NOTE: International Membership Chairman Don McKelvey wrote an insightful column in the May issue of the Blue Beret about the importance of knowledge sharing among Units and Regions. The column is being reprinted in part here and several of his suggestions are being incorporated in this and future issues of the Region 5 Report.

By **DON McKELVEY**
WBCCI Membership Chairman

I expect all of you receive your own Unit newsletter outlining all the wonderful recent rallies, luncheons, etc. For those unable to attend it shows what fun they missed.

But the newsletters also let you know of all the great activities that will soon happen and allow you to plan ahead.

The unit rallies, caravans and luncheons are the real "glue" that holds both your Unit and the Club together so the more you are able to participate and help the more you will get out of being a member of this very special Club.

However, what about all the other Units in your Region or the other Regions. We all should know that as members, each of us can travel and participate in any other Unit or Region activity..Usually a quick email or phone call will ensure they have space available. I'm sure they would be thrilled and honored that you have chosen to join them at their rally.

But how does one know when and where other Unit or Region rallies or caravans are? Simply log on to the Club website (www.wbci.org), go to (Home), (Regions & Units), and select a Region and then a Unit you are interested in visiting. Usually you will see a notice about their Unit newsletter which will come up after you click on it.

Another excellent reason for checking out other Unit newsletters could be to simply see what themes or ideas they have for their rallies that you might want to do at your Unit..

All this can be extremely useful information and a little work on your part could reap great dividends — give it a try and I'm sure you will be hooked on learning even more about our Club — I know I am.

Lincolnland rally finds tulips and snow

A year ago the Pella, Iowa Tulip Time Festival came a couple of weeks after the tulips had bloomed. This year the tulips bloomed right on schedule, but the weatherman didn't cooperate and dumped four inches of snow to cover the blooms.

The Illinois Lincolnland and Northern Illinois units were on hand for the great adventure with a rally scheduled in Pella. Fifteen units attended, eight from Lincolnland, four from Northern Illinois, two from Southern Illinois and one from Kentucky.

A few of the events were cancelled, several moved indoors

July, August schedule

JULY

July 12-14 — Southern Illinois Unit. Free Rally. Effingha, County Fairgrounds. Altamont, IL Gordon White (618-319-0523)

July 18-21 — Central Indiana Unit. Youth Circus Rally. Miami County Fairgrounds. Peru, IN. Dan Kachele (317-372-29070).

July 18-20 — Kentucky Unit. Grand Kids Rally. Carter Cave State Park. Olive Hill, KY. Tommy and Teresa Phipps (606-776-2092)

AUGUST

August 1-3 — Kentucky Unit. 127 Yard Sale Rally. Bishop Farm, Russell Springs, KY. David and Peggy Bishop (270-866-2831)

Aug. 1-4 — Indiana Unit. Gramkids Rally. Caboose Lake Campground. Remington, IN. Fred Bennett (260-244-4507).

Aug. 2-5 — Illinois Lincolnland Unit. Rally at Driftwood Campground. Quincy, IL George Devaul (217-2282-2880).

August 16-18 — Southern Illinois Unit. Children's Rally. Whittington Woods Campground. Jim and Betty Hutchins (618-528-3009).

August 16-18 — Northern Illinois Unit. Starved Rock State Park. Utica, IL. Brian McFarland (773-248-3735).

and others delayed. The festival parade was finally held on the final day after being postponed three other days.

The rally ended with a mishap when Floyd and Linda Hattan from the Lincolnland Unit were involved in an accident and totaled their truck and trailer.

Southern Illinois has hat parade

A special feature of the Southern Illinois Unit's April Spring Fling Rally was a hat and bonnet parade for the ladies and gents. After the Saturday evening dinner a hat parade offered an opportunity to show off. The rally was held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds in Waterloo, IL.

Central Indiana going to circus festival

The Central Indiana Unit has scheduled a return visit to the Peru, Indiana Circus City Festival July 18-21 for a youth and buddy rally. Included is a trip to the Big Top on Friday night for the circus, the parade on Saturday and riding on an elephant at the International Circus Hall of Fame.



Tulips arrived in schedule for the Pella, IA Tulip Festival but the weatherman didn't cooperate

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rivers a few miles downstream. The restaurant serves signature Kentucky favorites and features locally grown produce and is renowned for its excellent cuisine. The lodge also has an excellent gift shop that features a large selection of Kentucky handicrafts.

Adjacent to the Lodge is the General Butler Conference Center. The meeting rooms in the center will be used for several of the Region 5 activities. One end of the center is an expansive set of windows with an opening to a spacious covered porch with a dramatic view of the Kentucky River Valley. The center has extensive parking.

Other amenities at the park include a

Cutting board will go to early registrations

A special cutting board has been created to be given to the first 50 who register for the Region 5 Rally at Carrollton, KY

The 10 inch by 12 inch cutting board is the creation of master woodcrafter Daris Broglin from the Southern Indiana Unit. Each board has been laser engraved with the Region 5 logo.

Don't miss out on this unique offer.

nine-hole golf course. miniature golf. shelter houses, hiking trails, tennis courts, the General Butler Mansion, and a lake and beach.

In addition to the multitude of on site attractions, the Carrollton area is the epicenter of an area rich in history and still more interesting attractions.

The downtown Carrollton walking tour passes several of the unique structures built in the 1880s, including the Old Stone Jail, the present day Courthouse. The Carrollton Inn and numerous prominent homes.

Kentucky is the nation's largest producer of burley tobacco and a drive through the area around Carrollton will pass many tobacco fields that, in September, will be in the cutting stage. Cutters go through the tobacco fields spearing tobacco stalks that are then jabbed into the ground to wilt and dry in the sun before being marketed.

Located 14 miles east of General Butler State Park is the 1.5 mile Kentucky Speedway that hosts NASCAR and Indiana Racing League races. The huge speedway has a grandstand that seats 107,000. The speedway is one of the Region 5 Rally tours being planned.

America's commercial wine industry was born in Kentucky in the early 1800s and today the Carrollton area has a wide range of family owned wineries. Included are River Valley Winery, Elk Creek Vineyards, Smith-Berry Winery and Ridge Winery.

The lookout, at the west edge of Carrollton, provides a spectacular view of the downtown area and the confluence of the Kentucky and Ohio rivers.

Another major attraction is Beltera Casino, located across the Markland Dam, 15 miles east of the park. The casino has 1,350 slot machines, 57 table games and six restaurants.

Message from the Region 5 president

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At this time it looks like only five of our seven units will be represented. However, through the use of affiliate voting all units will be represented at the delegates meeting. My next month's message will have information pertaining to things learned at Huron.

Have you ever dreamed about having a Region Rally where the campsites are as nice as you find in a state park? Ever dreamed about visiting the state park lodge and enjoying the award winning cuisine? Ever thought about having the use of a conference center for your enjoyment and entertainment?

Well it is happening. Our Region 5 Rally

is going to be held in a State Park in Kentucky. Airstreams will be parked together in the campground amidst the trees. In addition to all the Region activities, you have full access to all the park amenities.

The Region 5 Rally is in General Butler State Park in Carrollton, Kentucky on September 11 - 15. The Computer and Mobile Technology Rally precedes it on September 8 - 10. Registration forms are in the Blue Beret and on page 4 of this newsletter. Or you can register for the Region rally on line by using this hot link - <http://region5.wbccci.net/>.

Do not wait - do it today.

Barry Bell
Region 5 President

Southern Indiana Unit tours USS LST-235

The Southern Indiana Unit scheduled its May Rally at Audubon State Park in Henderson, KY.

The big attraction at the park was the Audubon Museum that features a number of original wildlife paintings by the famous artist who spent several of his early years in Kentucky.

But Unit President Junior Miller found a hidden jewel for the members to also tour.

During World War II a shipyard was located on the Ohio River where landing



ship tanks (LSTs) were built. In 2005 LST 325 was located in Greece and brought to Evansville to be

put on display. It is open to the public seven days a week and is a fascinating tour.

Special area for vintage trailers at Region 5 Rally

A special parking area for vintage Airstreams will be available at this year's Region 5 Rally for anyone who is interested.

An area has been identified with as few as 5 to 6 units or as large as 20 to 25 units.

Special activities are being planned. Your Airstream or Argosy must be a 1988 model or older.

To be included send an email requesting parking in the vintage area to aom1215@yahoo.com

Region 5 Computer and Mobile Technology Rally

General Butler State Park, Carrollton, KY
Sun. Sept. 8 — Tuesday, Sept. 10

Last _____ First _____
Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Handicap Parking Yes No
WBCCI No. _____ Unit _____ Region _____

RALLY REGISTRATION FEE

Trailer/Motorhome—2 persons \$ 70 _____
Trailer/Motorhome—1 person \$ 65 _____
Additional persons each \$ 10 _____
Sunday evening Pizza party (optional)
_____ persons at \$7.50 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

The Rally fee includes three nights of parking, breakfasts Monday and Tuesday and two full days of seminars Monday and Tuesday.

IMPORTANT: Sites for the Computer and Mobile Technology Rally participants are being grouped together, but these sites will only be held through August 8. Anyone registering after that date may not be parked with the other Airstreams.

Mail registration (including SASE for receipt), with check payable to "Region 5, WBCCI" to Ron Gordy, Region 5 Treasurer, 202 McCutcheon Dr., Lafayette, IN 47909.

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and websites that are useful for RV travel.

Social media will be another rally focus with a goal of helping attendees overcome fear of social media, develop an understanding of social media and how it can be effectively organized.

The Butler Lodge meeting room will be open in the evenings on Sunday and Monday for one-on-one help sessions.

Like the Region 5 Rally there is an Aug. 8 deadline for registration to guarantee a campground site with the other Airstreams. Like the Region Rally registrations will be accepted after the Aug. 8 deadline but parking can't be guaranteed with the other Airstreams.

Unit loses 259 years of membership

From the Southern Illinois Unit Newsletter

The Southern Illinois Unit lost 13 memberships this year due to death, old age, the motorhome issue and job changes. Several members made a very difficult decision to give up their membership because of their fond memories. The Unit challenge is to continue the active tradition of these members.

REGION 5 "Unbridled Spirit" RALLY General Butler State Park Carrollton, Kentucky September 11-15, 2013

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Last _____ First _____
Spouse _____ Guest(s) _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____
Handicap Parking Requested: YES NO
WBCCI No. _____ Unit _____ Region _____

Trailer (_____) Motorhome (_____) Length _____

RALLY REGISTRATION FEE

4 nights Sept. 11-15 2 persons per rig \$199 _____
4 nights Sept. 11-15 1 person per rig \$160 _____
2 nights Sept. 13-15 2 persons per rig \$ 99 _____
2 nights Sept. 13-15 1 person per rig \$ 60 _____

Extra camping nights

Sunday, Sept 8 \$ 16 _____
Monday, Sept. 9 \$ 16 _____
Tuesday, Sept. 10 \$ 16 _____
Sunday, Sept. 15 \$ 16 _____

TOTAL _____

Payment for additional person \$39 and fees for tours will be collected on site.

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