



# Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

Bob Moyers, President

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## 93 attend Region 5 dinner at Florida State Rally

A near record 93 people attended the Region 5 dinner held in conjunction with the Florida State Rally in Sarasota.

The meeting room at the Trinity Methodist Church was bulging.

John Willett and his crew from the Sarasota Shrine Club provided the Airstreamers with another excellent meal.

Region 5 was pleased to have WBCCI President Jerry Larson and First Lady Joan attend the dinner. Larson invited all to the International Rally June 28-July 4 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Two International Vice Presidents also attended, first vice president Tom Collier and wife Norma and third vice president Barry Heckenswiler and wife Lesley.

Four former International presidents attended including two who were former Region 5 presidents...Wag Wagon and wife Jo and Max Carmichael and wife Donna. The other two former International presidents were immediate past president Jerry Collins and wife Marilyn and Daryl Ewles and wife Myrna.

Region 5 officers and staff attending the



Photo by Martha Clark

**Past International President Jerry Collins and wife Marilyn (foreground), were among those attending the Region 5 dinner held in conjunction with the Florida State Rally. Others from far left are Ray and Janet Brunk, Central Indiana Unit; Donna and Max Carmichael, past International president and Central Indiana members; and Barry Bell, Central Indiana Unit president, and wife Karen. Additional pictures can be found on page 3.**

dinner were President Bob Moyers and First Lady Lee, second vice president Bob

Gregory and Lu Shaw, treasurer Ron  
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### Message from President Bob Moyers

WOW!! This has been some winter. It was even cold in Florida. For those of you who stayed up north I hope you made it without any damage or loss of power. As the long winter comes to an end, it is time to start thinking of our unit rallies coming up. The first business meeting is very important as this is when you will vote on the motions that your delegate will take to the International Rally which will be held in Madison, WI. This rally is being held very close to a lot of us in Region 5 so let's all make an extra effort to attend

Your Region 5 staff is planning some surprises for the Region Rally in September. Be sure to wear your "Hillbilly Best" for the Saturday night dinner. The winner will be presented a washer/dryer by Lowes. How about that?

It became necessary for me to change my e-mail address. It is now boblee209@aol.com. If you send me a short message I will be able to add your e-mail address to my address book. When I changed I lost everything I had in my address book.

**Bob Moyers  
President Region 5**

## 'Hillbilly Haven' Region 5 Rally at Brandenburg, KY

Hillbilly Haven will be a fun and exciting Region 5 Rally Sept. 16-20 to be held at the Meade County Fair Grounds in Brandenburg, KY which is 30

**Registration coupon-page 4** miles south-west of Louisville.

This is the location used last year which offers 20 amp electric at all sites. All sites are within walking distance of the air-conditioned building which will have one side set up with the stage and chairs and the other with tables and chairs for meals.

Bring your best "hillbilly clothes" for our Saturday night banquet and entertainment. You



'Hillbilly Haven' Happy Hour may win a prize.

There will be no reserved seating for the entertainment and no dress code.

You can expect the un-  
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## Region 5 represented at Texas luncheon

**Wally Byam Caravan Club members wintering in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas gathered for a luncheon at Lin's Buffet in Weslaco on Feb. 14. The event was organized by Region 2 President Don McKelvey. The event was a huge success and 12 from Region 5 attended. Pictured in front are Harold Hazen and Wilma Jacobsmeyer from Illinois. First row, from left, are Frank and Mary Joe Kesser from the Southern Illinois Unit; Bill and Cheryl Shelander, Illinois Lincolnland; Mary Lou and Jerry Cristy, Northern Illinois Unit; Barbara and John Bergen, Central Indiana Unit and in the back row left are Gordon and Carol White, Southern Illinois Unit.**

## Region 5 notes

### Seek Region 5 V-P candidates

Dick Heyde, past Region 5 president and chairman of the Nominating Committee, reports the committee is still seeking Second Vice-President candidates.

The other two members of the committee are Ida Mae Hershberger and Larry Abrams.

The Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 2009-10 will be announced at the Region 5 Luncheon at the Madison, Wis. International Rally on July 1.

### Get Acquainted In Kentucky

Richard Lewis, newsletter editor for the Kentucky Unit, has introduced a new column in the Blue Grass Beret titled "Get Acquainted."

With Larry Spaulding as the inquiring reporter the column introduces new members with background information, model Airstream they own, favorite destination, worst thing about their Airstream, etc. It's a great idea for others to borrow.

### Condolences

Sympathy goes out to the family of Nell Lochner, who died Dec. 8 in Decatur, Ill. She is survived by her husband, Carl, a past WBCCI International president, who is in a nursing facility in the Decatur area. Nell was a past International secretary. Carl and Nell were long-time members of the Kentucky Unit.

## Region Award

Region 5 was one of six Regions recognized at the Mid-Winter IBT as recipient of the Award of Excellence for Regions.

The award, presented by President Jerry Larson, is a red ribbon that will be attached to the Region 5 flag.

## Expect unexpected at Region 5 Rally

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expected at this Region 5 Rally.

The Hillbilly Haven entertainment will include back by popular demand Bluegrass 101, Mark Twain: Steamboats and Anecdotes, and the Juggernaut Jug Band.

Some highlights of the rally will include:

- Tour a Civil War battle site in southern Indiana, lunch at the picturesque Overlook Restaurant near Leavenworth, Ind., tour of a winery to be followed by shopping in the quaint, restored and historic Corydon, Ind.

- Tour the Coca-Cola Museum and Swope Cars of Yesterday Museum in Elizabethtown, Ky. to be followed by lunch at Stone Hearth Restaurant.

- Tour of the Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor. in Fort Knox, KY. (No, you won't be able to take home samples at the nearby gold repository at Fort Knox.)

- Three breakfasts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings.

- A catered banquet on Saturday evening.

- Seminars on Friday.

- Workshops for Unit officers and staff on Wednesday

- Seminars and Games on Friday when nothing else is scheduled so everyone will be able to participate.

- The popular Swap and Sell on Saturday morning.

- The Region 5 business meeting on Saturday.

The Meade County Fairgrounds will also be the location of the Region 5 Computerfest Rally Sunday through Tuesday, Sept. 13-15, preceding the Region 5 Rally. You will be able to attend both the rallies without moving your rig. Details about the Computerfest and a registration form for the rally can be found on page four of this Region 5 Report.

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Gordy and wife Darlene, Legislative Chairman Clarence Jones and wife Janice, Chaplain David Leeper and wife Betty, Webmaster Larry Spaulding and wife Kathy, and past Region 5 President Dick Heyde and wife Judy.

President Moyers reminded people of the Region 5 events that are coming up...the International Rally luncheon July 1 at 11:30, the Region 5 picnic July 4 at 12 noon, and the Region 5 Computerfest Sept. 13-15 and Region 5 Rally Sept. 16-20 in Brandenburg, KY.

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## More pictures from the Region 5 dinner at the Sarasota Rally

Photos by  
Martha Clark



From left are David Clark, Northern Illinois Unit; Warren and Linda Doten, Northern Illinois Unit; Norma Collier and Tom Collier, International First Vice President; and Jim and Roberta Matkovich, Northern Illinois Unit.

Clockwise from left are Bob Penrod and Wanda Marksbury, Kentucky Unit; Larry Miller and Shala Miller, president of the Kentucky Unit; Kathy Spaulding and Larry Spaulding, Region 5 Webmaster, Kentucky Unit; and Millie and Tom Moore, Kentucky Unit.



From Left are Gia and Mary Louise Robbins, Indiana Unit; Judy Heyde and Dick Heyde, past Region 5 President; Jerry and Doreta Parker, Indiana Unit; Judy and Gary Rice, Indiana Unit; and Lee Moyers, Region 5 First Lady.

Clockwise from lower left are Barry Heckenswiler, International 3rd Vice-President, and wife Leslie; Russell and Jackie Thackery, Central Indiana Unit; Jo and Wag Wagnon, Past International President and Northern Illinois Unit; Past International President Daryl Ewles and wife Myrna; and Region 5 President Bob Moyers.



# Still time to retain and recruit in the fiscal year

By **BOB GREGORY**

**Region 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership Chairman**

Units still have the last quarter of the WBCCI Fiscal Year left to do some follow up on our unit members that have not renewed their membership for 2009. If they renew before June 30, 2009 they will still be counted as a unit member as far as the Membership Recruiting and Retention



Plan that was introduced last September in Brandenburg. They would not be counted as a loss.

I challenge all of those units in the region to place special emphasis on retaining current members and recruiting new members during the last quarter of our WBCCI Fiscal Year.

Start off the camping season with new and exciting activities at each unit rally. It is hard to match the excitement generated at a fun filled weekend rally each month. Some people call it "thinking outside the box".

My Unit President, Shala Wilson, asked me to help with the Grandchildren's rally activities this year - There is nothing I have looked forward to doing any more than this since she asked me last October. I "googled up" children's games on the Internet and over 5,000 activities flashed before my eyes - I can't wait - We will have as much fun as the grandkids at that rally.

One region unit reported that each person in their unit that had not renewed their membership as of December 31, 2008 had been contacted either in person, by telephone, email or US Mail and asked to renew their membership. This is a beginning. Those folks are motivated and getting excited about rallying and caravanning this year.

I just love it, don't you!

Each unit will receive a copy by email or US Mail of the *Region R&R Plan* along with the Membership Recruiting and Retention ribbons the first week in April 2009. I would ask each of the Membership Officers to attach the appropriate ribbon to your badges and wear it proudly at each monthly rally. Let others know you are working on membership in your unit.

## 2009 Computerfest Sept. 13-15

The 2009 Region 5 Computerfest Rally is once again being held in conjunction with the Region 5 Rally at the Meade County Fairgrounds in Brandenburg, Kentucky, Sunday, Sept. 13 through Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The computer rally fee includes three nights of parking (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) with 20 amp electric, water, two full breakfasts (the Bob Green specials), demonstrations, ten seminars over a two-day period, one-on-one assistance and Wi-Fi connection to the Internet.

The two full days of seminars will cover topics including creating and adding to a Unit web site, producing a Unit newsletter and directory, Introduction to Windows, Spreadsheets, Digital Photography, Excel, Photoshop, Using the Internet, GPS Systems and more. If you have a subject you would like to have covered or have questions contact Bill Schrader, 812-275-1955 or by email at bschrad500@aol.com

**2009 REGION 5 RALLY**  
**SEPT. 16-20, 2009**  
Meade County Fairgrounds, Brandenburg, KY

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap parking Yes No

WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

**RALLY REGISTRATION FEE**

Trailer/Motorhome — 2 persons	\$190	_____
Trailer/Motorhome — 1 person	\$160	_____
No RV on site — 2 persons	\$125	_____
No RV on site — 1 person	\$ 95	_____
Child/grandchild — per child	\$ 35	_____
Civil War Battlefield, Lunch, Winery, Shopping in Corydon. Per person	\$ 19	_____
Coca-Cola, Cars of Yesterday Museums, Lunch, Elizabethtown, KY Per person	\$ 14	_____

Early parking available Sun, Mon., Tues.,  
Sept. 13, 14 and 15.  
\_\_\_\_\_ nights at \$16 per night \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

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. Full refund cancellation accepted until Sept. 3.

**REGION 5**  
**26TH ANNUAL COMPUTERFEST**  
**SEPT. 13-15, 2009**  
Meade County Fairgrounds, Brandenburg, KY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap parking Yes No

WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**RALLY REGISTRATION FEE**

Trailer/Motorhome — 2 persons	\$58	\$ _____
Trailer/Motorhome — 1 person	\$53	\$ _____
Additional persons	\$10 each	\$ _____
Pizza Party Sunday night (optional)		\$ _____
_____ persons at \$7.50 each		\$ _____
Early parking available Sept. 12	\$16.00	\$ _____

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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