



Region 5 Report

Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky

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Region 5 'Hillbillies' are heading for Brandenburg

Rally begins Sept. 16;
still time to register

The Region 5 "Hillbillies" will be headed for Hillbilly Haven Sept. 16-20 for a fun-filled Region 5 Rally at the Meade County Fairgrounds in Brandenburg, Ky.

Computerfest will kick off the week

The Region 5 Computerfest Rally kicks off the week at the Meade County Fairgrounds on Sunday, Sept. 13.

Eight seminars are planned, Wi-Fi will be available. Plenty of one-on-one time.

Registration form P4

within walking distance.

Bring your best "hillbilly clothes" for the Saturday night banquet when prizes will be awarded for the best dressed.

Entertainment headliners are Bluegrass 101, Mark Twain: Steamboats and Anec-

The fair-ground facilities are excellent: 30-amp power, water and an air-conditioned building where the activities will take place



THE CAUSE...



...AND EFFECT

Northern Illinois Unit Rally gets pelted with hail storm; results in major damage

By MARTHA CLARK

A severe storm socked the tri-state area damaging our cars and Airstreams but also local property.

It was a wicked storm bruising the area with heavy rains, depositing those horrific golf ball size hail. Funnel clouds were sighted in the area and wind gusts were experienced up to 100 miles per hour.

We were helpless in the fury of nature. There was nothing we could do to prevent

the destruction. But the spirit of WBCCI prevailed in us all as we banded together to help encourage each other.

Twenty-one unsuspecting members arrived on a beautiful clear day at the Rustic Barn Campground in Kieler, Wisconsin July 24 to participate in the Mystery Rally.

That afternoon we enjoyed a relaxing extended happy hour and dinner on our own. It was a wonderful evening with a

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Message from President Bob Moyers

September is an important month for the members of Region 5. Starting with the Computer Rally September 13-15 followed by the our Region 5 Rally September 16-20 both being held in Brandenburg, Kentucky.

I hope each and every one of you have made plans to attend. Lee and I, with much help, have planned what we hope will be a very exciting rally.

Some changes from last year are worth noting...open seating at all entertainment, no dress code, and the board meeting on Saturday moved to an earlier time so that attendees can enjoy the afternoon. Also, all of the wiring has been upgraded to 30 amp plug-ins and we will again have two pump-outs.

By now I hope that everyone has their hillbilly attire picked out. I heard a rumor that one of the units is bringing their own "outhouse". Maybe that unit will not need pumping out. We'll see.

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Unit Constitution/By-Laws change on delegates needed

A change in the Wally Byam Caravan Club International constitution was approved by the delegates at the Madison, Wis. meeting and will mean that all Unit Constitutions/By-Laws will need to be revised to conform.

Article V1. Delegates. should now read:

Section 1. The executive board shall appoint one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to represent the unit at the Delegates' meeting. The Delegate shall be from among the officers and regular members who will attend the annual Delegates meeting of the parent organization, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. The Alternate may be a regular member of the Unit represented or an affiliate member of the Unit represented and a regular member of a Unit in the same Region. No Delegate or Alternate may represent more than one Unit at the Delegates meeting. Any vacancy occurring following such selection shall be filled by appointment by the President. The Delegate and Alternate should be instructed with respect to the wishes of the Unit on matters to come before the meeting, The President and Recording Secretary shall certify to these appointments.



Members of the Indiana Unit on the Lighthouse Caravan on the porch of the Mackinac Island Grand Hotel were, left to right, Bob and Loraine Zufall, Judy and Dick Heyde, Don and Darlene Welsh, Bob and Nancy Green, Gary and Judy Rice and Lori Osborne and Bill Walter.

Lighthouses of Western Michigan caravan conducted by Indiana Unit

Six couples meandered down the western coast of Michigan for nine days after meeting at Mackinaw Mills campground located in Mackinac City, Mich.

When we envision lighthouses we often think of them as lights that were constructed in the early 1700s or early 1800s to warn mariners of shoals and shorelines that could pose a deadly threat to their

Southern Illinois Unit mini Kentucky caravan set for September

The Southern Illinois Unit has planned a caravan from the Region 5 Rally to Bardstown, Kentucky for a four night stay at My Old Kentucky Home State Park and then to Audubon State Park in Henderson.

The dates are Sunday, Sept. 20 through Friday, Sept. 25.

Places to be visited include Ft. Harrodsburg State Park, Lincoln Homestead State Park, My Old Kentucky Home, Heaven Hill Distillery, Oscar Getz Museum, Lincoln Boyhood Home and Museum and Audubon State park.

The kitty fee will be \$185 for two and \$135 for one. Contact Gordon White for reservation at 618-319-0523 or by email at gwhite@midwest.net.

vessels. Today lighthouses have been automated, antiquated and some have been abandoned. Fortunately many are being preserved so that we may tour these historic structures.

We began our lighthouse touring by spending the first day on Mackinac Island after an 18-minute jet boat ride to the island followed by an informative tour of the breathtaking and beautiful island by horse drawn carriage. This is where we added "food" to the fun, fellowship and adventure experience by having lunch at the Grand Hotel dining room.

The caravaners stopped at three different campgrounds and at each stop drove to lighthouses in the area, sometimes touring the home, climbing as many as 130 steps to view the workings and the lights while viewing the beaches and dunes from the top and taking lots of pictures.

After taking many pictures, viewing and touring lighthouses, experiencing gorgeous sunsets and pleasant campfires, we ended our adventure at the Noel Restaurant in Jamestown, Mich. It was our pleasure as your Unit caravan leaders to share the history of the lighthouses of Western Michigan. See you down the road.

**Judy and Gary Rice
Caravan Leaders**

Assignments are made for Unit installations

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Your region officers are preparing for the installation rallies following the region rally. Lee and I will be installing the new officers at Indiana, Southern Illinois, and Northern Illinois. Louise and Jerry will be at Kentucky and Bob and Lu will be at Central Indiana. Illinois Lincolnland's installer depends on the date. Since we have four installations on one weekend I have asked Bill and Barbara Schrader to install Southern Indiana.

See you in Brandenburg,

**Bob Moyer
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Northern Illinois Unit rally hit by storm; major hail damage

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great sunset. Friday had the promise of a perfect day for a road rally. We began with a communal breakfast of pancake and sausages, cooked by Dwight Dixon, Bob Whitsell, Jerry Humble and Martha Clark.

After breakfast the road rally unfolded as we traveled through some of the most beautiful Wisconsin typography trying to find the answers to the questions we were challenged to answer.

The severe weather began innocently enough, grey clouds gathering, but not much more until later in the afternoon when a dark and heavy sky revealed itself. We moved our happy hour into the lovely "Rustic Barn" and figured when the rain stopped we would have our cookout.

It never happened. The storm descended on us with all its fury. A window in the barn broke out and we headed for the basement for fear the barn roof might collapse.

Eventually everybody returned to their trailers to evaluate the damage. The barbecue didn't happen because we all, in our own way, needed to digest what had happened. We patched and taped before darkness set in, and learned the full extent of "dings" on Saturday morning.

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When the Southern Indiana Unit group arrived at the West Gate of the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center for their tour they were met with a welcoming sign. They got off the tour bus to get a picture with the sign.

Southern Indiana Unit gets special tour of military base

When the Southern Indiana Unit had its August Rally at Odon City Park it was in for a special treat.

John and Carrie Hays were hosts for the rally. John is a retired Public Works Officer at the nearby Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center.

John drew on relationships developed in his years at Crane to arrange for an extensive tour of the 64,000 acre military base. It's the third largest military installation in the United States.

The tour began with a visit to the Sonobouy tanks where deep sea conditions can be simulated. When Hays was at Crane he was responsible for the logistics of moving the tanks from Marble Hill Nuclear Plant at Madison, on the Ohio River, to Crane. The two tanks are each 45 feet tall, 18 feet in diameter with walls nine inches thick. They were first moved to the river and then barged to Louisville. From there they went by rail and trucks.

Also visited were:

- An area where armor for military vehicles is developed and tested.

- The Base X Expedition Shelter that Crane developed. It's a scalable tent that serves as a communication center and can be rolled out and set up in an hour, complete with all the technical equipment including heating or air-conditioning, depending on the need.

- The Electro-Optics Center that does research and develops lasers, visual augmentation, multi-sensor targeting systems, weapon sights and day-night optics.

- The small arms museum.

- Also included was a lunch at the Crane cafeteria.

The 100 square mile base is so large because in addition to the technology work carried out it is also one of three ammunition storage depots in the U.S. with 25 percent of the Navy ammunition stored there. On the technology side 80 percent of the 6,000 people employed at the base are scientists or engineers.

List of Region 5 winners in International Rally contests

These were the winners from Region 5 in the various games, contests and competitions at the International Rally in Madison, Wisconsin.

Bulletin Board: Best Of Show, Kentucky; Geographical Area — Illinois Lincolnland, second; Rally Theme — Southern Illinois, second.

Hobby Show: Crocheting A — Sarah Doerr, Southern Illinois, second; Crocheting B — Doerr, second; Jewelry A — Nancy Stout, Illinois Lincolnland, second; Jewelry B — Stout, second; Quilting (Machine) — Carol White, Southern Illinois, third.

Parade: Float — Central Indiana, first. Walking Originality — Northern Illinois, third.

Pet Show: People's Choice, Monte Barksdale, Illinois Lincolnland; Tricks — Norma Koen, Southern Illinois, first; Costume — Barksdale, first; Koen, second.

Outdoor Games: Horseshoes (men) — Roger Martin, Illinois Lincolnland, second.

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Blue Beret

Most of us know former members no longer active in WBCCI. Many are "newsletter only" members. These former members may also want to stay in touch with WBCCI by receiving regular issues of the Blue Beret magazine. This option is available to former members by sending a check for \$25 to Blue Beret/WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, 803 E. Pike Street, Jackson Center, OH 45334.

Alton Telegraph covers Southern Illinois Rally

EDITOR'S NOTE: When the Southern Illinois Unit had a rally in August at the St. Louis Regional Airport in Bethalto, Illinois it contacted the nearby Alton Telegraph newspaper about providing coverage of the event. The newspaper responded and below is, in part, what appeared.

By DENNIS GRUBAUGH
Alton Telegraph

BETHALTO — "Silver bullets" are landing all over town and, so far, not a single shot has been fired.

The St. Louis Regional Airport Authority is playing host to an invasion of Airstream trailers, which are causing double-takes from passers by.

Members of the Southern Illinois Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International — named for the creator of the Airstream — are here for a tourist stop and to generate interest among potential owners of the unique travel home.



Jim and Betty Hutchens enter their Airstream at Bethalto Rally.

"We bought our first one in '72. Now, we're on number 14," said Erika Schaette, a German immigrant

who settled years ago in Olney. She serves as the group's vice-president and enthusiastic promoter. She gladly shows off the vehicle to those who ask and shows them literature on the subject.

She and her husband travel for business across the country, selling bicycle parts. "We were sick and tired of hotels," she said.

Some enthusiasts of the 60-member Unit arrived on Thursday, while others pulled in on Friday. By day's end today, there should be 25 of the Airstreams parked on the airport grounds.

Members will take in local attractions and restaurants in stops that are organized by the Unit leadership.

The traditional Airstream is round-edged, coated with silver aluminum — hence the "silver bullet" nickname — and pulled by a truck. The company, however, also makes what are called Squarestreams, which are rectangular and more like the traditional motorhome that drives on its own.

The vehicles range from about 19 feet in length to around 30 feet, and you can expect to pay up to \$80,000 for one of the best new models, Schaette said.

1999 Cutter Diesel Pusher For Sale

Bill Ulrich, past president of Region 9, has developed a serious form of leukemia and as a result he and wife, Gladys, will be selling their motorhome. It's a 1999 35-Foot Cutter Diesel Pusher with one slide. Well maintained and in excellent condition. Moto-Sat TV. Four roof solar panels. Six no maintenance lifetime batteries. Many extras. Motorhome in Elk Grove, Illinois. Any one interested can contact Ulrich at 815-886-6849

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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